
The MESSENGER

Larimer County Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays

As I sit here preparing this Messenger article, I can't help but wonder why this time of year always seems so busy. Most of us are trying to complete our client's last minute requests. If you're like me, you look at your schedule and wonder when you can get away to shop for your loved ones. It's not that I purposefully put off my gift buying to the last minute, it's just that there are a limited number of hours in a day. Balancing your client's needs and your family responsibilities can be difficult at times.

There is a lot of stress put upon us in our profession. We are in the field of helping others. Our clients expect a lot from us. We owe it to them to do our best job. But we also have a deeper commitment to our family and loved ones. Maintaining this balance is not always easy. At times we have to make sacrifices on one side or the other.

The Holiday Season is a special time of year. We hear advertisers claim that this is a "magical time of year" and for most of us, it is evidenced by the extra twinkle in our eyes. We celebrate our religious beliefs, bring holiday cheer to our friends and family and enjoy the delicious treats of the season.

It is my hope each of us can find a balance this Holiday Season. Not only to get those last minute tasks done for our clients, but to enjoy special times with our friends and families.

So with that, I guess it is time to get back to work. Congratulations on all your accomplishments in 2007. But don't forget to take some time for yourself and your family. Happy Holidays.

David H. Johnson
LCBA President

SAVE THE DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIALS

February 8 and 9, 2008 Local Mock Trial in Greeley

March 14 and 15, 2008 State Mock Trial in Fort Collins

They are **desperately** looking for volunteers to score the trials on both dates. If you are interested, please, please, please contact Linda Connors at linda@hshh.com or 482-7777.

SPRING TERM DAY

March 7, 2008

Spring Term Day (watch for details)



LIBRARY UPDATE

The Ralph Coyte Library is scheduled to close and relocate in mid-March, 2008. In anticipation of this relocation, the Library Committee (with the blessing of the Executive Committee) conducted an auction, the result of which was the sale of many outdated and archival print resources. The Committee wishes to thank all who contributed to this effort. The sale brought approximately \$1800 to the Association's treasury, and the Executive Committee will convene in January to discuss the disposition of these funds. It is likely the funds will be allocated to the Scholarship Fund.

The Library Committee will conduct another sale in the first quarter of 2008. This sale will dispose of the current (and, thus, more-valuable) print material, such as ALR, AmJur, Colorado Statutes Annotated, Restatement, etc. These materials will likely require a minimum bid, as the Bar has expended funds to keep them up to date as recently as October. An announcement will issue in January, and the sale will take place in February. More information will soon be available on the LCBA link on the CBA website.

In anticipation of the reduction of the Library's footprint, the Committee has entered into a 2-year agreement with Thomson West, the result of which is that the entire print collection previously maintained in the Coyte Library is available online. The first three computers on your right as you enter the Coyte Library (#6,7 and 8) have a desktop icon "Expanded Westlaw", which you may use to gain online access to this fine collection. The print materials will still be available, at least until March, after which all Library resources will be available only online.

The County Facilities Director has assured us that we will have space for our three computers and the printer somewhere in the Justice Center until the Westlaw contracts expire in late-2009. More on this to follow, pending discussions with the County and Judicial.

Ian D. McCargar
LCBA Library Chair



OFFICE SPACE

Three to four newly remodeled executive offices available January 15th. Perfect for attorneys, and/or other professionals. We currently have four attorneys in the building.

Stop by and see the available offices at 417 W. Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins.

See **Bill Kneeland**
or his paralegal **Paula Phillips**
or call us at 493-6556

OFFICE SPACE

Office available in law office sharing arrangement. DSL line, conference room, copier/fax, receptionist, all provided. Walking distance to Justice Center.

Allen Weaver
484-5500

FOR SALE OR LEASE

Three A+ executive offices available for sale or lease. Located in the Timberline/Harmony corridor, office lease includes use of conference room, copy services, phones, file storage, internet, kitchen and receptionist.

For more information contact:

Bryan VanMeveren
496-9741

SEEKING LEGAL CONTRACT WORK

A research project or brief due? Temporary overload of work? Paralegal on maternity leave? I am an attorney with private practice and in-house counsel gas utility experience who formerly worked as a paralegal available for contract work. Areas of emphasis are: estate planning and administration; business and non-profit incorporations; tax; litigation; real estate and HOA; municipal; contractual and transactional; and collections.

Carol Johnson
669-1138

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Office share opportunity with established Old Town attorneys in Fort Collins. Prime location in newly-remodeled suite. Includes office, conference room, and experienced legal assistant. Possible partnership opportunity. Available November 2007. Submit inquiries by email to:

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