

In honor of Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr.,  
the Water Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association Presents:

# Poetry Contest

*The winning poem  
will be read at the  
Water Buffalo  
Ceremony and Reception*

CWC Summer Conference  
Water Buffalo Ceremony  
August 20, 2025 @5:30pm  
Steamboat Grand Hotel  
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

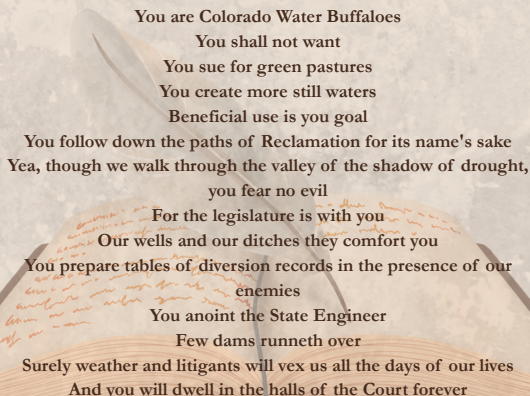
We invite you to take part in this creative endeavor to freshen up

## *The Psalm of the Water Buffalo*

We find in joining them here  
there is only one law of the River:  
within the limits of living together  
Is the common ground of all possibility.

- excerpt from "Before Us the River Is" by Justice Gregory J. Hobbs, Jr.

Revamp, rewrite, or come up with something completely new to modernize the original "Psalm of the Water Buffalo"



You are Colorado Water Buffaloes  
You shall not want  
You sue for green pastures  
You create more still waters  
Beneficial use is your goal  
You follow down the paths of Reclamation for its name's sake  
Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of drought,  
you fear no evil  
For the legislature is with you  
Our wells and our ditches they comfort you  
You prepare tables of diversion records in the presence of our  
enemies  
You anoint the State Engineer  
Few dams runneth over  
Surely weather and litigants will vex us all the days of our lives  
And you will dwell in the halls of the Court forever

Deadline for poem  
submissions is  
August 1, 2025

To submit your poem,  
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