

CBA YLD Chair Joi Kush

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“Get involved, stay involved, and give back always. We are members of a very privileged profession, and we owe a duty to both our legal and social communities. We must work to afford everyone the same level of privilege we have.” This is incoming CBA Young Lawyers Division chair Joi Kush’s message to young attorneys like herself.

Joi is a partner at Jonson Kush, P.C., where she handles a wide variety of cases, including complex custody disputes, high net worth marital estates, and post-decree issues. She’s a Colorado Springs native, but growing up she lived in many other places due to her father’s military career, including Fort Carson, Colorado; Boston, Massachusetts; and Stuttgart, Germany.

Joi attended the University of Denver for her undergraduate education, and then continued on to Albany Law School. Both in undergraduate and law school, she traveled extensively for work and study, living in Beijing, China; Tokyo, Japan; Dharamshala, India; Hanoi, Vietnam; and Chiang Mai, Thailand.

After graduating from law school in 2010, Joi moved back to Colorado Springs, where she met her husband Corey Wilson, a personal chef. She started her legal career in Colorado at Sanders Law Firm, where she focused on mass tort litigation and was one of several attorneys working on matters related to the estate of Michael Jackson, who was recently deceased. After a couple years as a civil litigator, Joi eventually transitioned into family law. She started working with Dave Johnson in 2015 and partnered with him in April 2017 to form Johnson Kush P.C., a family law firm that provides significant pro bono representation. Across her



years of disparate experience, Joi reports that she particularly enjoys the challenge of appearing in court to advocate for her clients.


When Joi joined the CBA YLD Executive Council four years ago, she was one of only three members whose practice was located outside of the Denver metro area. She was inspired to join the Council to increase the representation of “out state” attorneys and to advocate for increased CBA programming in these areas. Through the CBA, Joi has held leadership positions in her local bar association, and recently accepted a position in the American Bar Association as chair of the GPSolo Young Lawyers Committee. Joi has been honored multiple times for her work, including being selected for the CBA’s 2016 leadership training program (COBALT) and receiving the El Paso County Bar Association’s 2017 Young Lawyer of the Year award.

Outside of her practice, Joi continues to indulge her love of travel. She has traveled to

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over 25 countries and loves seeing the world and immersing herself in new cultures. She speaks Chinese, has taught English to Tibetan refugees living in India, and ran a charity half marathon in Thailand for the Bridges Across Borders NGO.

When not working or traveling, Joi likes spending time with her family. She and her husband have a black lab, Briley. Her father is retired Special Forces, and her mother is a teacher at an alternative high school in Colorado Springs. Her older brother is also in Special Forces, and her younger brother is an entrepreneur.

With her multiple legal awards and honors, engagement with communities at home and abroad, and unflinching dedication to her clients, it is clear that Joi is working very hard to improve the circumstances of those around her. She is guided by something her father told her once: Success is not measured in money, but in the lives you touch. Joi’s admirable perspective and her extensive experience will serve the CBA YLD well during her leadership, and it is sure to be a banner year for the organization. 

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