

News from the CBA, Local Bars, and More

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Bar News is a monthly compilation of news from the CBA, including sections and committees, administration, and local and specialty bar associations. It also includes notices of activities—past, present, and future—from local and national law-related organizations and groups.

Colorado High School Mock Trial Regional Tournaments

Throughout February, more than 115 high school teams across Colorado competed in the Colorado High School Mock Trial Regional Tournaments, funded by the CBA Litigation Section and the Colorado Bar Foundation. The events were facilitated through the assistance of several regional coordinators: Jennifer Melton from the 1st Judicial District; Amy Petri Beard from Adams/Broomfield; Laura Ruth from Boulder County; Donna Stewart and Teresa Wilkins from Douglas County; Jason Downie and Stevie Bailey from Southern Colorado; Carolyn Gravit from Denver; Kim Bockenstedt from Arapahoe County; Stacey Aurzada, Tim Brynteson, Linda Connors, and Sunita Sharma from Northern Colorado; and Hon. Lance Timbreza and William M. Kane from Western Slope. Winning teams went on to compete in the Mock Trial State Tournament on March 9–10 in Greeley.



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1 Best Attorney Awards from the Denver Regional Tournament.

2 Best Witness Awards from the Denver Regional Tournament.

3 A student plays the Witness Taylor Walken to perfection at the Adams/Broomfield Regional Tournament.

4 Douglas County teams are focused on a win.

5 Niwot High advances to the state tournament following the Boulder Regional Tournament.

6 Teams battle it out for a slot at the state tournament at the Southern Colorado Regional Tournament.



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Justice For All Ball

The Boulder County Bar Association held its annual Justice For All Ball on February 24 at The Studio (Boulder). The event featured a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and live music and dancing led by the Diamond Orchestra. Proceeds benefited Colorado Legal Services.



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1 Vocalist Jessica Ahmed leads the Diamond Orchestra.

2 Dancing is underway.

3 Guests mingle at the industrial chic venue.

Catholic Lawyers Guild Award



On February 26, the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado recognized Bonnie Schriner with a lifetime achievement award for “outstanding lifetime contributions to religion, profession, and country.” Schriner, whose practice focuses on domestic relations, civil and commercial mediation, arbitration, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, was present to accept the award and give a speech.

CBA-CLE Cannabis Symposium



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It was a packed house on February 21 for the 2018 Cannabis Symposium, held at the CBA-CLE offices in Denver. Complicated and evolving topics were discussed, including banking regulations, legislative and regulatory updates, case law, and the federal landscape. The keynote speaker was Robert Troyer, Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of Colorado, who spoke on the federal enforcement landscape. Other presenters included Jim Burack from the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division; Wanda James, the first African American woman in Colorado to own a dispensary; and Bob Hoban, one of the leading commercial cannabis practitioners nationwide.

CBA-CLE Diversity Task Force

A new Colorado Bar Association CLE (CBA-CLE) Task Force was formed at the end of 2017. The Diversity Task Force is committed to encouraging and making diversity an integral aspect of all services, enabling CBA-CLE to recruit previously undiscovered and talented individuals who should have the equal chance to participate as continuing legal education leaders, faculty, and authors. Diversity serves CBA-CLE’s participants by enriching and expanding the different perspectives offered in courses and publications, and by providing fresh ideas to lawyers and judges serving an increasingly diverse and international pool of clients and community.

CBA-CLE recognizes that diversity is an evolving concept that is sometimes difficult to define. Promotion of the concept of diversity in all its forms—including but not limited to gender, race, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability—further CBA-CLE’s mission of offering excellent CLE products and seminars, and

increasing the quality of lawyers and judges in Colorado.



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The members of the Diversity Task Force are attorneys Chris Bryan, Chuong Le, Qusair Mohamedbhai, and Eric Nesbitt, along with CBA-CLE staffers Heidi Ray and Mary Dilworth. Projects in 2018 include hosting a Legal Speaker Workshop Training in March, with dedicated training for new speakers and diverse attorneys. There will also be ongoing outreach to diversity bars in Colorado to offer opportunities for program planning, speaking, and writing.

Straight Talk with Judges

On March 1, the Colorado Judicial Institute and Sherman & Howard presented “Straight Talk with Judges,” a popular CLE designed to promote education and interaction with some of Colorado’s top jurists and attorneys. As always, participants met in small groups and chose topics for discussion with the distinguished judges and attorneys.



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1 Federal Judge Marcia Krieger presents.

2 Justice Melissa Hart and incoming CJI Board Chair Peter Koclanes.

3 Chief Justice Nancy Rice with Sherman & Howard attorneys Elizabeth Ford and William Reed.



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Litigation Executive Council Meeting

On March 3, a panel of leadership volunteers from Colorado’s various diversity bars met to discuss issues relevant to the populations they serve. The panel led a discussion on how to better serve minority clientele and some of the unique challenges associated with doing so, such as language barriers and cultural differences.



Kathryn Starnella, president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association; Harry Budisidharta, treasurer of APABA Colorado; Nicoal Sperrazza, treasurer of the CBA Litigation Executive Council; and John McHugh, president of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association.

CBA President’s Visit to Continental Divide Bar Association

On February 28, CBA President Dick Gast met with members of the Continental Divide Bar Association for a day of planning, networking, and skiing atop Vail Mountain.



Dick and Bev Gast, Alex Marsh, Courtney Holm, Chris Tomchuck, and Braden Angel.

APABA Colorado Volunteers at Lawline 9

On February 7, members of the Asian American Pacific Bar Association of Colorado volunteered at KUSA TV Channel 9’s LawLine 9. This service connects callers with attorneys to discuss legal issues and questions. APABA members assisted callers with general information about legal issues and provided referrals to various legal services.



Harry Budisidharta, Justin Cruz, Nicoal Sperrazza, Trisha Le, Andrew Ho, and Justin Cohen.

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION CLE FAMILY LAW BOOKS

FAMILY LAW

The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Domestic Relations Law — *Linda Creagan, Esq., Managing Editor*

The Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Domestic Relations Law is designed as a reference source for Colorado lawyers at all levels of experience. It is intended to provide a practical overview of issues and problems inherent in the practice of family law and areas of law that impact family law, such as bankruptcy and immigration law. The book contains substantive information, including references to statutes and case law, as well as practice pointers to assist all of us who practice family law. Some authors have provided useful forms



for the more typical situations, which may be adapted to the special circumstances of each case.

CLE Item Number: **ZPGCDB17B**
CBA Member Price: **\$239**
Non-Member Price: **\$259**

C.R.S. on Family and Juvenile Law

C.R.S. on Family Law and Juvenile Law contains the Colorado statutes and annotations relevant to your family and juvenile law practice. This practical volume makes research more efficient and saves the expense of multiple volumes. With this compilation you can find the current C.R.S. statutes, annotations, and source notes, and a comprehensive index.



All of these laws are in one volume:

- All of Title 14, Domestic Matters.
- Portions of Titles 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, and 26 covering dependent insurance coverage, family and juvenile courts and procedure, adoption, protection orders, domestic violence, stalking and harassment, name change, judgment, garnishments, dependency and neglect, support enforcement, transfers to minors, Colorado Civil Unions Act, Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act and much more.
- Rules for Juvenile Procedure.

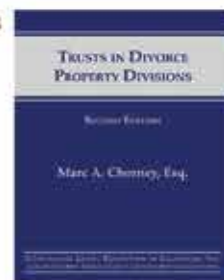
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CBA Member Price: **\$109**
Non-Member Price: **\$129**

The Legal Guide for Practicing Psychotherapy in Colorado — *Denis K. Lane, Jr., M.A., J.D., Author*

Since the publication of its first edition in 1992, *The Legal Guide for Practicing Psychotherapy in Colorado* has become the standard for information on compliance with Colorado laws for the practice of psychotherapy in the state. The book provides a comprehensive description of the Colorado statutes that pertain to mental health professionals in the areas of malpractice and professional liability, restricting client liberties, licensing considerations, business concerns, and important ethical issues. The Legal Guide gives psychotherapists specific examples of how Colorado laws affect their practice, with advice on how to comply with legal and ethical mandates. In addition to citing state and federal court cases relating to mental health professionals, the book tracks the latest statutory developments in Colorado to keep readers up-to-date on the law and legal terms used in this area.

CLE Item Number: **ZLGPPB18B** CBA Member Price: **\$64** Non-Member Price: **\$84**



Colorado Family Law Deskbook with Forms — *Richard A. Harris, Dennis P. Knight, and Christine C. Nierenz, Authors*

In *Colorado Family Law Deskbook with Forms* the authors explain the law on a wide variety of family law procedures—everything from commencing different kinds of family law actions to enforcing court orders. They discuss in detail the legal processes and procedures for dissolving marriages, establishing and enforcing parenting plans, resolving child support and custody issues, handling paternity actions, and other matters pertaining to Colorado family law. Discussions are supported with ample citations to relevant Colorado law, and the material is presented in a way that follows the chronology of family law cases. The authors also share with you over 100 forms they developed over the years at The Harris Law Firm—forms that have withstood the test of time! These forms will help you develop your own forms library or enhance your existing one, saving you time by ensuring that your forms are up-to-date and in compliance with Colorado law.

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CBA Member Price: **\$149**
Non-Member Price: **\$169**

Trusts in Divorce Property Divisions — *Marc A. Chorney, Esq., Author*

Trusts in Divorce Property Divisions looks at issues that arise when a trust is potentially subject to a divorce property division and examines how those issues may be treated under different states' laws. In addition to careful drafting by trust and estate practitioners who create trusts, today's mobile society and higher divorce rate require extra diligence from family law practitioners who must navigate the division of trusts in divorce proceedings, often in other jurisdictions with dissimilar laws.

CLE Item Number: **ZTIDPD14B**
CBA Member Price: **\$89**
Non-Member Price: **\$109**

