

Michael P. Mahon

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EDUCATION

Saint Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

J.D., May 2009 Concentration: Criminal Litigation

- Moot Court, Trial Advocacy I & II, Prosecution Internship, Criminal Defense Clinic

Regis University, Denver, CO

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, History and English, double-major, May 2006

- Dean's List, St. John Francis Regis Scholarship, Board of Trustees Scholarship

King's College, London, England, Study abroad, History/War Studies, Spring semester 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Missouri (2009, inactive status)
- U.S District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (2010, inactive status)
- Colorado (2021, active status)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Denver District Attorney's Office

Senior Deputy District Attorney (District Court) (July 2022-present)

- Represent the People of the State of Colorado as lead attorney for a wide range of felony cases in District Court, regularly interacting with crime victims and various state and federal law enforcement agencies in the City and County of Denver
- Felony jury trial experience, as well as hearings regarding motions to suppress, sentencings, probation revocations and preliminary hearings
- Handled both general on-call and homicide on-call duties
- Volunteer, Fresh Start warrant forgiveness program
- Currently assigned to the Organized Crime Unit, which focuses on gang-related prosecutions, drug trafficking organizations and other crimes implicating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA).

District Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial District of the State of Colorado

Deputy District Attorney (District Court, Arapahoe County) (May 2021-July 2022)

- Represent the People of the State of Colorado as lead attorney for a wide range of felony cases in District Court, regularly interacting with crime victims and various law enforcement agencies in Arapahoe County
- Felony jury trial experience, as well as hearings regarding motions to suppress, sentencings, probation revocations and preliminary hearings
- Appointed as District Attorney representative in Wellness Court, which is a specialty treatment court for defendants with mental disabilities and drug addiction
 - Team consists of the Court, as well as members from the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Probation Office and other treatment organizations in the area
- Volunteered to assist with training new recruits with the Aurora Police Department, as well as the Second Chances warrant forgiveness program

- Handled both general on-call and homicide on-call duties

District Attorney's Office for the 18th Judicial District of the State of Colorado

Deputy District Attorney (County Court, Arapahoe County) (March 2021-April 2021)

- Represented the People as lead attorney in County Court cases, which consists of bulk dockets of misdemeanor and traffic offenses, including but not limited to DUI, child abuse, criminal mischief, domestic violence, drug possession, misdemeanor sex offenses, violation of protection orders, as well as other petty offenses
- Misdemeanor jury trial experience
- Represented the People in Division 101, which involves direct communication with *pro se* defendants in an effort to resolve low-level traffic matters

Federal Public Defender, United States Courts, Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

Assistant Federal Public Defender (October 2016 – February 2021)

- Appointed to represent individuals charged with federal crimes in the Eastern District of Missouri
- Lead attorney for a wide range of cases, including but not limited to firearms and drug trafficking offenses, conspiracy, fraud, robbery, carjacking, child pornography, failure to register, immigration cases, violations of supervised release and Covid-19 compassionate release cases
- Extensive motion practice, including compassionate release, bond motions, motions to suppress, sentencing mitigation and appeals
- Federal Veteran's Court Program for the Eastern District of Missouri, which assists and supervises U.S. military veterans after they are released from prison
 - Team consists of the Court, as well as members from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender, U.S. Probation Office, the Veterans Administration Health Care Network, Veterans Benefits Administration, as well as veteran mentors

Missouri State Public Defender, 22nd Judicial Circuit, St. Louis City Trial Division

Assistant Public Defender (November 2011 – October 2016)

- Appointed to represent individuals charged with crimes occurring in the City of St. Louis
- Lead attorney for a wide range of felonies, misdemeanors, probation violations and juvenile offenses involving litigation in areas such as forensic pathology, mental health, sexual assault examination, child testimony, eyewitness identification, self-defense, DNA, gunshot residue tests, fingerprint and electronic devices.
- Felony jury trial experience
 - Offenses including murder, assault, drugs, domestic assault, robbery, stealing, sex offenses and DWI
- Extensive motion practice, including motions to suppress, compel, and dismiss, as well as discovery motions, pre-trial motions *in limine*, motions for new trial and sentencing mitigation
- Designated mentor for newly-hired attorneys, assisting with training and as second-chair for trials

Missouri State Public Defender, 32nd and 33rd Judicial Circuits, Jackson Trial Division

Assistant Public Defender (November 2009 – November 2011)

- Represented indigent clients in a rural region of Southeast Missouri, spanning five different counties
- Lead attorney for a wide variety of felonies, as well as misdemeanors and probation violations
- Represented juvenile clients through certification and final adjudication hearings
- Extensive motion practice, including motions to suppress, compel, and dismiss, as well as discovery motions and pre-trial motions *in limine*
- Substantial experience with cases involving possession, manufacturing and sale of methamphetamine
- Felony jury trial experience

City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, 22nd Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri

Internship (Spring 2009)

- Assisted prosecutors in court through Rule 13 certification for law students
- Conducted preliminary hearings and bond arguments
- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda

**Missouri State Public Defender, 22nd Judicial Circuit. St. Louis City Trial Division
*Legal Clinic Intern (Fall 2008)***

- Represented indigent clients at the St. Louis City Public Defender's Office in conjunction with the St. Louis University School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic
- Conducted preliminary hearings and bond arguments
- Interviewed clients on behalf of trial attorney and second-chaired felony jury trials

**St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, 21st Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri
*Internship (Summer 2008)***

- Assisted prosecutors in court through Rule 13 certification for law students
- Conducted preliminary hearings, bond arguments and bench trials
- Conducted legal research and drafted pre-trial discovery and plea negotiations

VOICES for Children, St. Louis, MO

Volunteer Advocate (Spring 2007 – Spring 2009)

- Represented children in foster care in family court under the supervision of a guardian *ad litem*
- Conducted research and wrote reports for hearings, including compelling the disclosure of confidential information from schools, hospitals and residential facilities
- Regularly attended family support team meetings and advocated for the best interests of the child

Simon Passanante, PC, St. Louis, MO (now the Simon Law Firm)

Law Clerk, Civil Litigation Law Firm (Summer 2006 – Summer 2008)

- Conducted legal research for use in personal injury litigation, including medical malpractice, toxic torts, products liability cases and others
- Drafted motions and legal memoranda in anticipation of trial
- Assisted attorneys in preparing for and reviewing depositions of fact witnesses, party witnesses and expert witnesses, including medical experts, accident reconstructionists and engineers

Michael P. Mahon—Brief Biography

Originally from St. Louis, MO, I have resided in Colorado since March of 2021. My wife and I have two sons and a dog, and we live in Englewood, CO.

For college, I attended Regis University in Denver, graduating in 2006. I went onto law school at St. Louis University School of Law, graduating in 2009. After law school, I worked as a public defender in Missouri, both at the state and federal levels. Upon moving to Colorado in 2021, I worked in the Arapahoe County District Attorney's office for a little over year. Then, I accepted a position with the Denver District Attorney's Office, where I've been since July of 2022.