
The MESSENGER

Larimer County Bar Association

February 2011

President's Message

Serving as your Larimer County Bar President this past year has been rewarding and energizing since it has provided me the opportunity to work closely with our local and state bar as well as our judiciary.

Amazingly, I find myself in my 26th year of practicing law here in Larimer County. It has been my great pleasure to cap that milestone with service back to each of you. Throughout my years of working with our bar association, both in the 1980s when I first came to Fort Collins and served as president of the young lawyers section and continuing now as LCBA President, I have held the utmost respect for our profession. The 8th judicial district is blessed with a tight, cohesive legal community. The instances of "sharp" lawyering are few and far between and our members continually give back to our communities with their time and service.

Your LCBA executive committee meets monthly and we have made it a top priority to provide you with free or low cost CLEs and social events with the goal of increasing collegiality and a feeling of community among our members. It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2011–2012 slate of LCBA executive officers: President Stephen Jouard, Vice-President John Duval, Treasurer Jennifer Rice, and Secretary Jennifer Stewart. This slate of officers will be presented to you for your approval at the March 4, 2011 Term Day meeting.

Our March 4, 2011 Term Day activities are rapidly approaching. Chief Justice Michael Bender, Justice Gregory Hobbs and Chief Judge Stephan Schapanski will all address us at our morning Term Day meeting which will be followed immediately by our luncheon at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Collins. CBA President Paul Chan will speak at the Term Day luncheon and present a one-hour CLE. The recipient of the 2011 Professionalism Award will be announced and our newly created LCBA history committee has a surprise in store for you. Immediately following the luncheon, we will be bowling at Chipper's Lane on Horsetooth in Fort Collins. Bowling teams are now forming. See the announcement in this addition of The Messenger for details.

We have many additional upcoming activities and events which you will not want to miss. This edition of The Messenger contains many announcements with specific deadlines for registration, etc. You will want to read it carefully so that you can be part of what's happening in the 8th judicial district.

Our Larimer County Women's Bar Association is launching a mentorship program. Great thanks go to LCBA member Shannon Sharrock for having the vision, energy and determination to make this a reality. Look for further announcements in this addition of The Messenger regarding the mentorship program which is open to all LCBA members.

The 2011 Ethics Seminar is scheduled for April 20, 2011. This spring we will also be holding our second Lyric Cinema event and rumor has it the selected movie is "My Cousin Vinny." This is an opportunity to watch a movie with your colleagues, participate in a question/answer session immediately following the movie and earn CLE credits while munching popcorn and drinking the beverage of your choice. For those of you who attended the showing of "To Kill A Mockingbird" last fall, you know that a good time was had by all.

We have a new pro bono coordinator, Sara Steiben. When you see Sara, thank her for the commitment she has made to this great program. On February 9, 2011, the LCBA sponsored a judicial officers/LCBA members reception in the Agave room at the Rio Grande Restaurant. Over one hundred of you were in attendance for this event.

Our bench/bar committee meets on a regular basis with a discussion format. If you have concerns or questions you would like to have addressed at a bench/bar meeting, please feel free to contact the current LCBA President and they will forward it to that bench/bar member.

As residents of Colorado, we are blessed to practice law in one of the most beautiful areas in our nation. We can easily access beauty beyond compare. In closing, I challenge each of you to find time beyond your busy professional careers to enjoy all that Colorado has to offer and remember that one step up the mountain widens the horizon in all directions.

Kathryn S. Lonowski
2010-2011 LCBA President

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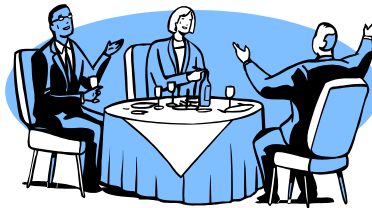
NEW LAWYERS

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 March 1, 2011**, and provide him with your background information for your introduction at Term Day.

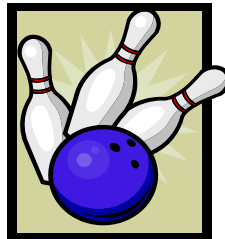
**SPRING TERM DAY
MARCH 4, 2011
Agenda**

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
Special Guests - CBA President Paul Chan, Colorado Supreme Court Justice Michael Bender and Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs**

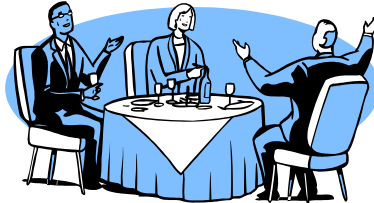


**12:00 p.m. Luncheon at The Hilton Fort Collins, 425 W. Prospect Road.
CBA President Paul Chan will be presenting a CLE program “Ethical Geeks” worth one ethics credit.
The Professionalism Award will also be presented at lunch and a surprise special presentation from your LCBA history committee.
Cost is \$10.00 per person. Send check payable to LCBA and send reservations form to Lisa Ritter, 425 West Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, CO 80521; 482-9770.**



**2:00 p.m. Calling all bowlers -time to stir up old rivalries and start some new ones!
Bowling will start at 2:00 p.m. at Chipper’s Lanes on Horsetooth. Cost is \$15.00 for three games and shoes. No bowling skills required!
To register, please send a check made payable to LCBA to Kim Schutt, Wick & Trautwein, LLC, P.O. Box 2166, Fort Collins, CO 80522. You may register as a team or as an individual, and we will assign you to a team if you don’t have one.
Contact Kim at kschutt@wicklaw.com or at 482-4011 with questions.
We had a great turn-out last year and we hope to see some more new faces this year. Come join the fun!**

**SPRING TERM DAY
MARCH 4, 2011
LUNCHEON**



**12:00 p.m. Luncheon at The Hilton Fort Collins
Cost is \$10.00 per person**

Enclosed is my Luncheon Reservation for March 4, 2011 at The Hilton

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

**Check(s) in the amount of \$10.00 per person made payable to
Larimer County Bar Association**

_____ X \$10.00 = \$_____ (amount enclosed)

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

Deadline to register February 23, 2011

LCBA TREASURER'S REPORT

The LCBA operates on a fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. This report covers the first half of this fiscal year, July 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. During this six months the LCBA has collected \$62,070 of income, \$44,105 of which is from membership dues. The expenses for this period have been \$34,825 resulting in a net income of \$27,245. These numbers for income and expenses are very close to what was budgeted for the first half of this fiscal year. LCBA also has a healthy savings of \$69,500 invested in CDs, which unfortunately are producing minimal income. Overall, the LCBA is in good financial shape, making it able to support and sponsor CLE programs and other events for its membership and to contribute to the community through its *Pro Bono*, Access to Justice and similar programs.

John Duval
LCBA Treasurer

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Senior Law Day

This will be held on August 13, 2011 this year at CSU in the Lory Student Center. Kristine L. Callahan is the co-chair for the event and would be happy to provide any information. For anyone that is interested, her contact information is listed below. The LCBA supports this event each year, and with the support of the local bar and CBA, as well as many bar member presenters, the event continues to grow. We had over 300 people register and attend last year, and are targeting 400 for this year.

Kristine L. Callahan
(970) 266-9669 Phone
(970) 232-3101 Fax
kris@proctercallahanlaw.com

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Young Lawyers' Division Report

The Larimer County Young Lawyers are excited for an active and productive 2011. We will be working on updating the Larimer County Practice Manual with information on the new judges and their courtroom practices and procedures. Please continue to keep an eye out for upcoming brownbag CLE's throughout the year! Finally, please mark your calendars for Law Day on May 6, 2011 noon to 2:00 p.m. The theme this year is "From John Adams to Guantanamo" which explores the legacy of John Adams and the right to counsel in our country. We will be proud to present Major Thomas Fleener, a military and private attorney, who has served in the Guantanamo military commissions.

Laurie R. Stirman
Young Lawyer Chair

Larimer County Bar Association Mentoring Program

The Larimer County Women's Bar Association is proud to spearhead the Larimer County Bar's pilot Mentoring Program. This Program will be available to all members of the Larimer County Bar, regardless of gender or age. As this is a new Program, input from our LCBA members and feedback from participants will be essential to the Program's future success and efficacy.

The Larimer County Bar's Mentoring Program will be a resource in which experienced lawyers formally support the professional learning and development of new lawyers. The Program will aim to advance the rich knowledge base of our mentors through collaboration, build relationships between beginning and experienced lawyers, and promote and strengthen our legal community by teaching skills, professional values, and ethical decision-making necessary to practice law in accordance with the highest ideals of our profession.

The Larimer County Bar Association's Mentoring Program is designed to be a one-year voluntary experience to support new lawyers and lawyers new to our community. The relationship between the mentor and new lawyer is intended to be an on-going relationship for the sole purpose of guiding and teaching the new lawyer about the practice of law and the issues the new lawyer is likely to face in the practice of law. Statewide, only the Denver Bar Association has a mentorship program

Mentor and mentee applications and a Mentoring Handbook will be available beginning March 4, 2011. The Program will kick off no later than May 1, 2011. Please contact larimerwomenbar@yahoo.com for more information.

Shannon Sharrock
LCBA Mentoring Program

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Legal Aid Foundation Report: A Call To Action

For low income families in Larimer County who are facing eviction, foreclosure, an uninsured medical crisis, hunger or domestic abuse, civil legal assistance can be a critical factor in addressing those problems and putting those people back on the road to self-sufficiency. Providing that civil legal assistance remains a challenge.

Our venerable LCBA pro-bono program provides much needed service through our cadre of volunteer attorneys staffing legal intake sessions and taking pro-bono cases. However, the bulk of the civil legal aid load is shouldered by the pros at Colorado Legal Services (CLS), including the hard working attorneys in the local Fort Collins office. The CLS resources are stretched thin. For every two eligible clients who show up at a CLS office, at least one must be turned away for lack of resources.

CLS has three primary funding sources: (1) federal dollars, (2) COLTAF revenue from interest earned on lawyers' trust accounts, and (3) private donations. The Legal Aid Foundation (with its mission of raising money from the legal community to provide access to civil justice) is the largest source of private funding for CLS.

The federal dollars flowing to CLS are at risk as Washington looks to reduce government spending. On the COLTAF front, historically low interest rates have caused significant cutbacks

in CLS funding. COLTAF's grant to CLS fell by \$440,000 last year and, unless interest rates increase dramatically, additional cuts of this magnitude are expected over the next two years.

With CLS facing reduced funding from two of its three major revenue sources, a robust Legal Aid Foundation fund raising campaign is all the more important. For the fiscal year ending last summer, 79 Larimer County lawyers and law firms gave the Foundation \$20,226. For the fiscal year ending this coming June, the Larimer County campaign goal is \$20,800. We currently stand roughly \$5,000 short of that goal.

For those of you who have already given to the Foundation, thank you for your generous support. For those who have not, this is your call to action – a chance to play a meaningful role in providing access to civil justice for our most vulnerable citizens. To make your gift to the Foundation, you can donate online through the Foundation's website at www.legalaidfoundation.org, or call me for a pledge card at 482-4846.

Many thanks for your support,

Dick Gast
Legal Aid Foundation Board Chair

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LCBA Library Committee Report, February 8, 2011

(Funeral dirge here)

Some of you may be asking, "*What library???*", and you're right. There isn't a LCBA library anymore, but we had some hard assets that required our attention after the library closed its doors in late 2009. The Association owned eight complete computer stations, and had a copier/printer under lease until this past Fall. The copier/printer was returned to the leasing agency in November.

The computers were stored at the Severance office of Bell, Gould & Scott. The Library Committee was notified in November 2010, that Bell, Gould & Scott would not be renewing the lease of the Severance office. The Library Committee had no other use for the computers and nowhere else to store them.

The computers were posted for sale for thirty days on Craigslist at \$100 per station. No one inquired or showed any interest in purchasing the computers, probably because of their age (2001). The Library Committee circulated requests to local non-profit organizations in early December, offering to donate the computers. Crossroads Safehouse stepped forward and took all eight of the computer units, and three sets of peripherals. This leaves us with a handful of monitors, keyboards and mouses. (Or is that "mice"?)

At present, the Library Committee intends to offer the remnants of the systems to local independent computer repair shops, essentially as spare parts for their customers. There is no market for these items, and the Committee has concluded that the Association's interests will be served by disposing of the remains of our library accordingly. If anyone knows of any non-

profit, school or church in need of miscellaneous computer peripherals, please contact me. The equipment is all in mint condition.

The remnants are currently in storage at Frey McCargar & Plock. The Committee wishes to thank Bell, Gould & Scott for offering their office space for our use over the last year.

The only remaining asset associated with the library is the portrait of Judge Ralph Coyte, which now has a home on the second floor of the Justice Center. The Association and the County are co-owners of Judge Coyte's portrait and the plaque that bears his name.

Ian D. McCargar
LCBA Library Chair

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**The LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE
PRESENTS ITS
ANNUAL ETHICS SEMINAR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
HILTON HOTEL / PROSPECT ROAD
FORT COLLINS, CO**

Invited Speakers for this seminar include the following:

JUDGES PANEL: Hon. Thomas R. French, Hon. Julie Kunce Field, Hon. Stephen Howard.
Courtroom procedures and perspectives from our recently appointed district judges

JUDGES PANEL: Hon. Robert Rand and Hon. Thomas Lynch. Courtroom procedures and perspectives from our recently (and maybe not so recently) appointed county court judges

Amy C. DeVan, Attorney Regulation Counsel, Ethical Implications in Social Networking; Recent Discipline Decisions and Updates

Eli Wald, Charles W. Delaney Jr. Associate Professor of Legal Ethics and Legal Profession, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Legal Ethics in the Movies: Attorneys and Popular Culture

Magistrate John A. Jostad, District Court, Five Thoughts on Ethics and Attorney Discipline, and maybe a Sixth, if there's time

The Cost of this Seminar is \$60.00 with your timely filed pre-registration, postmarked by April 8, 2011. Registration thereafter, and at the door, is \$70.00. Approval for a minimum of **FOUR CLE/Ethics credits** is anticipated. Proceeds go to LCBA and have been used in the past for college funds. Early registration is greatly appreciated in helping us to anticipate numbers of attendees.

Send your registration and checks made PAYABLE TO LCBA to:

Donna S. Hochberg, 19 Old Town Square, Suite 238, Fort Collins, CO 80524. For more information, please contact Donna at (970) 493-1718.

Attorney: _____

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Judge/Magistrate and Clerk Numbers
January 21, 2011

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Courtroom #1A – Magistrate Matthew R. Zehe

Amber Creasey – 970-498-6203

Chanda Elkins – 970-498-6202

Courtroom #1B – Magistrate Mary Joan Berenato

Lori Hafnor – 970-498-6250

Jill Hultin – 970-498-6251

Courtroom #2A – Magistrate Susan Winfield

Sara Massey – 970-498-6270

K Clyde Elkin (Mon-Fri 8-12) – 970-498-6271

Courtroom #2B – Magistrate John A. Jostad

Debra Koontz – 970-498-6280

Shannan De Jesus – 970-498-6281

Courtroom #3A – Judge Stephen J. Schapanski

Sarah Esparza – 970-498-6210

Donna Macleod – 970-498-6201

Courtroom #3B – Judge Julie Kuncze Field

Sean Slagle – 970-498-6216

Courtroom #3C – Judge Stephen Howard

Shawn Briggs-Seward – 970-498-6214

Courtroom #3D – Judge Christine A. Carney

Matt Dorsey – 970-498-6213

Traci Wright – 970-498-6212

Courtroom #4A – Judge Dave Williams

Jenny Morrison/Kristin Browning – 970-498-6218

Courtroom #4B – Magistrate Kent Spangler

Alyson Nicholls – 970-498-6222

K Clyde Elkin (Mon-Fri 1-5) – 970-498-6220

Courtroom #4C – Judge Daniel J. Kaup

Joyce Mueller – 970-498-6239

Melissa Woolever – 970-498-6233

Courtroom #4D – Judge Ronald L. Schultz

Karen Berg – 970-498-6223

Marlene Williams – 970-498-6226

Courtroom #5A – Judge Devin R. Odell

Beatrice Silva-Salas – 970-498-6229

Courtroom #5B – Judge Gregory M. Lammons

Darlene Edgar – 970-498-6234

Courtroom #5C – Judge Thomas R. French

Cheryl Colebank – 970-498-6244

Courtroom #5D – Judge Thomas Lynch

Molly Graber – 970-498-6238

Alyson Miller – 970-498-6242

Jury Side A (Second Floor) (Small Claims) - Magistrate Allen R. Schwartz
Amy Pittington - 970 498-6141

COUNTY COURT - LOVELAND

Courtroom #L1 - Judge Peter E. Schoon

Mary Tompkin - 970-679-4418

Rachel Hein - 970-679-4415

Courtroom #L2 - Judge Robert A. Rand

Lori Acuna - 970-679-4402

Amy Liston - 970-679-4404

SUPERVISORS - FORT COLLINS AND LOVELAND

Sherlyn Sampson, Clerk of Court	970-498-6115
Suzanne Fredrickson, Supervisor II	970-498-6108
Tina Casey, Civil Unit	970-498-6103
Vicky Green, Criminal Unit	970-498-6105
Mary Sampedro, Probate and Domestic Unit	970-498-6112
Barbara Racette, Specialist Loveland	970-679-4420

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Janelle Brunin **970-498-6261**

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

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.

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

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@korbtuckerattorneys.com

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/>