

Sarah's primary areas of practice are land use and real estate law. Sarah focuses on due diligence review for properties in Aspen, Pitkin County and throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. As part of her practice, Sarah helps clients navigate the local land use regulations and guides clients through all legal aspects of buying and selling local real estate. Sarah also assists clients with forming entities for use in real estate and business transactions.

Having grown up in Aspen and having worked in the local government and non-profit sectors prior to becoming a lawyer, Sarah has an extensive understanding of the local community and has strong local ties to Aspen. Sarah takes a collaborative approach to resolving land use concerns with the local jurisdictions and is proud of the positive working relationships she has with her legal colleagues and local officials. Sarah also serves as an alternate Pitkin County Hearing Officer on an as needed basis.

Sarah served a term as the President of the Pitkin County Bar Association in 2011-2012 and, along with her father Leonard M. Oates, is a Colorado Bar Foundation Fellow. Fellows are selected based on reputation and good standing in the legal community and outstanding contributions to their communities. Sarah currently serves on the Board of the Mark Ross Montessori School and the Pitkin County Community Health Services Board. Sarah also serves as the attorney for the Aspen Historical Society – providing her services *pro bono*.

EDUCATION

- Westminster College, Fulton, MO, Bachelor of Arts, 1994
- University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, Masters of Liberal Studies/Museum Studies, 1999
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, JD, with honor, 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Colorado 2009
- Wyoming 2009

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- Order of the Coif
- President of PCBA, 2011-2012
- Colorado Bar Foundation Fellow, 2012

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mark Ross Montessori School Board Member, 2014-current
- Pitkin County Community Health Services Board, 2011-current
- Aspen Historical Society Board of Trustees, 2009-2013

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Land Use
- Real Estate
- General transactional law

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