

February 4, 2026

Town of Erie  
Danielle Trujillo, Court Administrator  
645 Holbrook Street  
Erie, Colorado 80516

Dear Ms. Trujillo:

Presently, I serve as a Part-time Relief Municipal Associate Judge in Englewood, Colorado. I love my job, and I am interested in serving as a Relief Judge for the Town of Erie too.

My responsibilities as a Municipal Judge include arraignments and bond determinations (both in-person and video) for violations of traffic and city ordinance violations, sentencing, issuing Bench Warrants for defendants who Fail to Appear (FTA), in which there are a lot, and juvenile matters. Please feel free to contact Judge Joe Jefferson regarding my ability to work effectively and courteously with judicial colleagues and court staff.

Previously, I served as a Deputy District Attorney in Sterling, CO for a short period of time, handling traffic and misdemeanor offenses in Kit Carson, Phillips and Washington counties. My job also included participating in jury trials, in which I won all three of them.

Prior to moving to Colorado, where my adult children and their families live, I served as an Administrative Law Judge in Phoenix, Arizona for 2 ¼ years, during COVID. In that capacity, I conducted telephone hearings for Unemployment Appeals. I took testimony of the parties and witnesses, evaluated the credibility of the parties and witnesses, ruled on admissibility of evidence, made findings and conclusions of law, and issued written decisions and orders to resolve claims. Several times I received recognition for going above and beyond in the workplace.

Before my moves to Arizona and Colorado, I was a sole practitioner in Michigan and handled both civil and criminal cases. For 30 plus years, my practice included: domestic relations, probate, juvenile, traffic, and criminal matters. I drafted and argued motions, appeared for arraignment and sentencing proceedings, participated in modification hearings regarding child support, court ordered mediation, settlement conferences and bench trials. I also served as a mediator for Small Claims Court and was trained in Community Mediation. Now, I serve as a mediator for the Better Business Bureau in Colorado.

While in Michigan, I was a hearing panelist for several Quasi-Judicial positions: The Novi Board of Review (which hears property assessment disputes), the Attorney Grievance Commission (which hears attorney misconduct cases) and as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) which hears disputes between investors and stockbrokers (see Resume under *Quasi-Judicial Roles*).

In addition to my law practice, I served as an Adjunct College Professor for several Detroit metropolitan colleges and universities. It is in this capacity that I developed cultural competency because I had students from many diverse ethnic, religious, and racial backgrounds, many of them were first or second generation immigrants. Part of the course curriculum included teaching a section on the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. I am now serving as an Adjunct Law Professor at the University of Denver Sturm Law School for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

I was sworn in to practice law in Colorado on January 5, 2024 by Judge Dennis Brandenburg in Morgan County Court. I am also admitted to practice law in Michigan and Texas.

I believe in treating all parties with respect and politeness during any legal proceeding. I am prompt and professional in all my dealings and I would welcome the opportunity to serve the community of Erie with integrity.

Legally Yours,  
Marjorie K. Nanian, J.D.



# Marjorie K. Nanian

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## Professional Experience:

- Part-time Municipal Judge 2025  
Traffic and City Ordinance violations in Englewood, CO
- Prosecutor/Deputy District Attorney  
13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office 2023-2024
- Administrative Law Judge:  
Department of Economic Security, Office of Appeals, Phoenix, AZ  
2020 – 2022
- Attorney:  
Private Law Practice (Civil and Criminal areas of law) 1983-Present  
Admitted in Michigan (1983), in Texas (1988), and Colorado (2023)
- Adjunct Professor:  
University of Denver, Sturm Law School, Denver, CO 2026  
Taught Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

## Formal Education:

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Juris Doctor,  
Mock Trial, Moot Court & Coordinator of Volunteer Tutor Program
- Central Michigan University, Bachelor of Science,  
Major: Journalism Minor: Political Science  
Secondary Education Teaching Certificate.
- Harvard University, Summer class in Armenian
- Jackson Community College, Associate degree

## Quasi-Judicial Roles:

- Novi Board of Review in MI
- Attorney Grievance Commission in MI  
Hearing Panelist for attorney misconduct cases
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) 2007-Present  
Arbitrator
- Mediator for Michigan Small Claims Court and Better Business Bureau
- Judge for Regional and State High School Mock Trial Competitions, Law School Moot Court, Client Counseling, and Mediation and Arbitration competitions

## Professional Activities:

- Colorado Women's Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association  
ADR Section
- Arapahoe County Bar Association
- Columnist for the Colorado Lawyer, *Profiles in Success*