



# The Messenger

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# A Message



## From Our President

Happy (wet) June! We can hope that the rains will keep the wildfires away.

We have an opportunity this year, along with Weld County, Jackson County and Logan County, to engage in one more outreach to Colorado law students through the Greater Colorado Law Student Experience. Four students will spend June and July shadowing courts and attorneys to learn about practicing law outside the greater Denver metropolitan area. Larimer County Young Lawyers will host a happy hour with the four students on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website for opportunities to meet Bryan Karp, Christen Brown, Erika Taylor, and Sebastian Blitt.

One of our members raised a very valid question recently. At Spring Term Day, our Treasurer reported that we have healthy reserves put away for a rainy day. LCBA has more than \$225,000 in reserves. Arguably, the pandemic period was a rainy day. The member asked about expending some of the reserves on legal causes and possibly reducing our dues. First, thank you to the member who raised this question.

Next, the LCBA has not raised dues in at least five years. While many of us have over five years of experience, and therefore pay the \$100 dues rate, there are a number of our members who are recently licensed attorneys, members of the judiciary, or otherwise qualify for a reduced rate. Even though our membership has held steady over the last several years, our dues revenue has not been increasing. Dues amounts are set for the 2023-2024 year, but can be considered for future years.

On June 22, the Executive Committee and any interested parties will be meeting to establish a budget for the coming year. Among our continuing events, we will set a budget for both Fall and Spring Term Days, the Pro Bono Program and Access to Justice Program (including our paid employee), Adoption Day, Mock Trial, some expenses for Law Days and CLEs. We will also likely fund the Greater Colorado Law Student Experience again, discussed above, for the 2023-2024 year. The Bar also budgets for other routine expenses, such as our website, accounting work, and our very part-time administrator. LCBA is open to other activities or opportunities.

If anyone has a suggestion for a program or event to be included in the budget, please send the Executive Committee a brief description of your proposal, including the funds needed, when the event will occur, and who will be responsible. The budget meeting is an open meeting. Any member may come and provide input to the process. The meeting will be at the Fort Collins Senior Center, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

LCBA exists for our members and our community. The Executive Committee looks forward to hearing about and implementing “one more” program or event that has meaning to our members and community, and spending some reserves on those items is possible.

We look forward to continuing to serve our Bar community.

Warm regards,

Heidi Whitaker

# Upcoming Events

June 20

## Landlord Tenant Law CLE

**Evictions: “How Do I Prepare and What Does it Look Like?”**



Bring your lunch for a timely presentation on eviction law by attorneys Pete Dauster and Dan St. John.

**Tuesday, June 20  
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Larimer County Justice Center – Jury Assembly Room**

Topics covered in this CLE include the following:

- Lease Violations and Defaults
- Notice to Quit/Demand for Compliance Requirements
- The Eviction Process – The Return Date, The Hearing for Possession, Judgement for Possession, and Writ of Restitution
- Damages
- Return of the Security Deposit
- Legal Update

**1 General CLE Credit Anticipated  
No Registration Required**

June 21



## The Larimer County Trust & Estates Section

The Larimer County Trust & Estate Section usually meets quarterly, often providing CLE credits for meeting attendance. Meetings take place in downtown Fort Collins at 7:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the months of March, June, September, and December.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2023.**

If you are interested in joining the Larimer County Trust & Estates Section to receive meeting and CLE notices, please email **Rikke M. Liska** at [Rikke@legalep.com](mailto:Rikke@legalep.com). Any attorney interested in Trust and Estates is welcome to join the meetings.

June 29



Join the Young Lawyers for a sweet summer treat  
with friends and colleagues!

Where?

Cold Stone Creamery  
1335 W. Elizabeth St., Suite 155  
Fort Collins, Colorado

When?

Thursday, June 29, 2023  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*“You can’t buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream.”*

*“Ice cream is better than any therapy.”*

*“Treat your inner child.”*

You may contact Payton Buhler for more information about this  
event or the Young Lawyers Division at [PBuhler@bell-law.com](mailto:PBuhler@bell-law.com)

# Other Events

June 22

The image shows a screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. The title bar at the top reads "Book1 - Excel" and "Reception2@ptla.local". The ribbon includes "File", "Home", "Insert", "Page Layout", "Formulas", "Data", "Review", "View", "Add-ins", "Help", "Acrobat", "QuickBooks", and "Tell me what you want to do". The ribbon tabs are "Clipboard", "Font", "Alignment", "Number", "Styles", "Cells", and "Editing". The spreadsheet grid shows columns A through AC and rows 1 through 38. A green-bordered box in row 3 contains the text "Executive Committee Annual Budget Meeting". A red-bordered box in row 8 contains the text "Thursday, June 22, 2023" and "2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.". A yellow-bordered box in row 14 contains the text "Fort Collins Senior Center", "Foxtail Room", "1200 Raintree Drive", and "Fort Collins, Colorado". A brown-bordered box in row 24 contains the text "Executive Committee Members:", "Please have fiscal year 2023-2024", "budget requests to Andrew Priebe by", and "June 16 - [andrew@lawfortcollins.com](mailto:andrew@lawfortcollins.com)". A grey-bordered box in row 33 contains the text "Please RSVP your attendance", "to [info@larimerbar.org](mailto:info@larimerbar.org)".

# Announcements

## The Greater Colorado Law Student Experience – Update



The Greater Colorado Law Student Experience (GCLSE) is a program developed by Colorado’s Judicial Diversity Outreach program for the Colorado Judicial Department. In a collaborative effort to build a stronger legal pipeline in Colorado’s Greater Colorado communities, a group of organizations came together to pilot a program called the Greater Colorado Law Student Experience this summer.

The Larimer County Bar Association, the Weld County Bar Association, and the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Bar Association are pleased to announce contributions totaling \$7,200 for the 2023 summer GCLSE program for Northern Colorado law students. Of the total collected, \$4,800 was given to the Sturm College of Law in Denver, Colorado and \$2,400 given to the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado. Four students have been selected to participate in this year’s program, which lasts eight weeks from June 5 through July 28. We look forward to an update on the success of this pilot program.

Claire Havelda is the Northern Colorado contact for this program. She may be reached at [Chavela@bhfs.com](mailto:Chavela@bhfs.com) for more information about the program. The LCBA welcomes contributions to the GCLSE throughout the year. Please visit our website page under Giving/[Giving Opportunity](#) to watch a short program video, view the flyer, and learn how to give to support this valuable program.

## 2023 Professionalism Award Recipient

### Meet Peter Bullard

Mr. Peter (Pete) Bullard is the 2023 recipient of the Larimer County Bar Association's Professionalism Award. Pete was presented this award at the Annual Ethics Seminar on April 19 at the Lincoln Center. Pete began his career in 1973 in his home state of Indiana where he earned his Juris Doctor and practiced law for 11 years. A family vacation to Estes Park brought Pete to Colorado where he fell in love with the state and decided in 1984 to make Fort Collins his new home.

Nominations for this award are submitted to the LCBA Professionalism Committee beginning in January each year. This award is presented to an attorney whom the Committee selects as exemplifying adherence to high standards of ethics and professionalism. Pete's colleagues had the following to say about him in nominating him for this award:

"Pete has practiced with competence, honor, diligence and civility." "Pete always displayed exemplary ethical conduct, competency, good judgment, integrity, and civility." Many attorneys spoke of his willingness to share his advice and wisdom and help lawyers grow as competent attorneys and estate practitioners. One attorney who had Pete as opposing counsel described that even if matters were contentious, he would take the time to discuss matters in a way that always encouraged the best result for clients.

Pete has a long history of service with both the Colorado Bar Association and Larimer County Bar Association. He was a member of the CBA Board of Governors, served as President of the LCBA in 2000-2001 and chaired or was a member of many other committees. Pete was the Chair of the LCBA Trust & Estates Section for 22 years. In this capacity, Pete organized many CLE's each year and presented seminars to the non-lawyer Larimer County community. Pete recently stepped down from his position as Chair to give another attorney the opportunity to serve in this position.

Pete has also been very involved in the community with his church, served on the Board of Directors and as President of Open Stage Theatre and Company, Poudre R-1 School District Advisory Board, President of the Fort Collins Foothills Rotary Club, and served on the Poudre Valley Hospital Board of Retirement. Pete is married to Judy, has two grown children, and is known as "G-Paw" to his six grandchildren, who are ages 10 to 22. In his free time Pete likes spend time with family, travel, go hiking, play pickle ball and acoustic guitar. Pete is heading into retirement this summer after a successful 50 year career.

We feel honored to have Pete's dedication, experience, and leadership in the LCBA. We wish him well in his retirement. **Congratulations Pete on an award well deserved!**

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To be nominated for this award, one must be a member of the Larimer County Bar Association for at least five years. In addition to being an LCBA member, candidates for this award must exemplify adherence to high standards of ethics and professionalism. Nominees must demonstrate certain specific standards of conduct and professionalism to be considered. These standards are described on the LCBA website under LCBA Groups/[Professionalism Committee](#).

For more information on the Professionalism Committee or this award, please contact Jennifer Rice, Chair at [ricelawjr@earthlink.net](mailto:ricelawjr@earthlink.net).



# LCBA Trivia Quiz



**Members - Let's have a little fun this month  
and test your knowledge of the LCBA!**

Use the Google form below to submit your answers. The first person to submit the correct answer for a question will be awarded a \$10 gift card. Only one gift card per person/email response please. (Note: Current and previous LCBA officers and Judiciary are not eligible to participate.)

**Question 1:** Who was the President of the LCBA the first year it became a non-profit organization?

**Question 2:** How many members does the LCBA have as of June 1, 2023? (Hint: It is > 250 and < 700)  
The person who comes closest to the actual number will receive the gift card.

**Question 3:** What was one original purpose of Term Day?

**Question 4:** Between 1991 and 2023, how many members of the Judiciary were recipients of the Professionalism Award?

**Please submit your answers by June 22, 2023, using the link below:**

**[LCBA Trivia Answers](#)**

# Classified Ads

## The City of Fort Collins Seeks Deputy City Attorney



### City of Fort Collins

#### DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

Position Announcement

### The Position

The City of Fort Collins, Colorado, is seeking a new Deputy City Attorney to be a senior leader within the City Attorney's Office providing extensive expertise and strategic input on the management team while serving as general counsel to City officers and employees enterprise wide. This position serves as a manager and is responsible for administrative and business operation areas and staff within the office.

The Deputy City Attorney is a senior leader within the City Attorney's Office providing extensive expertise and strategic input on the management team while serving as general counsel to City officers and employees enterprise wide. The Deputy City Attorney analyzes and advises on complex municipal law, represents the City in negotiations and in administrative and court proceedings. Additionally, this position prepares legal opinions and other legal documents and provides oversight and feedback to legal and paralegal staff in doing the same. In the absence of the City Attorney, this position will act on their behalf to provide leadership, manage ongoing legal services, and ensure representation at various City meetings such as City Council, boards and commissions, and the Executive Leadership Team.

The Deputy City Attorney has substantial local government law experience and leverages that knowledge to anticipate issues and proactively mitigate risk. The ideal candidate is intellectually curious and embraces the opportunity to participate in senior leadership and executive team meetings. With a broad background and proven track record in developing legally sound strategies, the Deputy City Attorney assists in all aspects of the organization's legal needs and is actively invested in the success of both the organization and the community.

### Qualifications

Studies have shown that women and people of color are less likely to apply for jobs unless they believe they can perform every job description task. We are most interested in finding the best candidate for the job, and that candidate may come from a less traditional background. The City may consider an equivalent combination of knowledge, skills, education, and experience to meet minimum qualifications.

A minimum of ten years in the practice of municipal law, ideally with a successful track record as an Assistant or Deputy Attorney, or experience in a private law firm advising municipal governments with a full range of municipal services. A broad and diverse municipal government background with legal expertise in more than one area is ideal. Direct leadership experience managing attorneys and legal personnel is essential with experience managing litigation preferred. A Juris Doctor from an accredited law school is required. A license in good standing to practice law in the State of Colorado or the ability to qualify for admission On Motion in Colorado is essential.

### **Compensation and Benefits**

The City of Fort Collins offers a competitive comprehensive benefits package, including a market salary commensurate with education and experience. The annual salary range is: \$145,242 - \$226,941, and the anticipated hiring range is \$175,000 - \$190,000; salaries are paid biweekly. Benefits include medical, dental, vision, life, and short- and long-term disability insurance. Additionally, the City of Fort Collins offers additional benefits, including 401(a) and a 457 deferred compensation plan with an employer contribution, an optional Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Accounts, a significant Wellness program, and relocation assistance for the successful out-of-area finalist.

### **How to Apply**

Applications will be accepted electronically by Raftelis at [jobs.crelate.com](https://jobs.crelate.com). Applicants complete a brief online form and are prompted to provide a cover letter and resume. For full consideration, please apply by **June 30, 2023**.

[Print Job Description](#)

[Print Detailed Brochure](#)

## Advertise with the LCBA!



Do you have a job opening or announcement? Do you have a space for rent or lease? Do you have a business you would like to spotlight? Do you have office furniture or law books to sell? Cost is \$40.00 per ad and we will publicize it on our website: [LCBA Classified Ads](#)

### **Want to submit an ad?**

*Fill out our Ad Request Form to get started:*

### **[Publication Request Form](#)**

Note: Publication requests must be made through the form linked above before they will be posted to the website and or/emailed to members.

# Our Leadership 2023 – 2024

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