

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION

Membership Guide



An Introduction to the CBA

A Message From the President

“It’s Your Thing, Do What You Want to Do”

— Isley Brothers

Bill Walters
CBA President
2008–09



CBA: Why Belong?

With more than 17,000 members, there are probably at least 20,000 answers to that question. In my experience, there are at least three reasons to be a CBA member. First, the benefits of membership serve individual attorneys and law firms on a daily basis, at a reasonable cost. Second, participation creates opportunities to network. Third, involvement with the CBA enables each of us to meet our obligation to give back to the profession, the judicial system, and the community. We all share the responsibility to keep our organization strong and vibrant with new ideas and new members. Stay involved through the web-site, e-mail, by phone, our walk-in office, and helpful staff members.

Tangible Benefits

Life Balance

CBA continues to work to improve each member’s financial and mental well-being. By finding new ways to for members achieve “balance” in their lives, we support the success of individual practices. We offer social events to get out of the office, as well as tips to save time or improve the quality of life. For those experiencing problems with alcohol, substance abuse, and mental health troubles, Colorado Lawyers Helping Lawyers offers valuable support, education and referrals.

Health Insurance

This year, the CBA is offering access to a health insurance plan through Anthem. Solo practitioners can potentially save 4 percent, regardless of the firm’s size, without additional underwriting.

Members-only: Financial Products and Other Discounts

Save your business money by taking advantage of members-only credit cards, a mortgage program, credit union membership, disability and life insurance and professional liability insurance. Discounts on rental cars, clothing, shipping, travel, software, new vehicles, registered e-mail and mobile phones also are available.

Knowledge, Information, and Technology

CBA’s online legal research tool, Casemaker 2.0, continues to be very popular, particularly after the recent upgrades. Many of our members believe that this benefit alone is worth the price of annual dues.

The Colorado Lawyer delivers the best writing by Colorado’s foremost lawyers. By focusing on “how to” articles, members can continue to improve and enhance their legal skills. Think of this publication as a mentoring service.

Did you know that Colorado created the first bar association website in the country? Since its inception, www.cobar.org has become *the* place to keep up with all that is happening. Update your free advertising benefit online at the **Find-A-Lawyer Directory**, which consistently ranks in the top three most popular resources on cobar.org. Sign up for any of the e-newsletters, such as the **CBA Legal Brief** and **Legislative Update**.

Looking for practice management tips and resources? Visit the CBA Department of Law Practice Management and its **Lending Library** for helpful publications on technology, marketing, finance, and law firm management.

The **17 Sections of the CBA** each meet on a regular basis to focus on specific types of practice, ranging from Agriculture to Workers' Compensation. Many of the Sections offer **Annual Institutes** presenting the latest updates on developments in specific practice areas. These section meetings typically are held in some of our state's most beautiful settings, including Steamboat Springs, Keystone, and Vail.

Colorado Continuing Legal Education, Inc. offers more than 120 high-quality programs each year, and publishes a variety of publications — all at a discount price for members. Webinars now reach out to members across the state. Members also participate as faculty members or authors, which is a great way to appear before members of the legal community.

Staying out of trouble

Unfortunately, malpractice claims (whether or not legitimate) are not a question of "if" but "when." The average number of claims during a 30-year career is three. **Professional liability insurance** is offered with discounts to members and firms, with regular updates on how to avoid claims. In addition, the **Ethics Committee** offers written opinions on issues and staffs a hotline, allowing attorneys to discuss specific problems.

Sweet Youth

For those just starting their legal careers, the **Young Lawyers Division** offers programs to lawyers age 37 or younger, or those with fewer than three years of practice. Discounted and free memberships for new Bar admittees allow "newbies" to experience the Bar benefits as they develop their practice.

Legislative influence

The CBA maintains a continuing presence before the Colorado Legislature. In addition to tracking bills that could affect the practice of law, the CBA and its sections often sponsor legislation or assist members of the legislature in drafting legislation. CBA members can sign up for e-mail updates.

Quo Vadis: Where next?

Dave Johnson, CBA President-Elect, will be leading an important effort to start planning for the **future** of the profession. A **Strategic Planning Committee** will continue to help us address our members' top priorities: help members improve practice quality; support and improve the justice system, and enhance public confidence in the legal profession. Check out the CBA's Strategic Plan on the website. CBA also will begin its third year of the **Colorado Bar Leadership Training (COBALT)** program, which gives volunteer leaders great tools to assist the profession and the community.

Giving Back

Many CBA members find it highly rewarding to contribute to the community through the many **volunteer opportunities** offered by the Bar. Coach a mock trial team. Participate in a family law clinic. Offer your experience and connections to access to justice or to local bar association *pro bono* programs, for example. For those interested in promoting fair and impartial courts, the newly created *Our Courts* program is looking for volunteers to reach out to the community to pass on the important values embodied in the Rule of Law.

Much more!

We offer many more programs than the ones highlighted here; just ask. One of the ways we continue to provide value to our members is by developing new programs. If you have ideas of your own, please share them with the CBA. We build relations across the profession and in the community. If you know someone who is not yet a member, reach out to tell him or her the ways membership enriches your professional life.

Sincerely,



CBA Offices and Staff



The CBA is dedicated to serving its members by giving you the best law practice management information and continuing legal education programs, products, and reference materials. We strive to provide: the latest in legal technology; helpful legal research methods and resources; worthwhile membership services; access to legislative matters; and quality public relations and networking opportunities.

Members are always welcome at the CBA offices. On the 9th floor, we have one large meeting room; three small meeting rooms; and a members' office where you can use the desk, computer, and phone when you're away from your own office (please reserve). Our kitchen is off the middle hall, and hot and cold beverages are available. The editorial offices of *The Colorado Lawyer (TCL)* also are on the 9th floor. CBA-CLE is on the 3rd floor. CLE has a large classroom (maximum capacity: 100) and a smaller one (maximum capacity: 40). On the 11th floor are the DBA Placement Service office, COLTAF and Legal Aid Foundation, and Legal Community Credit Union. The Metro Volunteer Lawyers offices are just down the street at 19th & Sherman, 4th floor, in the same building as Colorado Legal Services. Members also are encouraged to pay regular visits to the CBA online at www.cobar.org, for current information about everything the CBA has to offer.

Helpful Phone Numbers

CBA: (303) 860-1115 or (800) 332-6736

DBA: (303) 860-1115

CBA-CLE: (303) 860-0608 or (888) 860-2531

COLTAF: (303) 863-7221

Legal Aid Foundation: (303) 863-9544

Legal Community Credit Union: (303) 860-1117

Metro Volunteer Lawyers: (303) 866-9378

Support Staff Placement Service: (303) 894-0014

Membership in the Colorado Bar Association is not conditioned on health status of any individual, including an employee of an employer or a dependent of an employee. Furthermore, health insurance coverage offered through the Colorado Bar Association is available to all members regardless of any health status-related factor. Health insurance coverage is only available to member of the Colorado Bar Association.



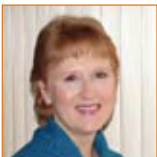
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Membership Benefits



The CBA is Your Partner in the Practice of Law

The CBA offers a comprehensive package of services and discounts for our members. We are always adding and updating our benefits to give you the greatest value for your membership.

For more information on the benefits listed here, please contact the Membership Services Department, at (303) 860-1115 or (800) 332-6736, or e-mail us at membership@cobar.org.

CBA Member Benefits include:



Continuing Legal Education

Members receive substantial discounts on high-quality, live CLE programs and webcasts, video replays, audio home study, and law practice manuals. CLE in Colorado, Inc. is the largest in-state provider of legal seminars and publications. Visit www.cobar.org/cle for more information.

Financial Services

- ABA Retirement Funds (retirement plan)
- Bank of America (credit cards)
- Chase (mortgage program)
- Legal Community Credit Union of Colorado (banking)
- Wells Fargo (banking, credit card processing)

Insurance Programs

- Anthem Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® (health)
- Benefits & Incentives Group, Inc. (health, life, dental, disability)
- Edelman Associates (disability, life, long-term care)
- GEICO (auto)
- Guardian (disability)
- Hofgard & Co. (health, life, dental, disability)
- Marsh Affinity Group Services (liability)
- Pinnacol Assurance (workers' compensation)

Law Practice Management

- "The Complete Lawyer"
- Lending Library
- Software Training and Discounts
- LawToolBox (litigation software)

Legal Research and Technology

- Casemaker 2.1
- *The Colorado Lawyer*
- www.cobar.org
 - Listing in the Find-A-Lawyer online directory
- LexisNexis®

Retail and Office Services

- Alamo, Avis, Hertz & National (auto rental)
- Brooks Brothers (apparel)
- Corel® WordPerfect® Office X4 (software)
- FedEx (shipping)
- GoNext (travel programs)
- Rocky Mountain Fleet Associates (new vehicle purchasing assistance)
- Subscription Services (magazines)
- T-Mobile (mobile phones)

Ethics Calling Committee

Public Relations Support

Public Service Programs

Legislative Services



The CBA website provides members “one-stop shopping.” From the home page, you can link to important membership information; information for lawyers and for the public; gain access to news/media resources and the courts, including access to Colorado Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions (within hours of their announcement) dating back to 1996; and free information from state, federal, and other agencies. When you click on “Inside the Bar,” you will find information about CBA officers, staff, committees, sections, and membership benefits. CLE programs and products can be found by clicking on the CLE tab. On the right side of the home page, you can link to: *The Colorado Lawyer (TCL)* to find articles dating back to 1997; Casemaker to get to the online law library; Find-A-Lawyer for CBA member directory listings; and Opinions/Rules/Statutes, where you will find Ethics Opinions. Click on “For Lawyers” on the left side of the home page; that is where you can link to CBA listservs and subscribe to e-mail notification lists for various types of information, including Colorado Supreme Court and Court of Appeals decisions, programs, events, and job opportunities.

Employment Opportunities

On the lower left-side of the home page, in the “Most Viewed” section the “Employment Opportunities” link takes you to a page with several resources to help in your job search. There are several current job descriptions to sort through. Make sure to sign up for the “job announcements” email list. As a subscriber to the list you’ll receive an emailed notice each time a new job has been posted.

Find-A-Lawyer

Market yourself with Find-A-Lawyer! The CBA has a great and easy way for the public and other attorneys to find you. The online CBA attorney member directory, “Find-A-Lawyer,” is accessible through www.cobar.org (click on “For the Public”). It gives you a free, basic listing that includes information such as address; areas of practice (you must self-select); e-mail address; and website. People can search for you by name, area of practice, city/county, other languages spoken, and even by other states where you are admitted to practice. This is one of the most-used tools on our site and one more advantage of belonging to the CBA!

The Colorado Lawyer

Current issues and past issues (from 1997 to date) of *TCL* are accessible on www.cobar.org. Articles can be searched by author, title, key word, legal specialty, or department. Members also can use Casemaker to search for *TCL* articles dating back to its inception in November 1971.

Ethics Opinions

The CBA Ethics Committee is a standing committee of the Colorado Bar Association that comprises approximately 90 Colorado attorneys. The Committee gives guidance and advice to Colorado lawyers on questions of ethics and professional responsibilities. The Committee will answer written requests for ethics advice, subject to certain exceptions (see website for exceptions). The Committee issues Formal Ethics Opinions on topics of general interest, which are available on the CBA website. The Ethics Committee also has created a subject index of the opinions for easy reference. For more information on the Ethics Committee, click on “For Lawyers” then “Ethics.” Also, for more immediate advice or to personally discuss ethical issues with subcommittee members, CBA members may call the Ethics Hotline. To contact the Ethics Hotline, call the CBA office at (303) 860-1115 or (800) 332-6736 (in-state only).

Free Legal Research



The Casemaker Online Legal Research Library is provided to CBA members at no charge. To access Casemaker, log on to the CBA website and click on the Casemaker logo. If you have questions or comments about Casemaker, please e-mail casemaker@cobar.org or call the CBA offices during regular business hours at (303) 860-1115 and ask for the Casemaker Hotline.

The Colorado Casemaker Library includes:

- all Colorado case law with citations and West pagination
- Colorado Revised Statutes and court rules with annotations updated annually (rule changes updated 7 days from court's notification)
- *The Colorado Lawyer* articles since November 1971; Colorado Attorney General and workers' compensation opinions; and Colorado federal rules. The Casemaker Library also includes case law and statutes from all 50 states, multi-state searches for case law and additional materials for each state in the Casemaker consortium. The Federal Library includes: U.S. Supreme Court opinions from volume 1 (1754) to current release; U.S. Circuit Court opinions from all circuits from 1930 to current release; U.S. District Court starting 1950 through current advance sheets; U.S. Bankruptcy Court opinions from volume 1 B.R. (1979) through current advance sheets; the U.S. Code, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Court Rules, and the U.S. Constitution.

Casemaker also features "SuperCode," which is the list to the right of individual sections in the state Statutes/Code tables. The list, if present, informs the user that a newly enacted act or bill has made reference to or affected the respective section in some way. By clicking on the links in the SuperCode list, the user is taken to the particular act/bill associated with the current statute section.

Another popular feature is "CaseCheck," a citator function that lists hyperlinked opinions that have cited to the current opinion. All materials in the Casemaker Library are printable. The Casemaker Library is enhanced annually, and the CBA is always interested in member suggestions and feedback.





FREE CLE–accredited File & Serve training is available through the CBA!

Classes provide district court and county court training for attorneys and support staff.

Sponsored by the CBA and Lexis

State District Court

Two (2) general CLE credits offered

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Class begins with complete overview of how to use the File & Serve system, followed by instruction on how to improve your case management using File & Serve. These classes provide Colorado-specific tips and tricks for making the most of tracked cases, alerts, searches, and reports.

County Court

Two (2) general CLE credits offered

1:00–2:30 p.m.

Learn how to send, retrieve, and maintain your e-filing documents for county courts. Training includes opening new cases within File & Serve, as well as filing subsequent documents into existing cases.

Classes are scheduled the first Monday of each month, except on holidays. Classes are held in the Executive Conference Room at the CBA offices, located at 1900 Grant St., Ste. 900, Denver. Registration for these classes is limited to the space available. To reserve a space, call Michelle Gersic at (303) 824-5342 or (800) 332-6736 (within Colorado), or e-mail mgersic@cobar.org.

*Dates are subject to change, so be sure to confirm.

Law Practice Management



Law Practice Management Hotline

As a service to our members, the CBA Department of Law Practice Management and Risk Management provides information on a variety of law practice management (LPM) issues, including legal-specific computer software and technology. Give us a call; if we cannot answer your question, we will put you in touch with someone who can.

ABA Publications at a Discount

The CBA works with the ABA to offer all ABA books—not just practice management titles—to our members at a 20 percent discount off the regular ABA price. Order your book through the CBA and have it shipped directly to you. More information is available at www.cobar.org (click on “Membership Benefits,” then “Law Practice Management”) or contact Michelle Gersic at (303) 824-5342 or mgersic@cobar.org.

CBA Lending Library

The CBA LPM and Risk Management Department maintains a library of publications, CDs, and videos on a variety of LPM topics in four core areas:

- General LPM
- Law Office Technology
- Marketing
- Finance

Some materials are practice-specific. Materials may be checked out by CBA members. However, we do not carry substantive law or CLE materials, or any materials from CLE of Colorado, Inc.

CBA Website

In 1995, the CBA became the first state bar association to put up a home page. We are committed to providing members with extensive information on law practice and risk management topics. The LPM Department on the website includes articles and links to information regarding practice management, finance, marketing, technology, and much more.

“The Complete Lawyer”

From the CBA homepage you can link to a new, online publication called “The Complete Lawyer”. The site features law firm management tips, career options, wealth management strategies specifically for lawyers and news of trends affecting Colorado attorneys. Look a little further and you’ll find multi-generational advice, humor, marketing strategies and personal advice columns from lawyers who’ve been there.



Live Programs

The CBA sponsors live presentations and CLE programs on LPM topics, including using the Internet for your law office. Presentations can be created for local bar associations and other groups, on request.

Internet

- Legal Research Sites
- Casemaker 2.1
- 60 Sites in 60 Minutes
- Internet presentations with sites for specific groups

Law Practice Management

- Opening Your Own Practice
- File Retention
- Ethical Client Relations
- Alternative Billing Arrangements
- Using Computers to Level the Playing Field
- How Not to Commit Malpractice With Your Computer
- Office Systems (conflicts, filing, calendaring, and more)
- Time Management

Software

- Time and Billing
- Practice Management/Docket/Conflicts
- MS Word Tips & Tricks
- Outlook Tips & Tricks

For information on these and other programs, contact Reba Nance, (303) 824-5320 or reban@cobar.org.

Computer Software Training

We provide names of individuals and companies that provide CLE-accredited training for WordPerfect, Microsoft Office, migrating from WordPerfect to Word, time and billing, practice management, and document assembly. Courses use legal-specific exercises. Contact Michelle Gersic at (303) 824-5342 or mgersic@cobar.org for more information.

Malpractice Prevention — Risk Management Presentations

The CBA offers live programs on malpractice prevention through its Risk Management Program, which are exclusive and free to CBA members. These presentations are CLE-accredited for general credits and most fulfill ethics requirements. Topics include the following:

- Malpractice Prevention (in numerous practice areas)
- Avoiding Conflicts of Interest
- Proper Fee Agreements, Engagement Letters, Declination and Disengagement Letters
- Ethical Client Relations
- Safeguarding Your Data
- Avoiding Grievances

“Whoops! Malpractice Prevention”

“Whoops!” articles are published in *The Colorado Lawyer* and contain malpractice prevention information and advice. The articles are written by members of the Lawyer’s Professional Liability Committee.



The Colorado Lawyer (TCL) provides an informational and educational resource to improve the practice of law. Attorneys, members of the legal profession, and professional experts are invited to write articles for publication in *TCL*.

Substantive Law Articles

Articles should be on topics of substantive law with a practical orientation toward a broad legal audience. They may be of general interest or oriented toward practitioners in these (and other) specialty areas: ADR, business law, civil litigation, construction law, criminal law, elder law, evidence, family law, government and administrative law, health law, IP and technology law, juvenile law, labor and employment law, natural resource and environmental law, professional conduct and legal ethics, real estate law, tax law, tort and insurance law, trust and estate law, and workers' compensation law.

Articles should be neutral, balanced, and practical in nature. They are not scholarly, law review-type articles and are not written in newspaper or conversational style. Writing guidelines are available from editorial staff and online at www.cobar.org/tcl (click on "Writing for The Colorado Lawyer").

Department Articles

Department articles are informational and may relate to programs or departments sponsored by the CBA or CBA Committees or Sections. These are short articles (six manuscript pages) in these categories: access to justice, family and workplace violence, "Judges' Corner," law practice management, legal malpractice, legal research, practice and procedure, book reviews and reviews of legal resources, technology in the practice of law, and CBA Young Lawyers Division. Department articles must meet the same requirements and standards as substantive legal articles. Writing guidelines for department articles are available from editorial staff and online at www.cobar.org/tcl.

Contact Information

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Bar-Sponsored Programs



Access to Justice Commission

The Colorado Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission is an independent entity formed with the support of the Colorado Supreme Court, the CBA, and the Statewide Legal Services Group in 2003. The mission of the ATJ Commission is to “develop, coordinate, and implement policy initiatives to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for persons who encounter barriers in gaining access to Colorado’s civil justice system.”

Family Violence Program

The Family Violence Program provides general information on issues of family violence (including child abuse, partner-to-partner abuse, pet abuse, and elder abuse), as well as resources for prevention and intervention of family violence.

Colorado Bar Foundation

The Colorado Bar Foundation, established in 1953 by members of the Colorado Bar Association, promotes the advancement of jurisprudence and the administration of justice in Colorado through grants to help educate the general public and provide assistance to the state’s legal institutions.

Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training (COBALT)

The mission of COBALT is to serve the legal profession by equipping participants with the vision, knowledge and skills necessary to serve as leaders in the profession and in the community. For more information about COBALT, contact Dana Collier Smith at dcolliersmith@cobar.org.

Our Courts

Our Courts is a joint program of the Colorado Judicial Institute and the CBA that provides nonpartisan presentations to audiences around the state to further public knowledge and understanding of state and federal courts in Colorado. For more information, visit www.ourcourtscolorado.org.

Legal Assistance Programs

A listing of legal aid organizations and *pro bono* programs in Colorado is provided by Colorado Legal Services. Search by name or location at www.coloradolegalservices.org.

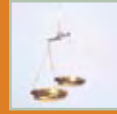
Legal Aid Foundation

The Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado was established in 1981 to increase and diversify funding to support civil legal services for Colorado’s poor and disadvantaged people by providing legal assistance to low-income individuals and families, including senior citizens, disabled people, and victims of domestic violence. For more information, visit www.legalaidfoundation.org.

Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation (COLTAF)

Established in 1982 by the Colorado Supreme Court, COLTAF administers Colorado’s Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. This program is an innovative partnership between the legal community and the banking community, whereby the interest on lawyers’ pooled trust accounts is used to make grants to improve access to civil justice statewide. For more information, visit www.coltaf.org.

CBA Sections



CBA Sections cover diverse specialties of the law. Each Section is designed to offer members a closer association with other professionals engaged in a similar legal specialty. Active participation in these Sections allows members to gain the maximum benefit from CBA membership. This involvement provides an opportunity for the members to study issues, express ideas, apply talents, and share experiences with others who have similar interests. Sections also offer valuable, informative, and inexpensive seminars and institutes that generally offer CLE credits. The discount for a single CLE program often exceeds a member's total annual cost of joining the Section. We encourage you to become a member of all the Sections that interest you. Please contact the staff liaison for more information or to join a Section.*

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- Bankruptcy
- Business Entities
- Commercial Law
- Corporate Counsel
- Financial Institutions
- Franchise Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Non-Profit Entities
- Privately Held Companies
- Securities

Communications and Technology Law

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Construction Law

Chair: Timothy W. Gordon

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Criminal Law

Chair: Wadine Gehrke

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Disability Law

Chairs: Katherine McClure and Deirdre Santoscoy

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Elder Law

Chairs: Marco Chayet and Nancy "Susie" Germany

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Environmental Law

Chair: Joseph B. Dischinger

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Family Law

Chair: David Littman

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To join a Committee, please complete and return the Committee Preference Sheet (available at www.cobar.org) or call the CBA at (303) 860-1115 and indicate the Committees on which you wish to serve.*



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The Young Lawyers Division (YLD)



Who is a young lawyer?

"Young" lawyers are younger than 38 or have been licensed to practice law for less than three years. Young lawyers automatically are members of CBA YLD.

The mission of the YLD is to be a liaison to young lawyers of local bar associations throughout Colorado; to provide public service information and assistance to communities; and to provide professional development opportunities for young lawyers practicing in Colorado. The YLD fulfills this mission by sponsoring a number of programs that benefit young lawyers and the surrounding communities.

The CBA YLD strongly encourages all young attorneys to become active in the many exciting projects and activities we sponsor each year.

Annual CLE Conference

Help plan the annual CLE conference for young lawyers.

Law School Outreach

Participate in mock interviews and career panels at University of Denver and University of Colorado law schools, as well as community events for law students and recent graduates.

Christmas in March

Help organize donations of clothes and toys to give to children from low-income families and foster homes in February or March.

Annual Fundraiser

Help plan an event each year to raise money for various charities. Past events include a garage sale, a beer tasting, and Habitat for Humanity volunteer work.

YLD Executive Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the CBA offices, 1900 Grant St., Ste. 900, Denver. We encourage anybody who is interested in learning more about what we do or becoming involved in any of our projects to attend these meetings.

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Pro Bono Opportunities



Use your skills to help children, victims of domestic violence, veterans, the elderly, and others. This list of Colorado organizations offering *pro bono* opportunities has been compiled by the Colorado Access to Justice Commission. For more information, please visit www.coloradojustice.org.

Alpine Legal Services, Inc. Pro Bono Program

(970) 945-8858 or (970) 920-2828;

www.alpinelegalservices.com

Alternative Horizons

(970) 247-4374; www.alternativehorizons.org

Advocates for Children (CASA)

(303) 695-1882; www.adv4children.org

Asian Pacific Development Center

(303) 355-0710, ext. 215

Colorado Lawyers Committee

www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org or

info@coloradolawyerscommittee.org

Colorado Legal Services (CLS)

(303) 866-9306; www.coloradolegalservices.org

Boulder Office of Colorado Legal Services

(303) 449-7575

La Junta Colorado Legal Service

(888) 805-5152

Northeast Colorado Legal Services, Inc. (NECLS) Pro Bono Program

(970) 522-6391

Northwest Colorado Legal Services

(800) 521-6968

Delta County Bar Association Pro Bono Program

(970) 252-8491

El Centro Humanitario

(303) 292-4115; mji@centrohumanitario.net

El Paso County Pro Bono Project

(719) 471-0380, ext. 121

Family Tree Women In Crisis

(303) 420-0412 or (303) 271-6559;

sfreeman@thefamilytree.org

Heart of the Rockies Bar Association (Pro Bono Program)

(719) 539-4251

Larimer County Bar Association

Pro Bono Program

(970) 402-2075;

www.cobar.org/group/index.cfm?EntityID=larime.

Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL)

(303) 866-9378; www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org

Mesa County Pro Bono Project

(970) 243-7940, ext. 108

Nonprofit Legal Assistance Planning Committee

Peter Schwartz, peter.schwartz@dgsllaw.com or

(303) 892-7381



Pueblo County Bar Pro Bono Project

(719) 553-2467

Project Safeguard

(303) 863-7416; clientservices@projectsafeguard.org;
www.projectsafeguard.org

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center,

galaniz@law.du.edu;
www.rockymountainchildrenslawcenter.org

San Luis Valley Pro Bono Project

(719) 589-5532

Seniors Inc.

(303) 300-6900; www.seniorsinc.org

**Southwest Bar Volunteer Legal Aid, Inc.
(SWBVLA)**

(970) 385-7378; 1474 Main Ave., Suite 200, Durango,
CO 81301; www.swcobarvolunteers.org

**Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy
Network (RMIAN)**

(303) 433-2812; mgoehring@rmian.org;
www.rmian.org

Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid

(970) 249-7202

Weld County Legal Services

(970) 351-7300, ext. 4514

The Colorado Access to Justice Commission is an independent entity formed in 2003 with the support of the Colorado Supreme Court, the CBA, and the Statewide Legal Services Group.

The mission of the Access to Justice Commission is to develop, coordinate, and implement policy initiatives to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for persons who encounter barriers in gaining access to Colorado's civil justice system.

For more information, please visit www.coloradojustice.org.

Local Bar Associations



Colorado has many local bar associations. All CBA members who reside in Colorado are required to join an affiliated local bar association. Most attorneys join the local bar association where they live or practice.

* If a website is not listed, please visit www.cobar.org (click on "Inside the Bar" and "Local Bar Associations").

Adams/Broomfield Bar Association

Serving Adams and Broomfield Counties
President: Loren M. Brown
www.17thjudicialdistrict.com

Arapahoe County Bar Association

Serving Arapahoe County
President: David J. Stevens
www.arapbar.org

Aurora Bar Association

Serving Aurara County
President: Natalie R. Lynch

Boulder County Bar Association

Serving Boulder County
President: Rhonda Hill
www.boulder-bar.org

Continental Divide Bar Association

Serving Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake, and Summit Counties
President: Inga Causey

Delta County Bar Association

Serving Delta County
President: Michael Vaughn

Denver Bar Association

Serving Denver County
President: Mark Fogg
www.denbar.org

Douglas/Elbert Bar Association

Serving Douglas and Elbert Counties
President: Theresa Slade

El Paso County Bar Association

Serving El Paso and Teller Counties
President: Lisa Dailey
www.elpasocountybar.org

First Judicial District Bar Association

Serving Jefferson and Gilpin Counties
President: Robert Busch
www.1stjd.org

Four Corners Bar Association

Serving Dolores and Montezuma Counties
President: Douglas S. Walker

Fremont/Custer Bar Association

Serving Fremont and Custer Counties
President: Bryan Fredrickson

Heart of the Rockies Bar Association

Serving Chaffee and Park Counties
President: J. Terry Wiggins

Larimer County Bar Association

Serving Larimer County
President: Richard S. Gast



Mesa County Bar Association

Serving Mesa County

President: Edward Nugent, III

Ninth Judicial District Bar Association

Serving Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties

President: Barbara Clifton

Northwestern Colorado Bar Association

Serving Grand, Jackson, Moffat, and Routt Counties

President: Jessica Manney

Pitkin County Bar Association

Serving Pitkin County

President: Corey Zurbuch

Pueblo County Bar Association

Serving Pueblo County

President: Douglas Kwitek

San Luis Valley Bar Association

Serving Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties

President: Jeffrey E. Motz

Seventh Judicial District Bar Association

Serving Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties

President: Kathryn M. Sellars

Sixteenth Judicial District Bar Association

Serving Bent, Crowley and Otero Counties

President: Erin R. Pickering

Southeastern Colorado Bar Association

Serving Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lincoln, and Prowers Counties

President: Randa Davis-Tice

Southern Colorado Bar Association

Serving Huerfano and Las Animas Counties

President: Judge Leslie Gerbracht

Southwestern Colorado Bar Association

Serving Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan Counties

President: Marla C. Underell

Thirteenth Judicial District Bar Association

Serving Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgewick, Washington, and Yuma Counties

President: Nicholas White

Weld County Bar Association

Serving Weld County

President: Elizabeth B. Strobel

Information is current as of September 1, 2008.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Law, Local Bar Relations, (303) 824-5333 or claw@cobar.org.

Who's Who in the Colorado Legal Arena



Admission to Practice Law

Colorado Board of Law Examiners

1560 Broadway, Ste. 1820, Denver, CO 80202
(303) 866-6626; www.coloradosupremecourt.us

The Colorado Board of Law Examiners handles:

- applicant investigations
- application process
- new attorney applications
- on-motion admissions

The Colorado Board of Law Examiners, whose members are appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court, consists of two committees. The Law Committee is responsible for all aspects of the Colorado Bar Examination. The Bar Committee is responsible for determining that applicants for admission are morally, mentally, and ethically fit to practice law, as well as determining eligibility for on-motion admission (admission without examination). Rules governing admission are covered by the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure (C.R.C.P. 201 *et seq.*). Everyone who wants to practice law in Colorado must first file an application with this office. Once an application is approved, the character and fitness background investigation is completed, and all admission requirements are verified, the Board of Law Examiners notifies the applicant that he or she may contact the Office of Attorney Registration to arrange to take the Oath of Admission.

The application approval process differs from being admitted to practice law and is only the first step.

Office of Attorney Registration

1560 Broadway, Suite 1810, Denver, CO 80202
(303) 866-6554; www.coloradosupremecourt.us

The Office of Attorney Registration handles all information about registered attorneys in Colorado including:

- active/inactive status changes
- attorney search
- attorney services
- Bar cards
- certificates of good standing
- name/address changes
- new wall licenses
- registration fees
- swearing-in process

All applicants approved for admission by the Colorado Board of Law Examiners must contact this office to arrange to take the Oath of Admission. Individuals are not admitted or eligible to practice law in Colorado until the Oath of Admission has been administered and the required attorney registration fees have been paid.

- Admission to practice law in Colorado does not include membership in the CBA.
- Annual attorney registration fees are payable to this office by February 28 (the year following admission).

Attorney Registration and Discipline

Office of Attorney Regulation

1560 Broadway, Ste. 1800, Denver, CO 80202
(303) 866-6400; (877) 888-1370; www.coloradosupremecourt.us



The Office of Attorney Regulation handles the following:

- Attorney Fund for Client Protection
- attorney grievances
- attorney regulation rules
- filing a complaint
- magistrate grievances
- municipal judge grievances
- Rules of Professional Conduct
- trust account and ethics registration forms
- unauthorized practice of law

Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge

1560 Broadway, Ste. 675, Denver, CO 80202
(303) 866-6658; www.coloradosupremecourt.us

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge presides over attorney regulation proceedings and, together with a two-member hearing board at trials and hearings, issues orders and decisions.

CBA

Colorado Bar Association

Membership Services Department
1900 Grant St., Ste. 900, Denver, CO 80203
(303) 860-1115; (800) 332-6736; membership@cobar.org; www.cobar.org

The CBA is a voluntary professional organization dedicated to assisting members in their law practices. Law student membership in the CBA also is available. Please call the CBA for further information and to receive an application.

Continuing Legal Education

CLE in Colorado, Inc.

1900 Grant St., Ste. 300, Denver, CO 80203
(303) 860-0608; (888) 860-2531; CLE@cobar.org; www.cobar.org/cle

CBA—CLE is the nonprofit educational arm of the CBA and the Denver Bar Association and provides high-quality CLE programs and legal publications at competitive prices, with substantial member discounts.

Colorado Supreme Court Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education

1560 Broadway, Ste. 1820, Denver, CO 80202
(303) 866-6500; www.coloradosupremecourt.us

The Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education handles the following:

- accredited programs
- CLE credits earned
- CLE credits required
- compliance standards
- obtaining CLE credits outside Colorado
- rules and regulations regarding CLE in Colorado

If your work address, home address, or telephone numbers change, you should contact each agency, as each office maintains separate databases.



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