

# DENVER BAR ASSOCIATION



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# A Message From the DBA President

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DBA President  
2011-12



Welcome to the Denver Bar Association! I am excited to serve as DBA President for the 2011–12 fiscal year and I look forward to meeting and working with all of the wonderful members and volunteers this year. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to do this. I hope you will find your involvement with the DBA to be as rewarding as I have over the years.

The DBA offers its members unique and valuable membership benefits, including the opportunity to get involved with pro bono cases through Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL), community outreach projects, a variety of committees, continuing legal education programs, a Young Lawyers Division, school-based educational programs, and The Docket. This Membership Guide explains the general structure of the organization and describes the variety of benefits the DBA provides its members, as well as some of the many volunteer opportunities available.

## **DBA Legal Volunteer Opportunities**

There are numerous opportunities for DBA members to participate in programs that serve the Denver community. Metro Volunteer Lawyers is the DBA's premier community involvement program. MVL is the oldest continuing program of its kind in the United States that provides pro bono legal services to indigent people. DBA members and members of the other local bars represent individuals in all of the courts in metropolitan Denver. I am proud to report that the number of volunteers who have provided pro bono legal services each year through MVL has doubled in the past four years! This program is funded by the DBA and the Denver Bar Foundation, in partnership with the Adams/Broomfield Bar Association, the Arapahoe County Bar Association, the Douglas/ Elbert County Bar Association, and the First Judicial District Bar Association. In addition to MVL, DBA members are active in numerous other community activities to assist community members in need of legal assistance, including Lawline9, Veterans Stand-down, the Court Mediation Services, pro se clinics in several areas of law, and legal night clinics at Mi Casa Resource Center and El Centro San Juan Diego.

## **DBA Support of the Courts**

The DBA is an active supporter of programs that improve our courts, and where necessary, it takes an active stand against threats to our court system. DBA members enthusiastically participate in the Our Courts program, which is a public education program that provides nonpartisan information to further public knowledge and understanding of the state and federal courts in Colorado. Presenters are DBA lawyers and Denver judges who volunteer their time and expertise to educate the public about how our judicial system works.

## **DBA Community Volunteer Opportunities**

DBA members are active in other aspects of the Denver community, as well. The Community Action Network (CAN) spearheads various drives and fundraisers throughout the year, collecting donations of food, school supplies, and dental supplies for those around the metro area who are in need. DBA members volunteer in Denver Public Schools as substitute teachers, for Career Days, Law Week, and Constitution Day, and coach and judge Denver Public School students who participate in various democracy education programs such as "We the People" and the Colorado High School Mock Trial program.

## **DBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD)**

The DBA has an active and vibrant Young Lawyers Division. The DBA YLD offers opportunities to participate in community service projects and professional development programming. Community service projects include staffing legal clinics; coordinating Law Week activities; and staffing Law Explorers, a public outreach program for high school students who

are considering a career in law. Social and networking activities for new and young attorneys include Coffee Talk, happy hours, Law Suit Days, and Attorneys' Night Out, a fundraiser to benefit a local legal aid organization.

### **DBA Member Services and Benefits**

Participation in DBA committees is another way to experience the organization's support of Denver's attorneys and legal professionals. The DBA provides and sponsors programs that bring together members to promote professionalism, recognize contributions of outstanding members, promote civic education, build relationships between attorneys and judges, foster cooperation between the legal profession and other professions, build and support mentoring relationships, promote diversity, and have a good time while raising money for needy causes. Becoming involved in a committee is an excellent way to foster friendships among colleagues and to network with experts in a variety of legal disciplines.

### **Communication With Members**

The DBA communicates with members in a variety of ways. Our monthly publication is The Docket. It includes stories and editorials that are of interest to the membership, and provides news from the DBA, the courts, other bar associations, and law firms. There are articles on substantive law and practical tips to improve a law practice, as well as satirical and light-hearted pieces. This is our publication and all DBA members are welcome to contribute to it and have a voice in it. In addition, you can visit the website ([www.denbar.org](http://www.denbar.org)) and look for the DBA e-newsletter or "D-Brief" on Tuesdays to learn more about opportunities and benefits. You also can follow us on Facebook through the DBA page, the DBA's President's Page, and the MVL page!

Members are encouraged to take advantage of benefits available exclusively for them. Find them on the website. They include discounts on various products and services for both your professional and personal life. In addition, all of our members can benefit from Tuesdays at the Bar. These inexpensive CLE programs are combined with lunch, and cover current topics on law and legal practice.

### **The Incredible DBA Staff**

None of these programs or services would be possible without the top-notch staff of the DBA. You will find them to be knowledgeable, friendly, and incredibly responsive to DBA members, bending over backward to ensure quality and professional assistance. If you cannot find the answer you seek in this guide or on the website, please call (303) 860-1115. Any member of the DBA's excellent staff is available to assist, from the wonderful receptionists to the Executive Director.

I have always been proud to be a lawyer and am now proud to have the opportunity to serve among my fellow Denver lawyers as the DBA President. I will do my best to respond to the needs of the DBA members as they arise and to lead and represent you to the best of my ability. I look forward to working with you to make the Denver Bar Association the best it can be. I hope you will contact me with any suggestions you might have as to how the DBA can better serve the Denver community or the members. Thanks for your dedication and involvement.

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# DBA Offices and Staff



The DBA 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 DBA 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 Docket* also are on the 9th floor. CLE is on the 3rd floor. CLE has a large classroom (maximum capacity: 100) and a smaller one (maximum capacity: 40). The DBA Placement Service office, COLTAF, Legal Aid Foundation, and Legal Community Credit Union reside on the 11th floor. 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 DBA online, at [www.denbar.org](http://www.denbar.org), for current information about everything the DBA has to offer.

## Helpful Phone Numbers

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

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# Membership Benefits



## The Colorado Legal Directory

Each member of the Denver Bar Association automatically receives a complimentary copy of the directory. If you need an extra copy, Denver Bar Association members get a special rate. The 2012 edition will ship in November 2011. If you do not receive your issue, please contact the Membership Services Department of the DBA and check on the status of your membership, 303-860-1115 or email [membership@cobar.org](mailto:membership@cobar.org).

## Corepower Yoga

Sign up now for yoga, and start getting your mind and body ready to handle holiday stress. Studies show how yoga helps calm the heart and focus the mind. DBA and CBA members receive a corporate discount at Corepower Yoga, with a list of locations in the Denver and Boulder areas. First-timers receive a week of free yoga! Email [membership@cobar.org](mailto:membership@cobar.org) for more information.

## The DBA website and the D-Brief

The DBA website, [www.denbar.org](http://www.denbar.org), includes a calendar of events, CLE Programs and the Legal Resources Directory. You can also post and search for jobs, and find everything you want to know about the Association.

The DBA D-Brief is the networker's virtual key to being in the right place at the right time. DBA members receive this weekly e-newsletter every Tuesday. It is packed with important events in Denver, volunteer opportunities, upcoming CLE-credited course announcements and an occasional update from the legal community. Be in-the-know!

## Grand Hyatt Denver and Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center

AAA Four Diamond award-winning Hyatt Hotels of Downtown Denver are pleased to extend to DBA members a 20 percent discount on a room and free wired high-speed Internet. To book, call toll-free 800-233-1234 and ask for Corporate # 65812.

## Just Ask Katie — Personal Assistant Services

Katie is a Personal Assistant who is looking to help get you organized and stress-free...from picking up your dry cleaning to de-cluttering your home office to assisting with the planning of your next vacation. Offering a 10 percent discount off standard hourly rate to DBA members! For further information, please call 720-841-3747 or email [justaskkatie@gmail.com](mailto:justaskkatie@gmail.com).

## Qi Fitness

Qi's approach of combining Indoor Cycling and Yoga allows students to experience all the components of fitness in one class. Qi provides you with the ultimate wellness and fitness experience with their state-of-the-art gym, and by offering a full schedule of traditional yoga classes, along with their own unique combo classes. With multiple locations around Denver, Qi makes keeping healthy fun and convenient. E-mail [membership@cobar.org](mailto:membership@cobar.org) for more information.

## The Warwick

The Warwick Hotel and DBA have entered into an agreement for 2011 sleeping room rates. In addition to a reduced rate, DBA guests will receive free WiFi and continental breakfast. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (303) 861-2000 or (800) 525-2888, emailed to [res.denver@warwickhotels.com](mailto:res.denver@warwickhotels.com), or on their website at [www.warwickdenver.com](http://www.warwickdenver.com). Guests must provide the DBA name and rate code COBARA.

## YMCA Memberships

If you are a member of the DBA, join any Denver YMCA, have your joining fee waived and receive a 10 percent discount on monthly dues. Email [membership@cobar.org](mailto:membership@cobar.org) for more information.



## CLE Opportunities and Discounts

- Bench and Bar CLE
- Coffee Talk Program for Young Lawyers — the fourth Wednesday of the month

## Networking Events

- Barristers Benefit Ball
- Annual Golf Tournament
- DBA Annual Party
- Monthly Young Lawyers Night Out

## Public Relations

- Free working with the media workshops
- Media relations
- Public relations for law firms

## Publications

- The Docket
- Colorado Legal Directory — Free for DBA members!

## Career Opportunities

- Workshops
- Job listserv

## Denver Bar Association Placement Service

The Denver Bar Association Placement Service was created in 1986 as a membership service of the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations. We provide law firms and legal departments of corporations with qualified applicants in positions that match their skills, abilities, and expectations. Our quality approach to cost-effective staffing has made the DBA Placement service a favorite of the legal community for the past 15 years.



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# Legal Community Credit Union of Colorado



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Thirty years ago, forward-thinking local Bar members created a credit union to provide financial services to lawyers, their staff, and families. We fund more than one million dollars a year in loans to our members, providing them with low-cost alternatives in a highly competitive financial market. Because of our size, our members can still appreciate personalized service. Legal Community Credit Union of Colorado is an integral part of the support that the DBA gives to the legal community.

Credit Union membership is a member benefit of the DBA. Once you become affiliated you are automatically eligible, as well as your employees and family members.

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# The Docket



The Denver Bar Association's official publication, The Docket, is a 32-page newsletter that is published monthly, except for the combined July/August issue. The Docket is free with your membership.

The Docket Committee meets monthly to brainstorm ideas for stories that would be of interest to the membership. It's open to anyone; meetings are very informal. However, as much fun as the meetings are, members don't have to come to them to write for The Docket. You are encouraged to send us "letters to the editor" on any subject, write an opinion piece, or send us ideas for other stories.

Our goal is to have a newsletter by Denver attorneys about the Denver legal community. We want to include both the serious and satirical. We'd like to have more stories about trends and hot topics in our community.

In addition to our calendar and Legal Affairs (our most popular column where we put news about attorneys moving around, getting married, having babies, etc.) we typically run articles about Denver lawyers' interests and travel; movie, book, and sometimes "bar" reviews; news about DBA committees and departments; and law practice management.

We invite you to write a witty article for The Docket or to recruit friends who like to write and to send us your announcements, good things that happen to you and your colleagues, baby pictures, story tips, hot rumors, and pictures of your Bar-related activities (although that definition is certainly flexible).

The deadline for articles is about five weeks ahead of publication. If you've missed the deadline, PLEASE call us anyway. We will try to squeeze things in at the last minute. We want your news!

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## Access to Justice

Chairpersons: Alison Butler Daniels and Jennifer Levin

Staff Liaison: Carolyn Gravit, [cgravit@cobar.org](mailto:cgravit@cobar.org)

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Staff Liaisons: Heather Clark, [hclark@cobar.org](mailto:hclark@cobar.org) and Sara Crocker, [scrocker@cobar.org](mailto:scrocker@cobar.org)

Responsible for selecting the winners of the annual Award of Merit. Coordinates other awards given by the DBA.

## Barristers Benefit Ball

Chairpersons: Jim Benjamin and Jaci Casey

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Plans and organizes this annual association fundraising dinner/dance. The proceeds go towards the Metro Volunteer Lawyers Program, which provides legal services to indigent clients.

## Bench Bar Committee

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## Community Action Network

Chairpersons: Erica Longnecker and Kris Reed

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This committee provides an opportunity for members to reach beyond the legal community to the Denver community at large and provide valuable legal, educational, social, and civic assistance to those in need. Ongoing programs include addressing the issues of the homeless, education, and encouraging attorneys to serve on boards of nonprofit agencies.

2011/12 Drives:

Toothbrush Drive — February

Roll out the Barrels Food Drive — April or May

School Drive — July or August

CAN CAN — Year-round, donate books and toys the Denver Warm Welcome Child Court Care Center.

## Court Mediation Services

Chairpersons: Jeanne Busacca and Lisa Huges

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Promotes ADR education and training; oversees ADR implementation projects such as early neutral evaluation and settlement assistance for low-income divorces.

## Democracy Education

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### **Diversity in the Legal Profession**

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### **Henry Hall Memorial Golf Tournament**

Chairpersons: Richard Strauss, Todd Jansen, and Robert Hooke

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### **Interprofessional**

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A joint CBA/DBA committee. A committee consisting of attorneys and other professionals that seeks to promote better understanding among the professions; prepares statements of principles governing interprofessional relations; and assists in resolving disputes between professionals. Maintains the Interprofessional Code.

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### **Legal Fee Arbitration**

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The committee seeks to identify and resolve through arbitration disputes between attorneys and their clients concerning legal fees. To receive information on how to submit a dispute, please call (303) 860-1115 x 807.

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This group of attorneys is for those members "65 or better." The committee has four big events throughout the year. The biggest party of the year is the Senior Spring Banquet, which honors Denver lawyers who have been licensed for 50 years. The committee's fall event, the Seniors Roast, honors an attorney or judge nominated by the most active senior members for his/her outstanding commitment to the legal community. December's Holiday Party is the most casual event and includes connecting with familiar faces, spreading holiday cheer, and enjoying tasty fare. The summer's golf tournament is always a hit and adds a little competition to the event calendar. New members are welcome.

# The Young Lawyers Division (YLD)



## 2011–12 Board Members

Gillian Bidgood (Chair)

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## Interested in getting involved?

The DBA-YLD offers opportunities to participate in community service projects and professional development programming. Check out our YLD Committee descriptions to find the activities that best fit your interests.

## What is a “young lawyer?”

DBA-YLD members are lawyers younger than 37 or have been in practice less than three years. If you’re both, we want you to participate as long as possible, so we’ll “classify” you whichever way lets you stay longer.

## Young Lawyers Have Fun!

Want to learn more about the DBA-YLD? Come to an Executive Council meeting! We meet the second Wednesday of every month, 6 p.m., at the DBA, 1900 Grant St., 9th floor. Contact Amy Sreenen at [asreenen@cobar.org](mailto:asreenen@cobar.org) if you have new ideas or questions about upcoming events. Let us know what we can do to serve you better. We hope you will join us!

## Do we have your email?

Not getting our announcements? Then we don’t have your email address in our membership database! Please send your current information to Amy Sreenen, [asreenen@cobar.org](mailto:asreenen@cobar.org), and stay connected!

Please email Amy to sign up for one of these projects.

**Law Day** — As part of ABA Law Day each spring, the DBA-YLD coordinates several activities, including volunteer attorneys providing free legal consultation for Lawline 9 and an annual luncheon.

**Special Events/Social Events** — Happy hours, Law Suit Days, Attorney’s Night Out, and others.

**Legal Night at the Center** — Volunteer attorneys staff two legal clinics the third Tuesday and first Wednesday of each month at 5:30.

**Law Explorers** — Public outreach program for high school students who are considering a career in law.

# Metro Volunteer Lawyers



The Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL) Mission is: "To bridge the gap in access to justice by coordinating the provision of *pro bono* legal services by volunteer lawyers within the Denver Metro Area to people who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues."

MVL was established in 1966 by a group of young Denver Bar Association lawyers. They called it the "Thursday Night Bar Program" (TNB) because the founding volunteer attorneys met with clients each Thursday evening at Legal Aid offices in northwest Denver or in the Five Points neighborhood. The attorneys provided what help and advice they could in-person on Thursday nights, then met the next morning to discuss the clients' matters and assign themselves or other lawyers they recruited to carry on with the numerous matters that could not be completed during the Thursday night sessions. Approximately 20 attorneys volunteered in the first year. The efforts of these original lawyer participants continued and strengthened a long tradition of volunteerism and public service by lawyers all across Colorado. TNB was renamed Metro Volunteer Lawyers in 1998 to reflect the program's growth and expansion. MVL is now the *pro bono* program that provides civil legal services to financially-eligible applicants in eight metro Denver Counties.

In 2010, MVL helped more than 1426 clients with the help of about 420 volunteer attorneys. We can serve even more people with your help. Please visit our website [www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org](http://www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org), to volunteer.

MVL provides volunteers with:

- Malpractice Insurance
- Practical Legal Experience
- Mentors
- CLE credit
- Reference Materials
- Substantive Training
- Access to Professional Services

In many cases, lawyers can identify and resolve legal issues without going to court or can resolve court cases more efficiently and fairly than persons representing themselves. The provision of legal services helps stabilize families, saves taxpayers money, reduces the number of cases clogging the courts, and helps people move toward self-sufficiency and full participation in society.

Helping MVL clients is also a rewarding way to serve the needs of your community and less fortunate neighbors, while advancing the reputation of lawyers and fulfilling the admonitions of Colorado Rule of Professional Responsibility 6.1 to do at least 50 hours of *pro bono* legal work annually. Please encourage others to join you in volunteering with MVL! Visit our website at [www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org](http://www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org) for resources, guides, and other information about serving your community through MVL.



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# Volunteer Opportunities



The Denver Bar Association encourages members to engage in volunteer opportunities that positively affect metro Denver communities and the association itself. These Bar programs are designed to provide public legal education and legal services to the public and professional development and networking opportunities to its members.

Volunteering with any one of these programs combines an attorney's creativity and expertise to make a difference within the community. With many options available to the busy attorney, the Bar works to fit members into the right volunteer opportunity.

Anyone from the community can benefit from one or more of these programs. For more information about these law-related educational or legal services programs, please contact our Public Legal Education Department at (303) 860-1115.

## Community-Based Projects

### Lawline 9

Staff a Lawline 9 call-in program. Answer general legal questions and provide legal information and referrals to other community legal resources. Weekly topics vary and legal resource information provided.

Time Commitment: 1.5 hours

Timing: Year-round every Wednesday. (4–5:30 p.m. and/or 5:15–6:30 p.m.)

### Court Mediation Services

Co-mediate cases in Denver County Court's Civil Division. Must have a minimum of 40 hours basic mediation training.

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours per session

Timing: Ongoing

### Veterans' Stand Down

Assist homeless vets by answering legal questions and offering legal information and referrals to other community legal resources. Legal resource information provided.

Time Commitment: 2 hour shifts

Timing: November

### Pro Se Clinics

Conduct a *pro se* legal clinic for the community. Topics include: collections, small claims, divorce, and bankruptcy.

Time Commitment: 2 hours + prep time

Timing: Year-round, once a month

### Legal Night at Mi Casa

Volunteer attorneys will provide information on a variety of legal topics and how they may relate to immigration issues. The clinics are informational and legal advice or counsel will not be provided.

Time Commitment: 2 hours

Timing: Third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

### Legal Night at El Centro San Juan Diego

Volunteer attorneys will provide information on a variety of legal topics and how they may relate to immigration issues. The clinics are informational and legal advice or counsel will not be provided.

Time Commitment: 2 hours

Timing: First Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

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## School-Based Projects

### DBA/DPS Volunteer Guest Teaching Initiative

Attorneys, paralegals, magistrates, and judges substitute in Denver Public Schools on pre-planned days.

Time Commitment: 8-10 hours

Timing: Ongoing during the school year

### In-Class Law-Related Activities

Implement miscellaneous law-related activities in the classroom. Materials are provided.

Time Commitment: 2-4 hours

Timing: Ongoing during the school year

### Constitution Day

Speak to a class about the Constitution. Paralegals and law students are welcome.

Time Commitment: 1–3 hours

Timing: On September 17th or week of

### Court Tours

Take classes on tour of the local City and County Building. Paralegals and law students are welcome.

Time Commitment: 2–3 hours

Timing: Ongoing during school years

### Career Days

Speak about the legal professions to a classroom or at a CBA/DBA sponsored booth.

Time Commitment: 3 hours

Timing: Ongoing during the school year

### In-Class Law Mock Trials

Visit a classroom to help implement and explain what a mock trial is and how it works. Teachers work with students in advance. Mock Trial scripts are available for elementary, middle, and high school classes.

Time Commitment: 1–3 hours

Timing: Ongoing during the school years

### Colorado Mock Trial Program

**Attorney Coaches:** Partner with teachers to coach students about mock trial elements and prepare a case problem for regional/state mock trial competition.

Time Commitment: Varies

**Assistant Attorney Coaches:** Assist primary attorney coaches with preparation of mock trial teams.

Time Commitment: Varies

**Scoring Panelists:** Adjudicate mock trial rounds at the regional/state tournament. An orientation and Bench Brief provided in advance.

Time Commitment: 3–4 hours

**Courtroom Monitors:** Monitor courtroom(s) and rounds during Mock Trial Tournament. An orientation and checklist provided.

Time Commitment: Varies

### Law Day Art Contest

Visit a school to discuss Law Day and what it is. Pass out information and explain details of the contest. Help judge the art work by the students. This is for K–5 students.

Time Commitment: 2 hours

Timing: January – March

### Law Week

**Volunteers:** Implement programs in middle and high School classrooms during the first week of May.

Time Commitment: 1-3 hours

**Planning Committee:** Work with DBA committees to develop and implement Law Week projects for schools and/or the Denver community.

Time Commitment: 5-15 hours

### We the People DPS Program

Visit a DPS school and judge a congressional hearing performed by elementary, middle, and high school students.

Time Commitment: 2–3 hours

Timing: Ongoing during the school year



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