

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.

Law Club Ethics Review CLE

The Law Club has wrapped up another outstanding Ethics Revue CLE, putting on two shows in Denver and one in Boulder. The Ethics Revue is unlike any other ethics program—it's written and performed by members of the famous (or infamous) Law Club and CBA Ethics Committee! In this annual musical extravaganza, the attorneys act, dance, and sing parodies of well-known songs, incorporating valuable ethics lessons into each performance.

With "The Law Club Horror Show" as the theme, this year's event featured creative twists on old and new songs alike, including "Let's Do The Law Club Again," "Billie," "Day-O," "Don't Fear the Reefer," and "Whom You Gonna Call (Office of the ARC)." The Ethics Panel was on hand to interpret and teach ethics rules. Honorable Ray Satter served as moderator, and panelists included Gregory G. Sapakoff, Podoll & Podoll, P.C.; Cat Shea, Office of Attorney Regulation; and Kate Strauss, Overturf McGath & Hull, P.C.



Members of the Law Club present "The Law Club Horror Show."

CBA Family Law Section Honors Melissa Nicoletti

The Family Law Section recently honored Melissa Nicoletti for 20 years of service as the section's staff liaison. Chair Jennifer Feingold presented the award, and over 150 members of the legal community were in attendance to celebrate Nicoletti's service.



Melissa Nicoletti and Jennifer Feingold.

SSLC Happy Hour

On January 18, members of the CBA Spanish Speaking Lawyers Committee met for a recruitment and volunteer happy hour at Maria Empanada, joined by law students interested in practicing law in Spanish.



CBA YLD at Voicebox Karaoke

On January 25, members of the CBA Young Lawyers Division met at Voicebox Karaoke in RiNo to enjoy light fare, drinks, and the smooth vocal stylings of their colleagues.



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1 Not a poker face in sight. | 2 Taking a snack break. | 3 It's a sing-off.

CU Legal Community Fair

On January 12, the University of Colorado Law School held the first Colorado Legal Community Fair. The fair was an extension of the CU Career Development Office's JD Pathways event, and was designed to help law students navigate the Colorado legal community and to connect them with available resources. Over 100 students attended and met with representatives from 35 organizations, including local bar associations, multiple Inns of Court, numerous CBA Sections, the Colorado Attorney General's Office, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The fair provided an opportunity for these groups to inform students about their organizations, the resources they offer, and how to get involved.



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1 Connecting with students.
2 CBA YLD Council Members J. Ryann Peyton, Danae Woody, and Jason Slothouber.



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Heidi Ray is New Assistant Executive Director of Colorado Bar Association CLE



Colorado Bar Association CLE has promoted Heidi Ray to the position of assistant executive director. Ray brings 20 years of CLE programming experience to the position, the past eight with CBA-CLE.

Ray was a litigator in private practice for six years out of law school. She then then transitioned to the continuing legal education field, producing innovative programs for attorneys and other legal professionals. In her new role Ray will help run the nonprofit organization and oversee the 22-person staff. Ray says, "I believe in the philosophy of servant leadership: the most meaningful way to succeed is to help others succeed. It is a privilege to work with my colleagues at CBA-CLE, as well as the thousands of attorneys I've developed programs with over the years. One of my first priorities is to introduce more diversity to our faculty. I'm co-chair of our task force to find talented and diverse speakers for our programs."

Ray received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Outside of work, she takes long bike rides with her husband Richard, and vacations are spent hiking, biking, and exploring Europe.

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Richard Marden Davis Award Dinner Honoring Stephanie Donner

On February 1, members of the Denver Bar Association, joined by Governor John Hickenlooper and several luminaries from the Colorado legal community, gathered at the Brown Palace to honor Stephanie Donner of Galvanize, Inc. as recipient of the 2017 Richard Marden Davis Award. The award, sponsored by Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, the Denver Bar Foundation, and the Davis family, is presented to a Denver lawyer “under the age of 40 who so combines excellence as a lawyer with creative civic, cultural, educational, and charitable leadership as to best exemplify the character and promise of Richard Marden Davis at that stage in his career.” Several former Davis Award winners attended the dinner.

The event was emceed by Davis Graham & Stubbs partner Chad D. Williams, who presented a video detailing the life and career of Dick Davis and the legacy of service he left to the Colorado legal community. Governor Hickenlooper introduced Donner and related some anecdotes from her time as Chief Legal Counsel for the Governor’s office, focusing in particular on her initiative in running the recovery effort following the flood emergency in 2013. DBA President Franz Hardy presented Donner with the award. Donner spoke about her path into law, her time in private and public practice, her current role at Galvanize, and the importance of building community and culture.



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1 Chad D. Williams and Gov. Hickenlooper watch Franz Hardy present the Davis Award to Stephanie Donner.

2 Gov. John Hickenlooper addresses attendees.

3 DBA President Franz Hardy, Stephanie Donner, and Gov. Hickenlooper.

Arapahoe County Bar Association 2018 Judges Dinner

On January 26, the Arapahoe County Bar Association held its annual Judges Dinner. Attorneys and guests from Arapahoe County and further afield gathered to pay tribute to the judges of the 18th Judicial District, Federal Courts, Court of Appeals, and Colorado Supreme Court. The event included a celebration of the careers of Arapahoe County Court Judge Robert Charles Tobias and Englewood Municipal Judge Vincent Atencio, who both recently retired.



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- 1 Judge Bonnie McLean and retired 18th Judicial District Judge Robert Tobias.
- 2 Judge Ethan Feldman and retired Englewood Municipal Judge Vincent Atencio.
- 3 Guests enjoy dinner.



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MVL Post-Decree Consultation Clinic

Metro Volunteer Lawyers held a Post-Decree Consultation Clinic on December 18. MVL coordinates and manages Post-Decree Clinics for domestic relations cases in Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson counties. Post-Decree Clinics assist pro se individuals with legal problems that arise after Permanent Orders have been entered in a Dissolution of Marriage or Allocation of Parental Responsibilities case. At each clinic, volunteers review the client's court files, meet with the client, offer advice, and when appropriate prepare relevant motions, pleadings, and/or proposed orders. The main goal of these clinics is to provide meaningful post-decree assistance for people who are representing themselves in ongoing litigation. The attorneys simply advise the clients regarding the limited scope of representation and indicate on each document they produce for the clients that they have assisted with the preparation of those documents.



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- 1 Leo Milan and Eric Maxfield.
- 2 Joanne Crebassa and Jacob Lofgren.