

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.

DBA YLD Roll Out the Barrels Food Drive

This summer, the DBA YLD, Metro Caring, and Denver’s legal community came together for the annual Roll Out the Barrels food drive. This year, 18 firms raised \$13,018 in funds and gathered 3,719 pounds of food. Judith Ackerman of Metro Caring presented the coveted soup can trophies to law firms that raised the most food and funds.

This year’s winners were:

- Fortis Law Partners, firms sized 1–21
- Husch Blackwell, firms sized 22–60
- Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, firms sized 61–100
- Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, firms sized 101–150
- Denver District Attorney’s Office, firms sized 150+

The DBA YLD thanks all of the lawyers and law firms that participated this year.



Judith Ackerman of Metro Caring presents a soup can trophy to Dana Dobbins of Husch Blackwell.

CBA Advances Efforts to Improve Broadband Infrastructure in Colorado



The American Bar Association, acting through its 600-member House of Delegates, officially endorsed a Colorado-sponsored resolution in August. Resolution 10b, which passed unanimously, asks Congress to immediately fund the installation of broadband infrastructure throughout rural America. This resolution is the first of its kind to be submitted.

During his term as CBA president, John Vaught made it his mission to improve broadband infrastructure in Greater Colorado to further access to justice and improve outreach and education. The absence of such infrastructure threatens the practice of law in non-metro areas, as young lawyers are reluctant to set up a practice where high-speed Internet is not available.

The CBA will now begin efforts under President Kathleen Hearn Croshal to lobby Congress to advance funding of the project and to end county-by-county funding, which has mired the project for years.

APABA Colorado Participates in Dragon Boat Festival

On July 28, members of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado teamed up to compete in the state's annual Dragon Boat Festival at Sloan's Lake. The team was led by co-captains Blake Gansborg and Isuri Lawson, with strong support from APABA Colorado President Sumi Lee and other enthusiastic members. The sport of dragon boat racing traces its origins back more than 2,500 years to South Central China. Today, Sloan's Lake in Denver hosts one of the biggest dragon boat races in the country.



- 1** Blake Gansborg and Isuri Lawson lead team APABA Colorado.
- 2** Good times were had by all at this fun community event celebrating Asian and Asian American heritage and culture.
- 3** Over 40 teams competed in this year's festival at Sloan's Lake.

J. Ryann Peyton Honored with Professionalism Award



J. Ryann Peyton was recently awarded the ABA's Rosner & Rosner Young Lawyer Professionalism Award. Peyton is the executive director of the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP). She is widely regarded as a leader in the promotion of professionalism and professional development, and for developing CAMP into a national model for attorney mentoring.

Peyton is a consultant and advocate for Colorado's LGBT community and sits on the boards of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association, Colorado LGBT Bar Foundation, GLBT Community Center of Colorado, CBA Board of Governors, and Center for Legal Inclusiveness. She has held a long list of leadership positions and is a member of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Diversity Committee and a past president of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association.

Metro Volunteer Lawyers Welcomes Jacqueline Rowley



Jacqueline Rowley joins MVL as the Allegretti Scholar. She is excited to help individuals gain access to justice through MVL while continuing her public interest work in the Denver area. She previously assisted clients at a low income taxpayer clinic in Philadelphia and has experience in estate planning and probate. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking in the Colorado mountains and spending time with her family.

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DU Law's National Trial Team Champions



This past spring, the National Trial Team at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law won the national title for the 2019 National Ethics Trial Advocacy Tournament. This comes in the wake of the National Trial Team winning the national title in the Buffalo-Niagara Trial Advocacy Competition last year, which is the nation's largest law school trial advocacy invitational. In the past two years, the National Trial Team has consistently placed in the semifinals or better in the tournaments in which they have competed.

DBA YLD's Rockies Networking Event is a Home Run

On August 4, members of the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division gathered at Coors Field for an afternoon of fun, peanuts, Cracker Jacks, and some good old-fashioned Rockies baseball. It was an especially great day for Colorado fans, as the Rockies managed to take home the "W" against the Giants. The DBA YLD thanks everyone who participated in this event.



DBA YLD members root, root, root for the Rockies.

Young Lawyers Summit Mt. Bierstadt

The Young Lawyers Divisions of the CBA and the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association partnered for a group hike on August 3. The hikers successfully summited Mt. Bierstadt, a popular 14er located atop Guanella Pass. At seven miles out and back, the high-elevation hike was a great way for members to get in a solid workout while networking with peers. Keep your eyes peeled for more wellness and outdoor events sponsored by the YLD.

Jacob Ruttinger, Justin Franklin, K.C. Cunilio, Sam Bandak, Raquel Hernandez, Spencer Rubin, Javier Garcia, Abbie Fisher, and Kevin Rasmusser.



El Paso County Bar Association's 2019 Summer Social

The El Paso County Bar Association held its Summer Social on June 24. This family-friendly event featured WhirlyBall, bowling, corn hole, giant Jenga, and pizza. In addition, attorneys and firms across the Pikes Peak region brought dozens of boxes of dry goods and clothes to donate to the Springs Rescue Mission, which helps serve the 27,000 households living below the poverty line in Pikes Peak region and El Paso County. The EPCBA thanks everyone who donated.



EPCBA members at this year's Summer Social benefiting the Springs Rescue Mission.

Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse Hosts Dream Team for Local Students

Participants from the Wiley Y. Daniel and Adam J. Espinosa Dream Team presented to over 40 students from Denver Kids, Inc. on June 11. The two-hour session was held at the Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse. It included a demonstration from the Denver Sheriff's Department bomb sniffing dog, a courthouse tour, and three learning sessions on topics such as immigration, social media, and knowing your rights. Ten lawyers and six judicial officers volunteered their time to help with the program.



Local students and volunteers gather for a group photo with Judge Adam J. Espinosa.

Colorado LGBT Bar Summer Highlights

The Colorado LGBT Bar Association kept members busy this summer with multiple events. On June 14, the association kicked off the Pride weekend by cheering on the Rockies at the One Colorado Pride Night game. On June 16, members and their families gathered and marched as a contingent in the 2019 PrideFest Parade. On June 27, judges from Colorado's state and federal judiciary, neutrals, and administrative courts joined members for the association's annual judicial reception at the Governor's Mansion. The LGBT Bar Association thanks the event sponsors for their generosity: JAG (Platinum), JAMS (Gold), and Hunter + Geist (Cocktail).



1 Shannara Quissell, Karen Langsley, Bryon Large, and Courtney Sommer cheer on the Rockies on Pride Night.

2 Members pose for a photo before the Pride Parade.

3 Chief Justice Nancy Rice (ret.), Colorado LGBT Bar Association President Rachel Catt, and Judge Edward Bronfin.