

DAVID HWA



PROFILE

David grew up in Kansas a land of sunsets and thunderstorms. He called the bustling metropolis of Newton home and grew up during the time of muscle cars, mini-skirts, and cheap gas. He discovered alpine skiing as a teenager and fell in love with Colorado. After graduating from high school, he escaped to the bohemian paradise of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

He graduated with a music degree from Colorado University and an MBA from Denver University. Upon which he encountered a bleak job market and an economy in the throes of a recession. He spent the next year working several odd-jobs including, delivering newspapers, working as a security guard and a realtor. The mortgage rates were around 16% at the time. That year also brought one of the most brutal winters in Colorado history where it snowed ten weekends in a row and December's average temperature hovered around 30 degrees below zero. Considering his options, he decided to return to school and pursue a law degree. He was accepted to several schools but the one that caught his eye, was located in a little town called Malibu, California—Pepperdine University School of Law.

David spent many years practicing law in Los Angeles for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. It was during these years that he first dabbled in writing, specifically screenplays. He eventually decided to abandon the writing and pursue his securities law practice by moving to Washington, DC.

The financial crisis of 2008 triggered the decline of David's securities law practice and he returned to Colorado in 2009 where he continues to reside. A few years ago, he began writing again, this time focusing on fiction novels.

EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Hwa, LLC, Aurora, CO – 2009 to 2014

Of Counsel, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Washington, DC – 2006 to 2009

Special Counsel, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, Division of Trading & Markets, Washington, DC – 2001 to 2006

Enforcement Attorney, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, Division of Enforcement Los Angeles Regional Office, Los Angeles, CA – 1990 to 2001

Litigation Associate, Bergman Wedner & Dacey, Los Angeles, CA – 1989 to 1990

Litigation Associate, Gray Care Ames & Frye (merged with DLA Piper), San Diego, CA – 1987 to 1988

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, District of Columbia
Securities & Financial Regulation LL.M., 2005

Pepperdine University Schools of Law
Malibu, California
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude* (Top 10%), 1987

University of Denver Daniels College of Business
M.B.A., 1983 - Denver, Colorado

University of Colorado
B.Music, 1980 - Boulder, Colorado

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Independent Book Publishers Association

American Christian Fiction Writers

Author U, Aurora, CO

Colorado State Bar

District of Columbia Bar

California State Bar