

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.

New-Lawyer Court Orientation

A court orientation was held on November 20 to introduce new attorneys and attorneys new to the area to the nuts and bolts of practicing law in Denver and around Colorado. The orientation included presentations by local judges, practitioners, and other legal professionals who discussed such topics as key ethical considerations for practitioners, strategies for negotiation and litigation, practical legal writing tips, and common substantive issues new attorneys face.



1 Colorado Supreme Court Justice William Hood speaks to attendees about the Colorado judiciary and court trends.



2 Colorado Supreme Court Justice Monica Márquez talks about her career path and diversity on the bench.

A Downtown Haunting Tour

On November 19, the Colorado Bar Association CLE, DBA YLD, and CBA YLD sponsored a ghost walk tour led by local author and historian Phil Goodstein. The after-dark tour of downtown Denver included a trip around the Capitol.



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1 Phil Goodstein greets members at the CBA before the ghost tour.

2 Members enjoyed lawyer ghost stories and learning about the city's creepiest tales.

Fall Admissions Ceremony and Reception

On November 4, hundreds of lawyers who passed the July 2019 Colorado bar exam gathered at Boettcher Concert Hall for the Colorado Supreme Court's fall swearing-in ceremony. CBA President Kathleen Hearn Croshal welcomed the new lawyers alongside Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats, who later administered the Oath of Admission. Following the ceremony, many of the new attorneys and their friends and family headed to Denver's Corner Office for a complimentary reception hosted by the CBA.



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- 1 CBA President Kathleen Hearn Croshal addresses the new lawyers.
- 2 Chief Justice Nathan Coats leads the Oath of Admission.
- 3 CBA YLD Executive Council member Kevin Cheney enthusiastically greets new lawyers at the reception.
- 4 DBA President Kevin McReynolds and DBA Vice President Tyrone Glover raise a glass to the new attorneys.
- 5 DBA YLD Executive Council members Matthew Broderick and Liz Hutchinson.
- 6 CBA President Kathleen Hearn Croshal and CBA Deputy Executive Director Amy Larson.

Lawsuit Days is a Big Success

On November 12 and 13, volunteers from the DBA YLD gathered on the steps of the Denver City and County Building to accept donations of gently used professional clothing, shoes, and accessories during Law Suit Days. The annual clothing drive is a partnership between the YLD and Bayaud Enterprises, which works to help people overcome barriers to employment. The organizations thank everyone who stopped by to donate items.



- 1** The DBA YLD once again partnered with Bayaud Enterprises for Law Suit Days.
- 2** The YLD collected hundreds of suits, skirts, and blouses to help job-seekers look and feel their best during interviews.

Ted Talk on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

On November 14, the CBA YLD kicked off a reboot of its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) conversation series. The series will span the next year and comprise TED-style talks addressing DEI topics pertinent to young Colorado lawyers. The first talk was hosted by Holland & Hart and addressed how to start conversations about DEI awareness and initiatives in the legal workplace. Speakers included Sonia Anderson (Husch Blackwell), Jennifer Carty (Colorado Attorney General's office), Kiki Council (Holland & Hart), and Ramona Karpouzos (The Noble Law Firm). The young lawyer moderators were Maral Arjomandi (Dworkin, Chambers, Williams, York, Benson & Evans) and Spencer Rubin (Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner). The series is sponsored by the CBA YLD, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, Colorado LGBT Bar Association, Colorado Women's Bar Association, Holland & Hart, Sam Cary Bar Association, and South Asian Bar Association.



- 1** Spencer Rubin, Jennifer Carty, Kiki Council, Sonia Anderson, Ramona Karpouzas, and Maral Arjomandi.
- 2** Spencer Rubin, Ramona Karpouzas, Sonia Anderson, Kiki Council, and Jennifer Carty.
- 3** Kiki Council, Ramona Karpouzas, and Jennifer Carty discuss diversity in the legal profession and ways to be inclusive.

SABA-CO Celebrates 10 Successful Years

On November 7, members of the South Asian Bar Association of Colorado gathered at the Ironworks in Denver for SABA-CO's annual gala. Attendees spent the evening dancing with Colorado's South Asian legal community, friends, and supporters. The featured guest speaker was Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.



- 1** Ruchi Kapoor, Hon. Rayna Gokli McIntyre, Arnold Hanuman, Jyoti Pandya, Yamini Piplani Grema, Aneesh Mehta (visiting SABA national president), and Hetal Doshi.
- 2** Representatives of the Colorado Singh Sabha Gurdwara and Colorado Sikhs receive the inaugural Service and Leadership Award.
- 3** Former Colorado U.S. Attorney John Walsh interviews Vanita Gupta.



DBA Welcomes New Lawyers

The Denver Bar Association and its Young Lawyer Division cohosted a fall kickoff event at Earls Kitchen on November 21. The networking event was open to current and prospective members, and featured door prizes and complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Attendees chatted about the DBA, discussed future opportunities for involvement, and learned more about Barristers Afterhours.



DBA President Kevin McReynolds welcomes new lawyers to the DBA.

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