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.

Rocco Dodson Retires from MVL Board
Metro Volunteer Lawyers hosted a lively sendoff party for retiring board member Rocco Dodson on March 7 at the CBA offices. Rocco served on the MVL board for many years, devoting much of his time to pro bono causes and giving back to the community.

1 Steve Cook, Rocco Dodson, Toni-Anne Dasent, and Joe Lusk.
2 The Denver Bar Association presents Dodson an award to commemorate his service to MVL.

Larimer County Bar Visit
CBA President John Vaught and Colorado Supreme Court Justice Nathan B. Coats met with members of the Larimer County Bar Association on March 1 to promote community connections and legal growth. The lunchtime visit was part of the LCBA’s Spring Term Day festivities.

1 CBA President John Vaught.
2 Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats.
3 The luncheon was held at Block One in Fort Collins.
Former CBA President Speaks at ABA Conference

Patricia Jarzobski spoke at the ABA Bar Leadership Institute in Chicago on March 13. She served on a panel with four other leading lawyers to discuss how bar leaders can make diversity matter in their organizations. The Bar Leadership Institute provides presidents-elect and other officers on the presidential track with techniques and skills essential to bar leadership.

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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.

Boulder County Justice For All Ball

The Boulder County Bar Foundation hosted the 2019 Justice For All Ball on Saturday, March 9, at The Studio (Boulder). Seventeen years ago, the Boulder County Bar Association started the Food Wine Jazz Art fundraiser to benefit Colorado Legal Services. While the event was a success, budget cuts prompted the BCBA to expand and rebrand the fundraiser as the Boulder County Justice For All Ball in 2018. The event is geared toward the legal community, but now includes partners, clients, and friends. This year’s event featured a silent auction and music and dancing led by the Diamond Orchestra.
Center for Legal Inclusiveness Ball for All

The Center for Legal Inclusiveness held its fifth annual Ball for All gala on March 5 at McNichols Event Center. Winners of CLI’s Inclusiveness@Work awards were Janus Henderson Investors in the “Business” category; Hernandez & Associates, P.C. in the “Law Firm” category; Colorado Pledge to Diversity in the “Nonprofit” category; and Alexi Freeman in the “Individual” category. Winners were selected based on their contribution to advancing diversity in the community and in the workplace. The Lifetime Achievement award was also presented to SuSaNi Harris, one of CLI’s founding members.

In addition to celebrating “Venetian Carnival” style, this year’s attendance broke records with a crowd of over 300. Sponsorship levels were the highest recorded and funds raised nearly doubled last year’s totals. The gala included both a silent and live auction, and one of the highlighted items was a trip to New York with tickets to the Broadway show “Hamilton: An American Musical.”

IAALS Announces Leadership Transition

Rebecca Love Kourlis will retire from her role as executive director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System in September, after 13 years of growing the IAALS from a fledgling idea to a nationally recognized force for change and evolution on the legal landscape. University of Denver Chancellor Rebecca Chopp and the IAALS Executive Committee will fill Kourlis’s formidable shoes with another national leader, Scott Bales, who recently announced he will step down as Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Bales’s dedication to improving and reforming our courts, the legal profession, and the judiciary has been a hallmark of his career, most recently in his leadership of the Arizona court system, now recognized as cutting-edge in implementing critical legal system reforms.

MVL Welcomes Anne Zogg to the Team

Anne Zogg is the new Rovira Scholar at Metro Volunteer Lawyers. Anne is an attorney and CPA with previous experience in business fraud litigation. She is excited to resume her legal career with MVL after taking a break to focus on the needs of her two children while enjoying life as a military family. During her time at MVL, Anne will focus on expanding services to meet the needs of the underrepresented in Douglas County.
Colorado Law School’s 2019 Alumni Awards Banquet

More than 550 guests attended the University of Colorado Law School’s annual Alumni Awards Banquet on March 14 at Broncos Stadium at Mile High. In its 38th year, Colorado Law’s signature alumni event recognizes distinguished alumni and friends for their contributions to the legal profession, service to their communities, and dedication to the law school. This year’s honorees were Bill Gray and John Purvis, Purvis Gray Thomson LLP; the Honorable Kristen Mix, U.S. District Court, District of Colorado; Todd Fredrickson, Fisher & Phillips LLP; Jim Coyle, Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel; Meshach Rhoades, Armstrong Teasdale LLP; and Korey Wise, Korey Wise Innocence Project at Colorado Law. Proceeds from this year’s event benefit the Colorado Law Dean’s Fund for Excellence and the Law Alumni Scholarship Fund.

2019 Colorado State High School Mock Trial Program Tournament

Following weeks of practices and competitions, the Colorado State High School Mock Trial Tournament has a champion. Regis High School edged out a team from Colorado Academy in the tournament’s championship round. Regis will represent Colorado at the National Championship in Athens, Georgia on May 16–18. The CBA thanks all of the volunteers who helped make this year’s program a success.

Highlights from the Colorado LGBT Bar Association

The Colorado LGBT Bar Association hosted a history presentation in February focusing on the people and events that helped shape the association. Panelists Jamie Henderson, the Honorable Mary Celeste (ret.), Larry Hoyt, and Mara Pawlowski shared their stories, lessons, knowledge, and insight as founding members of the association. In March, members of the Colorado LGBT Bar gathered at Rhein Haus for some food, fun, and networking at the association’s annual Winter Social.

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