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.

MVL Giving Tree

In December, Metro Volunteer Lawyers and the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations teamed up to give back. Through a Giving Tree Committee, they identified three families in need of some holiday cheer. Everyone worked together to gather donations for gifts and groceries, wrap gifts, and deliver the goods to each family. MVL thanks all who donated items and helped at the gift-wrapping party.

1. Staff deliver gifts and canned goods to one of the families.
2. CBA-CLE Marketing Manager Shanna Montoya wraps gifts.
3. A young recipient gets in the holiday spirit.
LGBT Bar’s Annual Holiday Party

The Colorado LGBT Bar Association held its annual holiday party on December 12. Guests celebrated the year’s highlights, welcomed the 2020 Board, and thanked outgoing President Rachel Catt for her outstanding service and leadership. In addition, members Tessa Becker, Jordan Blisk, Adam Mueller, Shannara Quissell, and Emma Shinn were recognized with a Presidential Service Award for their contributions to the association. Many thanks to Tracks for hosting the event, Triangle Denver for the wonderful food, Interstate Roofing for its sponsorship, and Chuck Roy for hilarious comedy entertainment.

CDLA New Lawyer Boot Camp

The Colorado Defense Lawyer Association hosted its 4th annual New Lawyer Boot Camp in November. The all-day seminar featured presentations from experienced litigators who shared their strategies with 28 new lawyers. Tom Rice, Senter Goldfarb & Rice, discussed time management, written discovery, professionalism, and collegiality; Ellis Mayer, Nathan Dumm & Mayer, taught deposition skills; Billy-George Hertzke, Senter Goldfarb & Rice, shared his strategies on time recording and billing; Kathy Davis, Agren Blando Court Reporting, taught the skill of “making a good deposition record”; and Hon. John P. Leopold (ret.), JAMS, provided valuable insight on the “dos and don’ts of court appearances.” The boot camp is just one of the many free CLEs CDLA offers its members.

1. Outgoing President Rachel Catt notes highlights from 2019.
2. Incoming President Laurence Gendelman presents his vision and plans for 2020.
3. Rachel Catt ceremoniously passes the Presidential Tiara to Laurence Gendelman.
4. LGBT members celebrate the holidays.
5. Chuck Roy performs stand-up comedy.
BCBA Side Bar CLE
The Boulder County Bar Association’s December Side Bar featured a CLE presentation by Ryann Peyton, director of the Supreme Court’s Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP). The monthly Side Bar presentations have enjoyed strong membership attendance and positive responses since the program’s launch last year. The BCBA continues to build awareness of the program and looks forward to an exciting lineup in 2020. The next Side Bar CLE, “On Being a Lawyer,” takes place on February 13.

Workers’ Compensation “Bury the Hatchet” Reception
On December 12, the CBA Workers’ Compensation Law Section celebrated the holidays with live entertainment and good company. The section thanks all of its members for a wonderful year!

Docket Holiday Party and Bar Review
On December 3, members of the DBA’s Docket Committee and staff met at Cooper’s Lounge for the annual Docket holiday party and bar review. This year included a white elephant gift exchange. Partygoers enjoyed a festive evening with cocktails, snacks, and holiday cheer, and rumor has it the bamboo pig caused quite an uproar.

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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.
CBA and DBA Staff Holiday Party

The staff of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations raised a glass to another wonderful year and a happy holiday season on December 19 at Fire Lounge. The associations thank all of their members for their continued support and wish them a joyful 2020.

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