

# 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.*

## BCBA Announces “The Side Bar”

The Boulder County Bar Association is changing the way it offers CLE programs. With a new space that allows opportunities for more vibrant and extensive offerings, the BCBA has launched a new program called The Side Bar. The program takes place on the second Thursday of every month with an all-bar CLE from 4 to 5 p.m., followed by a happy hour from 5 to 6 p.m. The Side Bar promotes collegiality and networking while enabling members to fulfill their CLE requirements. The inaugural program featured the CBA's 2019 Legislative Update. Upcoming programs include Time Management for Attorneys, Client-Centered Pricing, Mentoring a Professional Identity, On Being a Lawyer, and Speed Dating with the Judges. The BCBA will continue to offer section-specific CLEs as well. These will be listed in the calendar, but times will vary to accommodate members who are unable to attend lunch hour events.



Amy Larson, CBA deputy executive director and COO, presents the 2019 Legislative Update during the BCBA's first-ever Side Bar.

## DBA YLD Rapids Game

On September 11, the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division donned burgundy and headed out to Dick's Sporting Goods Park to cheer on the Colorado Rapids. Members were treated to their own private area in the stadium and enjoyed pizza while the Rapids faced off against the Los Angeles Galaxy. It was a beautiful, sunny day, and the game had a Star Wars theme that would have made George Lucas proud.



**1** YLD members enjoy the game.  
**2** Fun theme, it was—the Rapid's Star Wars theme was a hit among fans.



## Young Lawyers Kickball Showdown

On September 14, the Young Lawyers Divisions of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations went head-to-head as the Executive Council from each section met at City Park in Denver for a kickball showdown. The teams kicked, sweat, and laughed their way through nine innings. In a neck-and-neck finish, the DBA YLD pulled ahead, taking home the championship title. The event featured an appearance from CBA YLD council member Maral Arjomandi's furry friend, Lucy, who was later voted MVP.



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1 The first annual YLD kickball showdown was a success.

2 MVP Lucy with Team CBA.

3 Team DBA muscled their way to a win.

## CBA Section Summit

The CBA hosted its Section Summit on September 5. Speakers provided updates on the CBA and addressed such topics as updating social media policies, securing a space for events, and fostering diversity and inclusiveness.



CBA President Kathleen Hearn Croshal greets section and committee members.

## Colorado Law School Sees Its Most Diverse Class Yet

In August, the University of Colorado Law School welcomed its newest class, comprising 179 JD, 17 MSL, and 12 LLM students. The Class of 2022 is the most diverse in Colorado Law's history: 33% of incoming JD students identify as people of color, over half (55%) are women, and 9% identify as LGBTQ. This year's 1L class includes the third cohort of Colorado Law's Leaders in Law and Community (LILAC) Fellowship recipients. The program aims to address diversity in legal education by recruiting and developing students from backgrounds underrepresented in law schools and the legal profession.



The new student orientation took place from August 21–23 and included remarks by Dean Anaya, Professor Emeritus Charles Wilkinson, and Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Coats ('77).



### Burg Simpson Supports Craig Hospital's Pedal 4 Possible

On September 15, a team of trial lawyers and legal professionals from Burg Simpson participated in this year's Pedal 4 Possible (P4P) charity bike ride. Riders started out in Louisville, and enjoyed beautiful scenery as they headed north along the Flatirons. The day finished at the post-ride party with beer, food, prizes, music, and fun. Craig Hospital's Therapeutic Recreation Department established P4P in 2015 to raise money for its rehab facility for patients who are experiencing spinal cord and brain injury. This year's bike ride featured courses for all skill levels (10K, 30K, 50K, 100K, and 100 mile).



Burg Simpson trial lawyers John Connell and Lewis Osterman with legal assistant Robin Weiner.

### 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](mailto:sknafel@cobar.org), and be sure to select the largest file size when prompted.

### Colorado Law Firms Raise over \$250,000 for JAMLAC

On September 27, Benson Kerrane Storz and Nelson partnered with Orten Cavanagh and Holmes to host their 14th Annual Oktoberfest event for approximately 400 guests. The law firms invited their clients, industry professionals, and business partners to join them in raising both beer steins and money to benefit the Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC), a nonprofit legal aid center in Denver that provides legal services for low-income families who are struggling with poverty, oppression, and abuse ([www.JAMLAC.org](http://www.JAMLAC.org)). The funds raised from Oktoberfest over the years have enabled JAMLAC to serve hundreds of additional clients. This year's event raised \$40,385, bringing the total over the years to \$250,000 for JAMLAC's legal aid services in the metro Denver area.



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- 1 Auction winners won great prizes, including these Sonos Speakers/Date Night Package.
- 2 Partners from BKSJ & OCH are recognized onstage: Jerry Orten, Candyce Cavanagh, Heidi Storz, Laura Holmes, Jeff Kerrane, Hal Kyles, and Jonah Hunt (not pictured).
- 3 Guests embrace the event by wearing Oktoberfest regalia and compete for the best dressed to win a \$150 Amazon gift card.
- 4 Oktoberfest beer garden atmosphere created at Mile High Station.

## September Bench-Bar CLE

On September 18, judges throughout Denver participated in interactive breakout sessions during the September Bench-Bar CLE. Topics included the judicial application process, the judicial interviewing process, transitioning to life on the bench, and life as a judge. The program's goal was to inform attendees on how to be successful judicial applicants.



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- 1 The Bench-Bar CLE comprised four, 25-minute sessions.
- 2 Participants mingle after the breakout sessions.

## Trial Attorneys Elect Michael Nimmo as President

The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) elected Michael Nimmo of Denver Trial Lawyers—Wahlberg, Woodruff, Nimmo & Sloane, LLP to the position of president on September 4. He leads a team of other newly elected officers, including Deborah Taussig of Debbie Taussig Law, LLC (president-elect); Jason Jordan of Jordan, Herington & Rowley (vice president); Thomas Neville of Ogborn Mihm, LLP (secretary); and Kari Jones Dulin of Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher, LLP (treasurer).

Nimmo, a partner at Denver Trial Lawyers, specializes in serious and complex civil litigation in the areas of trucking, automobile, and motorcycle collisions; products liability; church abuse; and premises liability. He obtained his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2005 and joined CTLA that same year. In 2014, he received CTLA's New Trial Lawyer of the Year Award.



Treasurer Kari Jones Dulin, Secretary Thomas Neville, President Michael Nimmo, Immediate Past President Sommer Luther, President-Elect Deborah Taussig, and Vice President Jason Jordan.