

News from the CBA, Local Bars, and More

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Bar News is a monthly compilation of news from the CBA, including sections and committees, administration, and local and specialty bar associations. It also includes notices of activities—past, present, and future—from local and national law-related organizations and groups.

AIPLA’s “Women in IP” Promote Stem Programming for Girls

On December 10, the American Intellectual Property Law Association’s Women in IP Law Committee and Merchant & Gould P.C. co-hosted a holiday-themed community service event for Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, an organization that works with community partners to help girls grow up healthy, educated, and independent. The event featured a range of interactive projects and games—from making ice cream with a scientific recipe to controlling robots on an obstacle course—that stimulated STEM skills and curiosity. The girls were excited to learn through thought-provoking, yet playful, activities. An event highlight included a special visit by science guru, author, and TV personality Steve Spangler, who introduced new experiments and spoke with the girls about achieving their dreams through innovation, inventions, and STEM-focused achievements.



- 1 Girls Inc. of Metro Denver joins Steve Spangler and the Girls Inc. staff for a group photo.
- 2 Girls work together at the hot chocolate bar.
- 3 Steve Spangler demonstrates that innovation can be fun.
- 4 Rolling out another experiment.

Faculty of Federal Advocate’s Annual Reception

The Faculty of Federal Advocates held its annual reception on December 5 at the Clocktower Cabaret in Downtown Denver. Judges, members, and guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres, libations, and great conversation. Incoming President Ben Strawn acknowledged outgoing President Kate Craigmile for an outstanding year as leader of the FFA.



Guests mingle during the FFA’s annual reception.

Colorado Hispanic Bar Association’s Annual Holiday Party

On December 6, the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association and Global Chamber Denver hosted a joint holiday party, the first of several collaborations the two organizations have planned for the 2018–19 term. Over 200 guests attended the festivities, which were held at Global Chamber’s offices in Cherry Creek. Global Chamber works with organizations to accelerate global business success.

Board of Governor's Fall/Winter Meeting

On December 7, the CBA Board of Governors met to discuss the association's current and future affairs. Colorado's newly elected Attorney General Phil Weiser and Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Coats spoke at the biannual meeting.



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- 1 Attorney General Phil Weiser welcomes attendees.
- 2 Chief Justice Nathan Coats provides updates and welcomes new members.
- 3 Judge Alan B. Loeb (center) was recognized for his outstanding work in light of his upcoming retirement.
- 4 CBA Executive Director Patrick Flaherty and CBA President John Vaught present Immediate Past President Dick Gast (center) with a commemorative scrapbook.
- 5 Members of the DBA and CBA Joint Diversity and Inclusivity Steering Committee introduced themselves and their mission.
- 6 CBA President John Vaught speaks of the association's bright future and thanks members for their time, dedication, and hard work.

Colorado Lawyer Board Announcements



Starnella



Seidman

During its quarterly meeting in December, the *Colorado Lawyer's* advisory board elected current board member Kathryn Starnella to serve as its new vice chair. Jennifer Seidman, who serves as coordinating editor for Tort and Insurance Law features, was announced as the board's newest member.

Starnella is special counsel at Wells, Anderson & Race LLC, where she handles trial-level defense litigation and civil appeals in federal and state court in the areas of civil rights, employment law, professional liability, products liability, insurance defense, and other commercial litigation. She is the current president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, serves on the Colorado Women's Bar Association board of directors, and mentors a student in the law school pipeline program, Law School . . . Yes We Can. She is a graduate of Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Seidman is of counsel at Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C. and has practiced construction defect law for most of her career. Originally from Michigan, she is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School and has lived in Colorado since 2000. Seidman currently lives in Littleton with her husband and two daughters and enjoys exploring the mountains in her free time.

CONTRIBUTE

Bar News is always looking for pictures and descriptions of legal events happening throughout Colorado. Snapshots taken with a phone camera work great! To contribute pictures, simply email them to Shelby Knafel at sknafel@cobar.org, and be sure to select the largest file size when prompted.

CBA Juvenile Law Section Stocking-Stuffing Party

On December 12, the Juvenile Law Section hosted a stocking-stuffing party at the CBA offices. Over 100 stockings were filled and sent to youths across Colorado who were in custody during the holidays.



- 1 Juvenile Law attorneys met to network and give back to the community.
- 2 The Juvenile Law Section filled hundreds of stockings with candy, games, notebooks, and other items.
- 3 Stockings were delivered to youth detention facilities.

CDLA Donates Bicycles to Children’s Hospital and CASA

In December, members of Colorado Defense Lawyer’s Association, with the help of Wheat Ridge Cyclery, built and donated 41 bicycles and helmets to Children’s Hospital and Court Appointed Special Advocates. This annual CDLA event honors the memory of Daniel “Hub” Hubbard, a former CDLA president who suffered a cardiac incident while riding his bicycle home from work and passed away unexpectedly. Over the past seven years CDLA has raised over \$75,000 and donated 248 bicycles to Children’s Hospital and CASA.



Recipients enjoy their new bikes.

BCBA Bowling Event

The Boulder County Bar Association sponsored a bowling event at Colorado University to celebrate its Criminal Bar. Attendees included members of the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, and the Colorado Criminal Bar. The BCBA thanks Michael Dougherty and Nicole Collins for bringing their crews and Keith Collins for generously sponsoring the PDs.



Rembrandt CLE

Judge Scott Clarkson of the Central District of California gave a lecture and visual presentation on the famed Dutch artist Rembrandt van Rijn. CLE attendees learned about Rembrandt’s life, his loves, his real estate holdings, and his bankruptcy, including fraudulent transfers, jurisdictional disputes, secret corporations, and asset auctions. The presentation was sponsored by Metro Volunteer Lawyers.



Judge Scott Clarkson brings classic art to life during a lecture at the CBA.

Arapahoe County Bar Association Holiday Party

The Arapahoe County Bar Association held its annual holiday party on November 30 in Littleton. This fun-filled evening included delicious barbecue, caricatures, prizes, and carnival-style games that helped raise nearly \$1,400 for Arapahoe County Human Services. The ACBA is grateful for its fabulous members who volunteered for the dunk tank—Hon. Christopher Cross, Hon. Bonnie McLean, Hon. Charles Pratt, President (now Magistrate) Echo Ryan, President-Elect Porya Mansorian, and Past President David P. Hersh. Thanks also to super-volunteer Benjamin Currier for helping with setup and tear down.



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- 1 Casey Ryan.
- 2 Ben Currier.
- 3 Echo Ryan and Judge Pratt.
- 4 Porya and Kelsey Mansorian.
- 5 James and Isabell Benjamin.

Liz Jones is MVL's New Family Law Court Program Coordinator



Jones

Elizabeth "Liz" Jones received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Colorado State University and her J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law. After being admitted to practice law in Colorado last June, she began volunteering with Metro Volunteer Lawyers and Colorado Legal Services. Now, she is stepping into a new role as MVL's Family Law Court Program Coordinator. In her spare time, she is on a masters swim team and enjoys playing the violin.

Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans Clinic

In December, more than 20 volunteer lawyers assisted veterans and their families during a legal clinic in Denver. The lawyers dispensed information on such topics as veterans resources, benefits, taxes, employment, housing, and family law. The clinic is part of the CBA's Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans initiative and is held in Denver on the second Tuesday of each month.



Volunteers assist veterans and their families.