Jon Nicholls with MVL Board members Andy Hart and Jeremy Ramp, former MVL staffer Brandy Tulley, former MVL Director Dianne Van Voorhees, MVL board member Rocco Dodson, and former MVL Board member John Eckleberry.

led to other major class action cases with which Jon was involved, establishing rights for mental health patients and people with disabilities.

Jon left Legal Aid in the 1980s to establish his own firm, primarily representing individuals in bankruptcy. His loyalty and commitment to MVL remained strong: he took on numerous cases as a volunteer pro bono attorney and served on MVL’s Board of Directors.

Jon and Rosie are very proud of their two grown sons. Jon had the pleasure of partnering with his son Steve, and for many years they ran their own firm. Like his father, Steve received his law degree from the University of Denver. Jon’s son Bob is a restauranteur in Grand Lake. Jon and Rosie keep busy with their three grandchildren, ranging from college-age to their youngest, a 5-year-old grandson.

For more than half a century, Jon has made poverty law and representation of the under-represented his priority. He is an inspiration to everyone who is dedicated to this work and believes in the importance of the mission. On behalf of the Board, we can say that with his retirement from MVL, his leadership, his inspiration to others, his wisdom, his sense of humor, and his friendship will all be sorely missed. Thank you, Jon, for all that you have done for MVL, for your colleagues, for our profession, for the people of this state, and for the individual clients you served along the way, who, rather than feeling helpless and alone, knew they had a powerful and brilliant advocate by their side.

NOTE

1. MVL’s mission is “to bridge the gap in access to justice by coordinating the provision of pro bono legal services by volunteer lawyers within the Denver metro area to people who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues.” When volunteer attorneys founded the Thursday Night Bar in 1966, there were 20 volunteers. Today, MVL is a staffed department of the Denver Bar Association serving indigent clients in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, and Jefferson counties through its Family Law Court Program, post-decree clinics, Power of Attorney Workshops, Clinic at the Denver Indian Center, and direct representation by volunteer attorneys. In 2017, MVL accepted 1631 cases, 273 attorneys took cases, and 572 volunteer attorneys served on its panel. Please contact MVL at tdasent@denbar. org or visit www.denbar.org/mvl to volunteer or for more information.

In Memoriam

Harry Lee Arkin
December 17, 1933—September 18, 2018
Longtime Denver attorney Harry Arkin passed away on September 18, 2018. Harry was an accomplished arbitrator, mediator, and litigator who practiced in the areas of business, transactional, and corporate/company law in the United States and internationally. He was a 1956 graduate of the University of Denver College of Law.

Harry was a chair (North American branch), fellow, chartered arbitrator, and panelist of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, as well as a fellow of the U.S.-based College of Commercial Arbitrators. A CBA HonorLife member, he was an active member of the CBA Business Law Section since 1957 and served on numerous CBA subsections and committees.

Harry’s parents were the late Benjamin and Rebecca “Betsy” Arkin. He was married to the late Jean Franked Arkin with whom he had children Pamela Gladstone and the late Bradley Arkin. Harry was the grandfather of Rebecca (Levi) Frolich, great-grandfather of Rina Hadas Frolich, and cousin of Lynn Zwerdlinger.

Contributions in Harry’s name may be made to the Benjamin Arkin Scholarship Fund at the Colorado School of Mines.