

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.

CBA Presidential Visit to the DBA

On March 7, CBA President Dick Gast visited with members of the Denver Bar Association at the Molson Coors Tap Room in Denver. He was joined by guest speakers Judge Allison H. Eid of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Alan M. Loeb of the Colorado Court of Appeals. With beautiful views of Denver as a backdrop, the speakers each discussed a bit about their backgrounds and current positions, as well as the future of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, while members enjoyed a selection of fine beers and appetizers.



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- 1 Dick Gast, Judge Alan Loeb, Judge Allison Eid, and Franz Hardy.
- 2 Mingling in the Molson Coors Tap Room.
- 3 Dick Gast speaks to DBA members.
- 4 DBA President Franz Hardy introduces CBA President Dick Gast.

CBA Tax Law Section James E. Bye Lifetime Achievement Award

The CBA Tax Law Section has awarded the James E. Bye Lifetime Achievement Award to James R. Walker, a senior tax partner of Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie. Walker received the award during a section luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel. Also in attendance were three prior recipients of the prestigious award: John Maxfield (2011), Ted Gelt (2014), and Nancy Crow (2016).



1 Trevor Crow, chair of the Tax Law Section, presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to James Walker.

2 John Maxfield, Trevor Crow, James Walker, Nancy Crow, and Ted Gelt.

Lawyers League Basketball

Lawyers League Basketball's version of March Madness for 2018 concluded with its championship games this year:

- In A League, Starbury v. Madison defeated Evans & McFarland.
- In B League, Burns Figa and Will defeated the Ex-Patriots.

Congratulations to the 2018 champions!



1 Team Burns Figa and Will.
2 Team Starbury v. Madison.

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Bar News is always looking for pictures and descriptions of legal events happening throughout Colorado. Snapshots taken with a phone camera work great! To contribute pictures, simply email them to Brendan Baker at bbaker@cohar.org, and be sure to select the largest file size when prompted.

Colorado State High School Mock Trial Tournament

On Saturday, March 10, students from Fairview High School in Boulder took first in state at the CBA State Mock Trial Tournament, defeating a team from Lakewood High School in the championship round. It is the first time a Boulder County school has taken the title of State Champion in the tournament, which is funded and supported by the CBA Litigation Section and the Colorado Bar Foundation. This victory concludes the 34th year of the Colorado High School Mock Trial Tournament, which was the largest to date.

Fairview High School advances to the National Mock Trial Championship in Reno, Nevada, from May 10 to 12.



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- 1 Fairview High's winning moment.
- 2 Observing the proceedings.
- 3 Presiding over the competition.
- 4 Hanging on every word.

CBA-CLE Legal Speaker Workshop

On March 8, Colorado Bar Association CLE (CBA-CLE) hosted a Legal Speaker Workshop to help attorneys gain confidence with public speaking and acquire the skills necessary to participate as future CLE speakers. The workshop was part of CBA-CLE's effort to engage a new and diverse generation of CLE speakers, a key component of the CBA-CLE Diversity Initiative instituted last year. Close to 40 attorneys attended the speaker training, which was led by Len Matheo and Lisa DeCaro, founders of Courtroom Performance, Inc., a trial consulting firm dedicated to improving oral advocacy.

Workshop attendees learned techniques for persuading an audience, the most common mistakes presenters make, how to gain a commanding stage presence, how to improve credibility on stage, and other presentation tips. They also heard from CBA-CLE programs attorney Barbara Hollingsworth and Assistant Executive Director Heidi Ray, who co-hosted a segment on best practices and guidelines for CLE speaking.



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The workshop concluded with a panel of attorneys who shared their speaking experiences in the legal community. Panelists were Fay Chu Fong, Fortis Law Partners; Jason St. Julien, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado; Qusair Mohamedbhai, Rathod | Mohamedbhai LLC; Ryann Peyton, Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP); and Catherine (Cat) Shea, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. Many of

the panelists echoed the sentiment that although they never thought of themselves as natural speakers, with time and practice, they have become more confident and at ease in front of an audience.

Judicial District Bar Welcome Dinner

On March 21, the 13th Judicial District Bar Association hosted a dinner in Sterling to welcome Colorado Court of Appeals Judges David Furman, Terry Fox, and Karen Ashby. The judges were in town to hear oral arguments in two cases at Northeastern Junior College the following day.

