

In Memoriam

Peter C. Dietze

December 4, 1934–January 4, 2019

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Thomas J. Lange, Jr.

July 12, 1968–January 24, 2019

Thomas Lange, Jr., of Montrose, passed away on January 24, 2019. He was born on July 12, 1968, in Staten Island, New York. He graduated from Rutgers University in 1991 and from Thomas Cooley Law School in 1998. He moved to Colorado in 2006 and worked for Fleming & Associates, LLP and Conerly & Callahan, LLC, until opening his own self-titled law practice, where he worked until his untimely death.

Thomas loved being an attorney, his four beautiful children, and helping others. He enjoyed going to baseball games, rooting for the Yankees, watching crime investigation shows, listening to grunge music, coaching soccer and baseball, playing with his dog, and eating cheese.

He is survived by his mother, Jane Lange of Holland, Michigan; his brother, Tim Lange of Holland, Michigan; his four children, John Lange, Kylie Lange, Maya Lange, and Nia Lange, all of Montrose; his ex-wife and always best friend, Justine Jacobi of Montrose; his partner in crime and good friend, Christopher Gibson of Montrose; and his sausage dog, Mr. Weenie. Thomas was preceded in death by his father, Thomas J. Lange, Sr. A celebration of his life was held on January 30.



Anthony Colby van Westrum

April 10, 1944–January 20, 2019

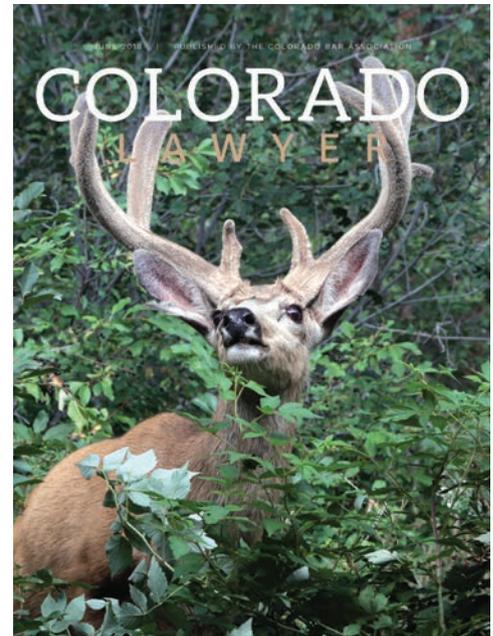
Anthony “Tony” van Westrum, of Golden, Colorado, passed away

on January 20, 2019, while doing what he loved: hiking in the beautiful Colorado mountains with his camera. Tony was an accomplished attorney who will be greatly missed by his colleagues at the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations.

Tony was born on April 10, 1944, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He was admitted to practice in Colorado in 1969 and practiced with Davis Graham & Stubbs in Denver for the next two decades before joining Burns, Wall and Mueller P.C., where he remained of counsel for many years. Tony began his solo practice in 1994, focusing on corporate and business law, arbitration and mediation in commercial transactions, and expert witness and consulting services in business matters and in ethics and professional misconduct matters.

Tony served on numerous CBA sections and committees, including the ADR Section and the Legislative Policy, Ethics, and Amicus Brief Committees. He helped draft and revise many of the state’s statutes governing corporations and other business entities, and he regularly testified before the legislature on business law-related issues. In 2001, he was awarded the CBA’s Susan E. Burch Legislative Award for his extraordinary advocacy on behalf of the CBA’s legislative efforts. He received the DBA’s Award of Merit in 2006 and the CBA’s Award of Merit in 2010.

Tony also participated in the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, the Colorado Secretary of State’s Business Division Advisory Committee, the Colorado Office of Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee, and the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section. Additionally, he was a longtime member of the American Law Institute.



Tony was an avid photographer and lover of the outdoors who spent countless hours in nature. (His photo of a buck, above, was featured on the cover of *Colorado Lawyer’s* June 2018 issue.) He was also a voracious reader of all genres, always looking for new ways to learn and to challenge his mind.

Tony is survived by his wife Jenny, son Derek (Jen), daughter Heather (Mike), and granddaughter Ruby. A memorial service is being planned for early spring 2019. 

In Memoriam recognizes recently deceased members of the Colorado legal community. *Colorado Lawyer* relies on its readers for this information. Please send notices about recently deceased attorneys, judges, and other legal professionals to Susie Klein at sklein@cobar.org. Reader-submitted “tributes” highlighting the individual’s legal career are welcomed.