



## DRU NIELSEN, J.D.

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### Summary

Dru Nielsen has been recognized as one of the top criminal defense attorneys in Colorado. Since graduating from CU Law School in 1997, Dru has devoted her entire career to aggressively representing clients accused of committing crimes. Dru has practiced in courts throughout the State of Colorado and in federal courts in and out-of-state. While Dru has won dozens of “not guilty” verdicts at trial, her unique ability to successfully resolve serious cases prior to trial has earned the respect of both her clients and opponents.

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### Legal Experience

- Partner at Eytan Nielsen, LLC; Denver, CO (2015 – Present)
- Partner at Reilly Pozner, LLP; Denver, CO (2007 -2015)
- Deputy State Public Defender; Colorado Springs and Denver, CO (1997 – 2007)

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### Education

- J.D., University of Colorado (1997)
- B.A., University of California at Los Angeles (1994)  
*Magna Cum Laude*

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### Professional Accomplishments

- “Case of the Year,” Colorado Trial Lawyers’ Association (2019)
  - **Life Without Parole Sentence Clemency Grant**
  - **Dru was part of the team that received the award for case of year for her representation of Curtis Brooks.**
- Best Lawyers in Criminal Defense: White Collar, Best Lawyers in America (2013 – present)
- Colorado’s Top Lawyers, 5280 Magazine (2017 – present)
- Top 100 Colorado Lawyers, Colorado Super Lawyers (2016 – present)
- Top 50 Women Lawyers in Colorado, Colorado Super Lawyers (2014 – present)
- Colorado Super Lawyer, Colorado Super Lawyers (2012 – present)
- Colorado Rising Star, Colorado Super Lawyers (2010 – 2011)
- AV Rated Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Judicial Review

## Professional Affiliations

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- Member, Colorado Criminal Defense Bar; Former Board Member
- Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Member, National Women's White-Collar Defense Association
- Member, Colorado Bar Association (2000 – present)
- Member, Colorado Jury System Standing Committee (2005 – 2007)

## Publications, Presentations, and Media Appearances

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- Quoted, "A Slap in the Face:" Accomplice in Kelsey Berreth's Murder Has Three-Year Prison Sentence Thrown Out," KOAA News5 Southern Colorado, February 2021
- Co-Presenter, NACDL Engage & Exchange Discussion Series: "COVID-19 & Courts Reopening – Lessons Learned in Litigation," National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, September 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Let's Talk About Sex Offenses," Eytan Nielsen Webinar, May 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Avoiding Party Pitfalls and Drug/Alcohol Offenses," Eytan Nielsen Webinar, April 2020
- Co-Presenter, "Virtual Hookups, Social Media & Bullying," Eytan Nielsen Webinar, April 2020
- Subject, "Case of the Year Goes to Clemency Grant Over Life Without Parole Sentence," *Law Week Colorado* (2019)
- Article, "Krystal Lee Kenney Being Considered for Halfway House After Serving Just 2 Months of 3-Year Sentence," *9 News* (2020)
- Article, "Wife of Embezzler in Aspen Skiing Co. Scheme Blames Husband at Sentencing," *Ski-Hi News* (2020)
- Article, "I'm sorry is not enough': Krystal Lee sentenced to 3 years for role in Kelsey Berreth's death," *9 News* (2020)
- Presenter, "Character and Fitness in the Bar Admission Process," University of Colorado Law School (2014)
- Presenter, "Using Technology and Demonstratives in the Courtroom." (2010)
- Presenter, "Effective Technology in the Courtroom," Colorado Bar Association CLE (2009)
- Subject, "One Man's Tragic Journey Through the Colorado Legal System," *5280 Magazine* (2017)