



Dr. Kelly Lear-Kaul

Coroner

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Dr. Kelly Lear-Kaul, M.D., is serving her first full term as Arapahoe County Coroner.

Dr. Lear-Kaul was elected to oversee the County office that is responsible for investigating deaths that fall under the Coroner's jurisdiction. As Coroner and Forensic Pathologist, she is responsible for performing autopsies, determining the cause and manner of death, supervising medicolegal death investigations, and providing expert witness testimony and consultation to the District Attorney's Office. Her office works on behalf of the deceased to obtain the truth about their death, and seeks to support families in crisis and grief with compassion and professionalism.

Dr. Lear-Kaul is a forensic pathologist with significant training and experience in medicolegal autopsies and death investigations. She worked as the County's Forensic Pathologist and Chief Deputy Coroner for 10 years. She was first affiliated with the Coroner's Office as a medical student 20 years ago.

Dr. Lear-Kaul is committed to a high standard of service and compassion. She also is dedicated to increasing awareness about preventable deaths through community outreach and collaboration. She is a leading member of the Colorado and Arapahoe County Child Fatality Prevention Review teams and she also serves on Arapahoe County's Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force and Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Dr. Lear-Kaul is board-certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Forensic Pathology by the American Board of Pathology and is licensed to practice medicine by the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners.

She has performed more than 2,700 medicolegal examinations, and has served as an expert witness in more than 80 criminal proceedings. She has published numerous peer-reviewed articles in national forensic and medical journals, and she lectures locally and nationally to diverse audiences ranging from high school students to practicing physicians.

Kelly is a Colorado native raised in Colorado Springs. She lives in Littleton with her family.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Arapahoe County Coroner (2014, 2015–2018)
- Chief Deputy Coroner; Forensic Pathologist, Arapahoe County Coroner's Office (2004–2014)
- Clinical Faculty Member, University of Colorado Department of Pathology (2005–Present)
- Fellow in Forensic Pathology, University of New Mexico
- Office of the Medical Investigator (2003-2004)
- Fellow in Surgical Pathology, Chief Resident, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (2002-2003)
- Resident in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (1998-2002)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Medical Examiners
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences
- College of American Pathologists
- Colorado Homicide Investigators Association
- Colorado Coroners Association

COMMITTEE/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Arapahoe County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force
- Arapahoe County Suicide Prevention Task Force
- Arapahoe County Not One More Child Community Coalition
- Arapahoe County Child Fatality Review Team
- Colorado State Child Fatality Review Team
- Sudden Unexpected Death in Childhood Medical and Investigative Advisory Board
- American Board of Pathology Test Development and Advisory Committee
- *Academic Forensic Pathology Journal* Editorial Board
- Tri-County Health Department Health Care Coalition
- North Central Region Fatality Management Committee
- Littleton Public Schools – Parent Teacher Organization Classroom Volunteer; School Accountability Committee Member

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Medicine, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine
- Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Cornell College

