
The MESSENGER

Larimer County Bar Association

August 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your local bar association has been working hard this year to provide assistance and support to you in this difficult economic environment. One of the ways we have been supporting you is through our concerted effort to continue to bring you informative and inexpensive CLEs. I hope that each of you can find time to attend our monthly Brown Bag Seminars held at the Justice Center over the lunch hour. Our professionalism seminar in April had a record turn-out with many lawyers attending and staying to socialize after the event. Our pro bono program is running very smoothly and we send many thanks to each of you for your volunteer work and commitment to this program. We are the envy of many bar associations throughout the State of Colorado for our broad participation and dedication.

This fall we hope to have our first ever event at the Lyric Cinema in downtown Fort Collins with the showing of "To Kill A Mockingbird" followed by socializing and participating in a thought-provoking question and answer period for which we will receive CLE credit. We are also exploring the possibility of bringing a nationally known humorist to Larimer County----again for CLE credit and the opportunity to spend time with our colleagues for a fun and elevating evening.

As President, it is my pleasure to interact with the public and field questions from various non-profit agencies, media and individuals as well as other bar organizations throughout Colorado. In doing so, I am reminded of the de Tocqueville quote: "By turning their attention to other affairs than their own, it rubs off that private selfishness which is the rust of society." Day in and day out, I see very little rust on the lawyers in Larimer County. Not only do they give selflessly of their time, energy and money, they are interested in making their communities strong and vibrant.

They also have, for the most part, a love of humor and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective which leads me to this great quote from Robert H. Jackson, the former Solicitor General, who said in 1961: "I made three arguments of every case. First came the one that I planned as I thought, logical, coherent, complete. Second was the one actually presented---interrupted, incoherent, disjointed and disappointing. The third was the utterly devastating argument that I thought of after going to bed that night."

With that being said, let's remind ourselves to lighten up a little, try to reduce our stress levels through exercise, diet and humor AND be certain to place the 2010 Fall Term Day events on your calendar, including the dinner and dance at The Beach House Grill at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010. The Beach House Grill is the former Stonehouse Grille in downtown Fort Collins. Daddy Rab is playing so be sure to bring your dancing shoes and don't forget that Hawaiian shirt---you just might win the first LCBA best Hawaiian shirt contest.

Kathryn Lonowski
LCBA President



NEW LAWYERS

If you are a new lawyer or know of a new lawyer, please remember to contact Roger Clark, at (970) 669-8668, **no later than September 3, 2010**, and provide him with your background information for your introduction at Term Day.

FALL TERM DAY
September 10, 2010
Agenda

8:00 a.m. Coffee, tea, donuts and bagels at the Justice Center – Jury Assembly Room

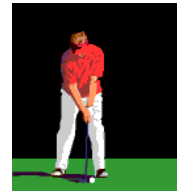
9:00 a.m. Business Meeting – Jury Assembly Room

12:00 p.m. Golfing at Southridge Golf Course, golf carts and lunch provided

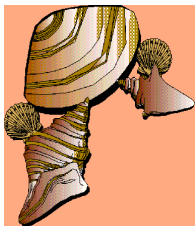
1:30 p.m. Fall Term Day Bike Ride – Contact John Plock – 970-482-0212 x 4



6:00 p.m. Dinner at The Beach House Grill

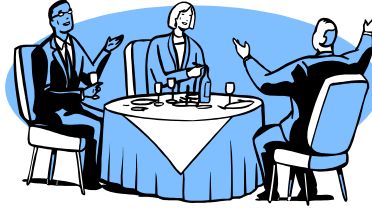


Southridge Golf Course, 5750 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado. Scramble format. Tee times begin at 12:00 p.m. Tee times will be assigned by Steve Jouard (970-482-1977). Groups will be determined based upon expressed preference. He will contact you on September 10th with your tee time. Send your completed registration form with a check in the amount of \$72.00 per player to: Lisa Ritter, 425 W. Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Phone: 970-482-9770. Reservation deadline is August 31, 2010.

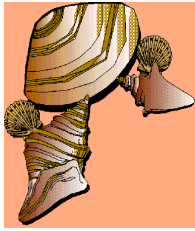


Dancing and dinner upstairs at the Beach House Grill (formerly the Stonehouse Grille) 125 South College Avenue in downtown Fort Collins. All LCBA members and their spouses/partners are invited. Dress is casual beachwear. We will be dancing to Fort Collins' favorite band Daddy Rab. Don't forget to wear your most outrageous Hawaiian shirt. You just might win a prize in the first ever LCBA Hawaiian shirt contest. Remember -- the Beach House chef is the former Brown Palace banquet chef. The food will be amazing! This event is heavily subsidized by the LCBA. Don't miss this chance to dine and dance like royalty. You deserve it! Cost is \$12.00 per person. Send reservation form and check payable to LCBA to Lisa Ritter, 425 West Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, CO 80521; (970) 482-9770, by August 30, 2010.

**FALL TERM DAY
DINNER
September 10, 2010**



**6:00 p.m. Dinner at the Beach House Grill (Formerly the Stonehouse Grille), 125 South College Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado
Cost is \$12.00 per person**



Enclosed is my Dinner Reservation for September 10, 2010 at the Beach House Grill

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

**Check(s) in the amount of \$12.00 per person made payable to
Larimer County Bar Association**

_____ X \$12.00 = \$_____ (amount enclosed)

**Return To: Lisa Ritter, 425 West Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521,
(970) 482-9770**

Deadline to register August 30, 2010



**FALL TERM DAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2010
Golf Tournament at Southridge Golf Course**



Tee times start at 12:00 p.m. Golf carts and lunch provided. The teams will consist of four players. The tournament format is a best-ball scramble. Prizes will be awarded. Steve Jouard (970) 482-1977 will contact you on September 10th with your tee time.



The tournament will be played at Southridge Golf Course, 5750 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado



Tee times are limited and cost is \$72.00 per player.



Registration for golf should be sent to:
Lisa Ritter, 425 W. Mulberry Street, Suite 112
Fort Collins, CO 80521 (970) 482-9770

Registration and payment must be received by August 31, 2010.



Enclosed is my Term Day Golf Reservation for September 10, 2010 at Southridge Golf Course

Name(s): _____

Phone No(s): _____

Preferred 4-some _____

Checks in the amount of \$72.00 per player made payable to Larimer County Bar Association

SECOND ANNUAL FALL TERM DAY BICYCLE RIDE



LET'S RIDE!!

Come one, come all!

We had such a good time last year for the Fall Term Day bike ride, so let's try it again this year.

We will leave about 1:30 p.m., Friday, September 10, 2010, from the Justice Center Parking Lot. We will head out to Wellington (heading east and north of Fort Collins to Interstate 25 Frontage Road) and stop for a cold one at either Beauregard's or some cold ice tea at the Chocolate Rose in Wellington. Then we'll head back to town coming in on Highway 1/Terry Lake Road/Gregory Road to the Justice Center. The round trip distance is approximately 25.24 miles. This is a leisurely ride for all abilities; we'll catch up to the hammer heads in Wellington.

Please let me know if you are interested. Look forward to hearing from all of those bike riding lawyers.

John Plock
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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT NEWS

ROTATION OF LARIMER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE CASE ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Magistrate, Courtroom and docket assignments effective September 1, 2010 are as follows:

Courtroom 2A:

Post-decree domestic matters, temporary protection orders, restriction of parenting time 14-10-129(4), disputes concerning parenting time 14-10-129.5, and any other emergency post-decree matters will be assigned to Courtroom 2A and will be heard by Magistrate Mary Joan Berenato

Courtroom 2B:

Pre-decree domestic motions not specifically assigned to any other Court, including temporary orders and uncontested permanent orders will be assigned to Courtroom 2B and will be heard by Magistrate John A. Jostad. In addition, Magistrate Jostad will be responsible for all the pre-decree case management and docket assignments for the domestic trial week

Courtroom 3D:

Dependency and neglect, domestic contempt citations, juvenile paternity and child support enforcement docket will be assigned to Courtroom 3D and will be heard by Magistrate Susan J. Winfield

Courtroom 4B:

Existing juvenile docket will remain in Courtroom 4B and will be heard by Magistrate Kent S. Spangler

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In addition to the District Court Magistrate case assignment rotation, District Court Judges will rotate some case type assignments effective January 1, 2011, although specifics of the rotation assignments have not yet been finalized at this time.



DEFEND THE TROPHY

Golf tournament against Adams and Weld County Bars will be held September 24, 2010 at the Fort Collins County Club starting at 8:00. Last year's team was successful and a beautiful trophy is slowly being circulated amongst the offices of the participating members. It is a conversation piece. Dan Dean, (970) 221-5600, is organizing this year's competition. An entry fee will be charged. Please call to get on the roster.



MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND UPDATES

There is an informal group of "trust and estate" lawyers we call the LCBA Trust & Estate Bar. It meets five times a year, from September through May, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at First National Bank downtown. If you are interested you can email Pete Bullard at pete@estate-planning-help.com

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The Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (Larimer Chapter) meets monthly. Stephanie Hewitt is the contact person at (970) 416-7312 or email her at hewittlawoffice@aol.com. She sends out notices by email so if you would like to be included contact her.

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The Larimer County Young Lawyers meets the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in their group, contact Laurie Stirman at (970) 493-8999 or email her at lstirman@bell-law.com

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The Larimer County Women's Bar meets the last Thursday of each month over the noon hour. For more information contact Shannon Sharrock at ssharrock@korbuckerattorneys.com

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For those that do not know Larimer County Bar has a web page. Lisa Ritter keeps our webpage current. If there is something you would like to see on the page, please contact her at lritter@ftccolaw.com.

If you haven't checked out our webpage, you can find it at the Colorado Bar Association website at [cobar.org](http://www.cobar.org) through Inside the Bar, Local Bar Associations links or <http://www.cobar.org/page.cfm/ID/20149/>.

The Law Offices of Matt Busch
proudly announces that

Brett M. Busch

has joined the firm as an Attorney.

Brett's practice emphasizes Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Personal Injury, and Domestic Relations litigation.

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OFFICE SPACE

Office Space available in five-office suite -
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- receptionist, copy machine, fax and
conference room included.

Contact:
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The Law Firm of Liggett, Smith & Johnson, P.C.
announces effective September 7, 2010
Gail B. Goodman will be joining the firm as an associate attorney.

Ms. Goodman’s practice will emphasize family law, wills, trusts,
probate, D&N, *guardian ad litem* and other civil matters.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR LCBA CLE PROGRAM

Sean Carter, legal humorist, has been booked to come to Fort Collins for the afternoon of October 28, 2010 from 1-5 p.m. Location to be determined. Watch for future emails.



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CALSS

Colorado Association
of
Legal Support Staff
www.CALSS.org

**Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff
Fourteenth Annual Meeting and Educational Conference
Friday, September 17, 2010
Saturday, September 18, 2010**

Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton

“AIM HIGH”

CLE Credits Applied for

Friday, September 17, 2010	
6 P.M.	Informal reception in Martini's Bar located on the main floor of the hotel
7 P.M. - ?	Dinner and chat at local restaurant
Saturday, September 18, 2010	
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Registration
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Continental breakfast
8:45 a.m.	DELEGATE ORIENTATION in ballroom
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Hours when vendor exhibits are open
9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting
10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Refreshment break / Executive Committee meeting
11:00 a.m. - 12 noon	First Board Meeting
12 noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch: Front Range BBQ
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Seminar - Troy R. Rackham, Esq., of McConnell Fleischner Houghtaling & Craigmile, LLC, "Appellate Litigation"
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Refreshment break
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Seminar - April M. McMurrey, Esq., of the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, "The Fine Line Between Legitimate Support Staff Activities and the Unauthorized Practice of Law"
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Social hour with cash bar
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Banquet and presentations

Come early, stay longer, to enjoy shopping at The Shops at Northfield Stapleton, Quebec Square at Stapleton, and East 29th Avenue Town Center.

Hotel Information

The Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton is located at 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207. The lodging rooms offer Sleep Number beds, free HBO, free high-speed internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and board, and other amenities for your comfort and convenience. The hotel's full service restaurant, Quebec's Bistro, and lounge, Martini's Bar, are both located off the hotel's atrium lobby. The hotel also offers a Starbucks station, a gift shop, a business center, a heated outdoor seasonal pool and indoor hot tub, a fitness center and sauna, and a full service spa, Waxing Moon Massage and Skincare, LLC.

To reach the hotel:

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From the South: Take I-25 North to I-70 East. Take exit 278 for CO-35/Quebec Street toward Northfield. Keep right at the fork merge, go south on Quebec Street, and the hotel will be on the RIGHT. Turn off Quebec Street into parking lot.

From the East: Take I-70 West. Take exit 278 for CO-35/Quebec Street toward Northfield. Keep to the left at the fork merge, and head south on Quebec Street. The hotel will be on the RIGHT. Turn off Quebec Street into parking lot.

From the West: Take I-70 East. Take exit 278 for CO-35/Quebec Street toward Northfield. Keep to the right at the fork merge, head south on Quebec Street, and the hotel will be on the RIGHT. Turn off Quebec Street into parking lot.

Parking is available in the hotel lot and in the parking garage. Inquiries may be made at the front desk if you want special consideration for late checkout. Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance to avoid cancellation fees.

Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton
3333 Quebec Street
Denver Colorado 80207

Room Rates: \$89/plus tax
(1 to 4 persons per room)

Check-in: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: 12:00 p.m.

Reservation deadline: August 18, 2010

To make hotel reservations, go to the CALSS web site, www.calss.org, and click on the link for the hotel, which is set up under the following name:
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SPEAKER BIOS

TROY R. RACKHAM

Troy R. Rackham is a member of McConnell Fleischer Houghtaling & Craigmile, LLC. He began his practice of law as an associate at the Denver firm of Long & Jaudon, P.C. Mr. Rackham joined the founding partners of McConnell Fleischer Houghtaling & Craigmile, LLC in 2001, and became a partner of the firm in 2006. His practice includes employment and civil rights law, legal and medical malpractice and other forms of complex litigation, along with extensive involvement in the firm's appellate litigation. Mr. Rackham earned his J.D. degree from William and Mary School of Law. While in law school, he served as the senior articles editor for the *William and Mary Law Review* and worked as a research assistant for Professor Davison M. Douglas, whose course focused on constitutional, employment, employment discrimination and civil rights law. Mr. Rackham is a member of the American, Colorado and Denver bar associations. He is a member of the Colorado Bar Association's Professional Liability Committee. Mr. Rackham frequently lectures to other attorneys on ethics and professional malpractice topics. He also has authored numerous articles and chapters on civil litigation and professional liability issues. Mr. Rackham contributes his time to work on several committees of these associations and works in his community tutoring students in elementary school. Mr. Rackham also aims to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono representation a year. He, along with other members of the firm, represents Sungate Kids on a pro bono basis. Sungate helps child abuse victims through the aftermath of abuse, from initial investigative interviews to medical evaluations to family visitation services and support programs. Sungate serves the 600,000 people living in Colorado's 18th Judicial District, spanning Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties.

APRIL M. McMURREY

April M. McMurrey is an Assistant Regulation Counsel in the Trial Division of the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. Ms. McMurrey earned her undergraduate degree in political science from Colorado State University and her law degree from the University of Colorado. She was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 2002. During her undergraduate studies, she spent five months studying at the University of Wales, in Swansea, Wales. After completing her undergraduate degree, Ms. McMurrey was an intern with the Department of State in the Bureau of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C. Ms. McMurrey is a graduate of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the Institute's Advocacy Teacher Training Program.

