

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 Spring Admissions Ceremony

On June 4, the CBA held its annual Spring Admissions Ceremony for newly barred Colorado attorneys. Several CBA members and staff, including the presidents of Colorado's diversity bar associations, met to welcome the state's newest legal practitioners.



Colorado Women's Bar Association President Cat Shea, Colorado Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Bar Association Bar President John McHugh, Sam Cary Bar Association President Vanessa Devereaux, CBA Past President Patricia Jarzobski, Asian Pacific American Bar Association President Nicoal C. Sperrazza, South Asian Bar Association of Colorado President Yamini Grema, and Colorado Hispanic Bar Association President Kathryn Starnella.

Federal Pro Se Legal Clinic Grand Opening

On June 29, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado and the CBA held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Federal Pro Se Legal Clinic at the Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse. The clinic will help provide legal assistance in the 35% of the court's civil cases that are pursued by pro se litigants. It is funded by a grant from the U.S. District Court to the CBA. Many prominent members of the Colorado legal community attended the clinic's grand opening, including (pictured below): John Vaught, incoming CBA president; Hon. Marcia S. Krieger, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; Kathleen Schoen, CBA director of Access to Justice and Local Bar Relations; Sabra Janko, project attorney for the Federal Pro Se Legal Clinic; Hon. Kristen Mix, U.S. Magistrate Judge; Dick Gast, CBA immediate past president; Connie Talmage, executive director of the Colorado Lawyers Committee; Jeffrey Colwell, clerk of court for the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado; and Patrick Flaherty, CBA executive director.



DBA Annual Golf Tournament

The Denver Bar Association held its Annual Golf Tournament on June 15 at the Wellshire Golf Course in Denver. The winners were:

Longest Putt: Jason Soronson and Amy Braddy.

Closest Winners: Natalie Klee, Roy Alexander, Greg Herring, and Scott Ray.

1st Low Gross: William Hood, Brian Boatright, Will Myer, and Steve Bell (54).

2nd Low Gross: Steve Briggs, Scott McGath, Rich Nielson, and Dan Murphy (55).

1st Low Net: Ed Timmons, Jeff Jackson, Alan Schindler, and Ed Timmons, Jr. (52).

2nd Low Net: Otto Hilbert, Tom Schleibaum, Paul Casey, and Justin Morgan (53 won tiebreaker).

3rd Low Net: Todd Jansen, Richard Strauss, Marty Martineau, and John Lumley (53 won tiebreaker).



1 Chip Delap, William O'Rourke, Fred Fielder, and Bob Litchard.

2 Chris Carry, Ethan Wilson, Jake Millis, and Joey Mark.

3 Steve Bell, Justice William Hood, Justice Brian Boatright, and Will Myer.

4 Ed Timmons, Jeff Jackson, Alan Schindler, and Ed Timmons, Jr.

CBA YLD Restores Chavez Trail

The CBA YLD participated in National Trails Day on June 2 as its annual public service project. In partnership with the Association of Corporate Counsel and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, participants helped to restore the Chavez Trail in Genesee Park, Golden, Colorado. They topped off the event with a trip to Cannonball Creek Brewing Company for food and beverages.



CBA YLD volunteers after a hard day of trail clearing.

Colorado Lawyer Board Meeting

The *Colorado Lawyer* board met on June 15. Outgoing CBA President Dick Gast thanked board members for their service to the publication and presented outgoing Chair David Kirch and outgoing board member Dan Sears with plaques.



David Kirch, Dick Gast, and Dan Sears.

CBA YLD Manitou Incline Hike

Members of the CBA YLD met on June 30 to hike the Manitou Incline. After tackling the mountain, the hikers retired to Manitou Brewing Company.



CBA YLD members at Manitou Springs Incline.

Fogg Appointed to ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism



Fogg

CBA/DBA member Mark Fogg was appointed by ABA President-Elect Robert M. Carlson to the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism. Fogg's three-year term commences

with the adjournment of the ABA's 2018 Annual Meeting in August. Fogg previously chaired the DBA and CBA Professionalism Committees, now known as the CBA/DBA Professionalism Coordinating Council.

2018 ABA YLD Mountain West States Regional Summit

In April 2018, members of the CBA Young Lawyers Division attended the 2018 American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Mountain West States Regional Summit in Jackson, Wyoming. New and young lawyers across the Mountain West gathered to exchange resources and ideas to take back to their local bar associations. Speakers provided information about ABA resources and leadership opportunities and presented seminars targeting legal issues that are central to the practice of law in the Mountain West and important to young lawyers generally.



CBA YLD members Danaé Woody and Jenna Eccles at the 2018 ABA YLD Mountain West States Regional Summit.

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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@cobar.org, and be sure to select the largest file size when prompted.

2018 COBALT Class



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The 2018 class of the CBA's Leadership Training program (COBALT) met once a month from January through June. The class celebrated its graduation on June 22 at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center. During its six sessions, the class heard from prominent speakers, including Justice Monica Márquez, Justice William Hood, Justice Nancy Rice, former CBA President Dick Gast, Hon. Theresa Spahn, political reporter Adam Schrage, and attorneys Jim Coyle, Kato Crews, Karen Hester, and David Beller. The class focused on core values to guide leadership and leading during changing times, including topics such as authentic leadership, civic leadership, diversity, emotional intelligence, bias, and inclusiveness.

Special congratulation to the dedicated and inspiring class of 2018:

Ashlee Arcilla	Bryon Large	Hannah Proff
Kristina Bergsten	Anda Lincoln Stephenson	Josh Raaz
Melissa Decker	Mary Linden	Mallory Revel
William Doutt	Kyle Martelon	Kelley Rider Goodwin
Mark Evans	Michelle Mieras	Nicoal Sperrazza
Jennifer Hall	Thomas Neville	Mario Trimble
Tess Hand-Bender	Noah Patterson	

CBA Solo Small Firm Practice Section Meeting

Members of the CBA Solo Small Firm Practice Section met on June 6 in Colorado Springs. Featured speaker Brenda L. Speer, partner at BL Speer & Associates, gave an excellent and informative 1-credit CLE presentation titled, "LLC Essentials: What Every Attorney Needs to Know About Limited Liability Companies."



Brenda Speer presents.

DBA Awards and Presidential Induction

The annual DBA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Induction was held at the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center on June 30. DBA and CBA members and leaders gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's honorees. The ceremony began with DBA President Franz Hardy and CBA President Dick Gast passing their ceremonial gavels to incoming presidents Maureen "Mo" Watson, DBA, and John Vaught, CBA. Outgoing DBA Board of Trustees members Shannon Stevenson, Nancy Cohen, and Jim Fogg were then honored for their service. This year's award winners are:

Mary Jo Gross, Award of Merit

Richard Murray, Young Lawyer of the Year

Ellie Lockwood, Volunteer Lawyer of the Year

Denver Office of the Independent Monitor's Youth Outreach Project, Outstanding Program

The Honorable Alan Loeb, Judicial Excellence Award



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1 Franz Hardy, Richard Murray, Mary Jo Gross, Chief Judge Alan Loeb, Nicholas Mitchell, and Ellie Lockwood.

2 Mo Watson and Franz Hardy.

3 Dick Gast and John Vaught.

4 Shannon Stevenson, Nancy Cohen, Jim Fogg, and Franz Hardy.

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