

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.

Waldo Canyon Fire Tree Planting Project

The El Paso County Bar Association and other community members volunteered on May 11 for the 7th Annual Waldo Canyon Fire Tree Planting Project, held this year at the Flying W Ranch. Volunteers planted nearly 1,500 seedlings and constructed hillside stabilization structures in an area of the ranch that had been devastated by fire. When the work was completed, volunteers were treated to a barbecue lunch with all the fixings, courtesy of Dave Prince, Karen Hartley, and Jack Donley.



- 1** The Coalition for the Upper South Platte provided tools for the volunteers.
- 2** The project was once again sponsored by a generous grant from the Colorado Tree Coalition.
- 3** Since the 2012 Waldo Canyon fire, EPCBA volunteers have planted approximately 7,500 trees in the burn area.



Colorado Judicial Institute Elects New Chair



Peter Koclanes of Sherman & Howard L.L.C. has been elected chair of the Colorado Judicial Institute. Koclanes, who has served on the board of

directors since 2012, will work alongside the executive director and oversee the 40-member board of directors, the Emeritus Directors, and the Young Professionals Committee. He succeeds Barbara B. Randell of Future Image Group. The Colorado Judicial Institute plays a major role within the legal community by enhancing the quality of Colorado's courts and ensuring they work effectively for Colorado residents.

Boulder County Bar Association Relocates to Central Boulder

The Boulder County Bar Association has relocated to 3269 28th St. in Boulder. The spacious new facility will enable the BCBA to offer a robust lineup of onsite CLE classes, provide coworking and office resources to legal professionals, and host a variety of community events. The BCBA hosted an open house on June 13 to welcome the community partners to the new space.

BCLS 2019 Pro Bono Luncheon and Awards Ceremony

Boulder County Legal Services celebrated the outstanding tradition of pro bono service in Boulder County at the Annual Pro Bono Luncheon on April 29 at the Boulder Marriott. BCLS honored local attorneys, mediators, law students, and paralegals who volunteered 4,574 hours in 2018 to provide legal services to low-income residents of Boulder County. In addition, Michael Morpew was recognized on behalf of the Boulder County Bar Association with the John Robert Marshall Award for his exemplary commitment to pro bono service and his passion in advocating for access to justice. And the law students of the CU Legal Aid and Defender Program, under the direction of Professor Norman Aaronson, were recognized for their outstanding contribution of 901 pro bono hours serving clients of BCLS with family law cases during 2018. Speakers and presenters included Colorado Supreme Court Justice Melissa Hart, Colorado Legal Services Executive Director Jonathan Asher, and 20th Judicial District Chief Judge Ingrid Bakke.



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1 Chief Judge Ingrid Bakke stresses the importance of pro bono service during her keynote speech.

2 Jonathan Asher gives the opening address.

3 Pro Bono award recipients with Justice Melissa Hart (far right).

4 BCBA President Bradley Hall presents the John Robert Marshall Award to Michael Morpew.



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Vista Peak Preparatory School Career Day

A group of distinguished Colorado professionals visited Vista Peak Preparatory School in Aurora to talk to students about careers related to the law. The “dream team,” led by the late Judge Wiley Y. Daniel and Judge Adam Espinosa, had representatives from all three branches of the government, as well as the media and law enforcement.



Arash Jahanian, Hon. Wiley Y. Daniel, former Rep. Paul Rosenthal, Hon. Adam Espinosa, Charles Vernon, Jason St. Julien, Samantha Lloyd, and Greg Moore.

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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.

Colorado Criminal Defense Bar Olom Awards Dinner

On May 17, the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar celebrated its 40th anniversary during the Annual Olom Awards Spring Dinner at the History Colorado Center. Chief Municipal Public Defender Alice Norman received the prestigious Olom Award for her dedication to the accused throughout her career. The Advancing Justice Award was presented to the Millard Team of Alison Ruttenburg, Ty Gee, Adam Mueller, and the ACLU of Colorado (Mark Silverstein, legal director, and Sara Neel, staff attorney).



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1 Alice Norman receives the Olom Award. Photo by Philip Cherner.

2 Two of the bar's seven founders—Hon. Gary Jackson and Michael DiManna—attended the event. Photo by Janna Butler-Hebel.

3 CCDB President Jay Tiftickjian was the evening's emcee. Photo by Janna Butler-Hebel.

CBA YLD Elects New Council Members



Arjomandi Cheney Hegewald Zihlman

The CBA Young Lawyers Division welcomes new council members Maral Arjomandi, Kevin Cheney, Jeffrey A. Hegewald, and Kaela Zihlman.

Maral is an associate at Dworkin, Chambers, Arjomandi Denver specializing in workers' compensation defense. Maral received her JD from Case Western University School of Law, where she was an executive editor of the school's Journal of Law and Medicine and a senator of the Student Bar Association. She returned to Colorado after her studies and is excited to help foster the legal community here. She enjoys hiking, camping, attending concerts, and traveling.

Kevin is the co-founder and managing partner of Cheney Galluzzi & Howard, LLC, which specializes in personal injury and criminal defense litigation. Kevin is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School, where he was a member of the National Mock Trial and National Moot Court teams. While working in the Criminal Defense Clinic, Kevin successfully argued that a Boulder ordinance was unconstitutional, prompting the Boulder City Council to amend the law after it was struck down. Kevin is co-chair of the New Lawyers Division of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association and a member of its Lobby Council. He is active in the community, regularly teaching classes to local high school students through Learn Your Rights in Colorado. He enjoys playing poker, going to Red Rocks, and being active in politics.

Jeffrey is an attorney at The Hustead Law Firm, focusing on construction law, business disputes, creditors' rights, and a wide variety of complex litigation. He obtained his JD from University of Miami's School of Law in 2011. Jeff, his wife Kyra, and their two children returned to Colorado from Florida in 2017. Jeff is passionate about serving the community, and specifically in supporting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and charities benefiting children and families.

Kaela is an associate attorney at Willoughby & Associates, where she practices domestic relations litigation and drafts prenuptial agreements. A Colorado native, Kaela is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and was editor in chief of DU's Criminal Law Review. During and following law school, Kaela clerked for the Honorable Robert L. McGahey, Jr. in Denver District Court. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling the world with her trusty backpack and exploring the Denver brunch scene.

DBA YLDers Run the Colfax Marathon



Mathew Broderick, Mathew Deegan, and Paula Deegan.

A co-ed team from the DBA Young Lawyers Division competed in the Colfax Marathon's 26.2-mile relay event on May 19. Dubbed "Denver's largest running weekend," the Colfax Marathon has something for everyone, including a half marathon, 10-miler, 5k, and more. This year over 20,000 runners participated in the two-day affair.

Colorado Lawyers Committee Annual Awards Luncheon

On May 2, lawyers and community leaders gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of Colorado Lawyers Committee volunteers, who donated more than 7,800 hours through CLC's 29 active projects in 2018. Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser served as keynote speaker for the luncheon.

This year's award recipients were: Snell & Wilmer, Law Firm of the Year; Daniel A. Sweetser, Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award; Melanie Tsuchida, Special Recognition Award; and the Jail Wait Litigation Team, CLC Team of the Year (Allison Butler, Sean Connelly, Caleb Durling, Iris Eytan, Mark Ivandick, Scott Llewellyn, Ellie Lockwood, Kathleen Mullen, Jenn Purrington, Tim Scalo, and Byeongsook Seo). Past and present board members of the CLC YLD were also recognized for their contributions during the last four years.

In addition, CLC announced that its Hate Crimes Education Program, which has been offered in Colorado schools for the last 25 years, will now be available in every school in the country. The national effort will be unveiled across the country later this year.

CLC thanks the event's gold sponsors: Arnold & Porter LLP; Bartlit Beck, LLP; Faegre Baker Daniels LLP; Morrison & Foerster LLP; Polsinelli PC; and Snell & Wilmer, LLP.



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- 1 Law Firm of the Year—Snell and Wilmer.
- 2 Team of the Year—Jail Wait Litigation Team.
- 3 Dan Sweetser, recipient of the Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award.

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APABA Colorado Awards Banquet

The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado hosted its Annual Awards Banquet on April 5 at Viet's Restaurant in the Far East Center. Law students Helen Oh and Grant Shibao received the Minoru Yasui Student Scholarship Awards, Andrew Ho received the Governor Ralph L. Carr Award, and Colorado Supreme Court Justice Monica M. Márquez received the Minoru Yasui Community Service Award. Over 300 attendees gathered to recognize the honorees and enjoy an evening of community, entertainment, and Vietnamese cuisine.



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- 1 Justice Monica M. Márquez accepts the Minoru Yasui Community Service Award from APABA Colorado President Sumi Lee.
- 2 Scholarship award recipient Grant Shibao, James Zorich, Mary Zhang, Hanie Kim, Nicoal Sperrazza, Kira Suyeishi, and Kevin Chen.
- 3 Andrew Ho receives the Governor Ralph L. Carr Award.