

# DALE M. DECESARE

## **EDUCATION**

JD	University of Denver College of Law Co-Editor, <i>Denver Journal of International Law</i> American Jurisprudence Award Colorado Bar passed - July 1994	1994
B.A.	Trinity University (International Studies)	1990

## **RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Augenblick, Palaich and Associates – Denver, CO**

*Senior Associate* (January 2005 – present)

- Conduct a variety of education policy studies and research projects including studies of urban school district viability and state school finance reform.
- Co-authored 2008 report on schools that successfully close achievement gaps.
- Led 2007 county-wide study of 16 school districts in Pennsylvania to determine new potential areas for cooperation and improved efficiency.
- Led 2006 study of current economic, performance, and policy challenges facing Pennsylvania's third largest urban school district.
- Write, edit, and produce final reports, essays, and memoranda for clients.
- Serve as analyst on legal issues impacting state education policy.
- Serve as member of project marketing and development team.
- Strategize on the content, message and style of reports and publications to make them as useful as possible for state and district-level policymakers.

### **Education Commission of the States – Denver, CO**

*Writer, Policy Analyst* (March 2001 – October 2004)

- Wrote and provided analysis of a broad array of education policy topics such as No Child Left Behind, citizenship education, teaching quality, higher education, leadership, early learning, urban schools, and population demographics.
- Monitored legal developments and court decisions impacting education policy.
- Researched and wrote speeches, articles and op-ed pieces for high-ranking officials including state governors and other policy leaders.
- Translated complex education policy information into reports and other written products useful and understandable to state education policymakers.

## **RECENT PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND REPORTS**

- "Profiles of Success: Eight Colorado Schools that are Closing the Achievement Gap," with Amy Berk Anderson. Prepared for the Donnell-Kay and Piton Foundations, February 2008.
- "Examining Resource Use and Areas for Enhanced Cooperation in York County's School Districts." Prepared for the Center for Community Engagement at York College, Pennsylvania, March 2008
- "Costing Out the Resources Needed to Meet Pennsylvania's Public Education Goals," with John Augenblick, Justin Silverstein, Bob Palaich, and Amanda Brown. Prepared for Pennsylvania's State Board of Education, November 2007.
- "Identifying and Meeting the Economic Challenges facing the Allentown School District." Prepared for Education 2010!, February 2006.