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"Protecting the Rule of Law," President's Message, March 2019

Mr. President,

I just read your article in *Colorado Lawyer*—timely, very well structured, and one which should be taken to heart (and action) by all attorneys, regardless of political persuasion and affiliation. Our constitutional system is under serious and daily attack, which is unprecedented in our history. The legislative and judicial branches are our primary defenses but, as you note, it is the special calling and duty of all attorneys to defend checks and balances, judicial independence, and the rule of law in every possible forum.

Thank you for so eloquently reminding us of our obligations.

James M. Lyons

Partner, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie

Mr. Vaught,

Thank you for that article you wrote in the March edition of *Colorado Lawyer*. In the last few years, I have become, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same, an advocate for clarifying and explaining the "rule of law" and legal ethics to everyone in my social circle, as opportunities arise. This includes explaining the "law" and the issue in the most objective manner possible, as to educate people on the situations that make the news (it seems nearly nightly now). My goal is to educate, so that people can make informed decisions (including voting), based on their values, about what they are seeing, hearing, and reading. My secondary goal is to explain/critique questionable behavior of other lawyers, as a defense to our occupation. My wife often asks me why I bother to take the time, and a reason I always give her is that I have a responsibility as a lawyer to do so. Your article is an eloquent defense of this proposition.

Henry M. Kohnlein

Claims Counsel

"A Wrongful Death in New Castle," Historical Perspectives, February 2019

Frank,

I enjoyed your account in *Colorado Lawyer* about the legal proceedings involved with Mrs. Gunning's death.

I had a question about the railroad route involved. Mrs. Gunning got to Denver, and passed through Salida, which is SSW of Denver, west of Pueblo. Where did the railroad line go from Salida, that it wound up in New Castle, which is west of Denver, now on I-70? I suspect it went northwest through Leadville, but wondered if you had more definite information.

Terry J. Quinn

Attorney at Law

Hi Terry,

I was finally able to get an answer to your question by consulting some old railroad maps. It looks like a traveler on the D&RG Railroad heading from Denver to New Castle would have traveled south to Pueblo, then turned west at Pueblo and gone through Cañon City, Salida, Buena Vista, Leadville, and Glenwood Springs before arriving at New Castle. Kind of a roundabout way, I guess.

Thanks for writing in about this. It's very interesting!

Frank Gibbard

Staff Attorney, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Mr. Gibbard,
Rather than doing the work I should be doing, I stopped and read your article in *Colorado Lawyer*. I loved it. Enough said. Thank you for providing a wonderful few minutes of distraction.

John Gleason
Special Counsel, Burns, Figa & Will

Frank,
That was an interesting article, "A Wrongful Death in New Castle." I found it both educational and entertaining.

Todd F. Bovo
Bovo Law

Dear Mr. Gibbard,
The previous tenant of the place I'm renting failed to notify *Colorado Lawyer* that they moved. So, I received their February edition of the magazine. It could be just a coincidence, but it felt like a good sign. I'm a 23-year-old recent graduate of Oklahoma State University who just got her LSAT study book, and I want to start law school in the fall of 2020.

Back to the magazine, I just finished your piece "A Wrongful Death in New Castle," and I found it so captivating that I cut it out of the magazine and started taking notes as I was reading. Thank you for such an interesting look at a small piece of Colorado's history.

Kyndal Sutton
Aspiring Law Student

Hello Mr. Gibbard:
I recently read your article "A Wrongful Death in New Castle" in *Colorado Lawyer* and wanted to compliment you on a very interesting and thoughtful article. Keep 'em coming.

Have a great day, and I look forward to your next article.

Andrew McFadden
Prugh Law Firm

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