# The MESSENGER

Larimer County Bar Association

FEBRUARY 2020

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My time as President of the Larimer County Bar Association is coming to an end. It has been an honor and privilege to work with the wonderful attorneys who serve as the Executive Committee this past year. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated members who consistently elevate the profession and make this a wonderful place to live and practice.

The LCBA continues to provide services and activities that promote the profession, serve the community, and allow us opportunities to engage with our peers. The pro bono program is an excellent resource for our community members in need of legal assistance. Thank you to Cindi Hendrix, Ben Kramer, Cody Knebel, and to all the volunteers for their time and effort to make the program a success. We continue to encourage all members of the bar to make an effort to serve the LCBA and the Larimer County community in any way you can. There are volunteer opportunities to help with intake for the pro bono program, taking a pro bono case, coaching high school mock trial teams, or reaching out to the Fort Collins community via Family Resource Day, the Veterans Clinic, Senior Law Day, National Adoption Day, or working with the Access to Justice Committee. Volunteers are invaluable to our community.

The LCBA provides education opportunities to our members with CLEs offered each month, as well as networking opportunities. Details on the upcoming CLEs and events are included in this Messenger.

Friday, March 6th, will be our annual Spring Term Day. Coffee, donuts, and bagels will be offered in the Jury Assembly Room at the Justice Center beginning at 8:00 a.m., followed by our business meeting. CBA President Judge Kathleen Hearn Croshal will speak at our lunch presentation. Lunch will be at Block One, and the bowling tournament will take place at Chipper's Lanes. Be sure to check inside the Messenger for more details.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President this year, and I look forward to other ways in which I will be able to serve both the LCBA and our community as a whole.

Anda Lincoln Stephenson 2019-2020 LCBA President

# **NEW LAWYERS**

If you are a new lawyer or know of a new lawyer practicing in Larimer County, please remember to contact Sara Stieben, at <a href="mailto:sara@hsdlawfirm.com">sara@hsdlawfirm.com</a>, no later than February 28, 2020, and provide her with your background information for your introduction at Term Day.

# SPRING TERM DAY MARCH 6, 2020 Agenda

8:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, donuts and bagels at the Justice Center -Jury Assembly Room

9:00 a.m. Business Meeting – Jury Assembly Room



12:00 p.m. Luncheon at Block One Events - 428 Linden Street, Fort Collins.

Guest Speaker: CBA President Judge Kathleen Hearn Croshal

Limited parking available. Transfort buses 8 & 81 have stops directly at Block One Events.

Cost is \$18.00 per person. Send check payable to LCBA and send reservations form to Lisa Ritter, 419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 226, Fort Collins, CO 80521; Phone: 970-482-9770.



2:00 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and prizes. No bowling skills required!

Registration starts at 2:00 p.m. Bowling will start at 2:30 p.m. at Chipper's Lanes at 217 W. Horsetooth Road. Cost is \$20.00 for 2 games and shoes.

To register, please mail or deliver a check made payable to LCBA to Dan St. John, 323 S. College Avenue, Suite 1, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

You may register as a team (of no more than 5 members) or as an individual. If you are an individual, you will be assigned to a team.

Questions? Contact Dan St. John at 970-482-4846 or <a href="mailto:dstjohn@gjmlawfirm.com">dstjohn@gjmlawfirm.com</a>. We've had a great turnout the last few years and we hope to see some more new faces again this year. Come join the fun!

Deadline to Register: February 20, 2020

# SPRING TERM DAY MARCH 6, 2020 LUNCHEON



12:00 p.m.

Luncheon at Block One Events, 428 Linden Street, Fort Collins

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Enclosed is my Luncheon Reservation for March 6, 2020, at Block One Events
Name(s):
Address:
Phone No:
Check(s) in the amount of \$18.00 per person made payable to Larimer County Bar Association
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Return To: Lisa Ritter, 419 Canyon Avenue, Suite 226 Fort Collins, CO 80521 970-482-9770

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# SPRING TERM DAY MARCH 6, 2020 BOWLING!



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# **NEWS FROM THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

- -Katherine "Jenny" Ellison has been appointed as County Court Judge, effective February 27, 2020 in Courtroom 4D.
- -Judge Schoon is retiring February 26, 2020. His retirement party is February 21, 2020 at the Loveland P&C (See invitation below)
- -Effective February 19, 2020, Magistrate Spangler will be located in Courtroom 2C, Magistrate Zehe will be in Courtroom 2A, and Judge McDonald will be in Courtroom 4B.
- -Effective March 1, 2020, Judge Berenato will be in Courtroom L1 and Judge Ecton will be in Courtroom 3D.
- -District court case assignments rotated, effective January 16, 2020 and may be located on our courts

webpage: <a href="https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local\_Resources.cfm?District\_ID=8">https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Local\_Resources.cfm?District\_ID=8</a>

Effective February 18, 2020, Judicial Administration and Jury Assembly will be located in the old probation suite directly across from 1A on the first floor.



Friends, colleagues and attorneys are cordially invited to join

Honorable Peter E. Schoon, Jr.

As he celebrates his retirement and tenure
As County Court Judge for over 17 years
When: February 21, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Where: Loveland Police and Courts,
North Police Institute Room
810 East 10th Street, Loveland, Colorado

### PROBATE CLINIC

I am needing two more Probate (any estate or guardianship/conservatorship) attorneys to volunteer for our monthly Probate Clinic. We typically book them for the year and I am still needing an attorney for **November 17**th and **December 15**th.

Megan Einerson Protective Proceedings Monitor 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District 970-494-3507

## ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE LCBA

The Access to Justice Committee is in search of a new chair! Serving as the chair of the Access to Justice Committee is a great leadership and networking opportunity for a young lawyer or simply a private attorney committed to increasing the community's access to the legal system and can help you to network with other attorneys and court staff. The Access to Justice Committee holds quarterly meetings, plans 2 major events each year (Family Law Resource Day and Ask-A-Lawyer Day), and maintains the modest means attorney list and legal resource list in Larimer County. In addition to participation with these activities, the chair also attends a conference call with the State Local Access to Justice Subcommittee meeting every other month. Please email Rebekah Berry-Chaney at <a href="majorevent-reserved">reserved</a>. Chaney at <a href="majorevent-res

If you are interested in the committee but not ready to commit to serving as the chair, please consider attending our quarterly meetings (LUNCH PROVIDED) which are held in the Jury Room at the Larimer County Justice Center at noon on the following dates:

Thursday, April 16th Thursday, July 16th Thursday, October 15th

# ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE LCBA ASK-A-LAWYER DAY

We recently got permission to have a criminal law attorney at these events and we need volunteers. The clinic is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 and the attorney meets with people for 15 minute sessions. If anyone is interested in volunteering or being a part of our list, they can contact Tina or me directly. We are looking to start having criminal law volunteers in January.

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Tina Gomez
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Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator
8th Judicial District

# YLD ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2020 AT CROWN PUB AT 12:00 P.M.

This year YLD has seen substantial membership growth and increase in event participation. We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you for reenergizing the organization and to all of the Larimer County Judges that attended our events. It has been a privilege to serve as president of the organization over this last year. I want to thank our past presidents Ben Kramer and Dan St. John for their continued guidance along with the current executive committee.

I strongly encourage anyone interested in running for a position to attend elections. Elections will be held on the February 26. The following seats on the executive committee are available:

- -President (with one+ year as exec member)
- -Vice President
- -VP of Communications
- -Treasurer

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the responsibilities that come with an executive position please email me or anyone on the board.

We'll see everyone on the 26th.

Matt Haltzman

Larimer County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division

# YOUNG LAWYER DIVISION CALL-A-LAWYER

The Larimer County Bar Association Young Lawyer Division is hosting its quarterly call-a-lawyer event on April 15, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We are looking for lawyers to take calls—anonymously—from folks calling in with legal questions. All types of lawyers are welcome and helpful, but we particularly need folks with domestic relations, criminal defense, and creditor-debtor experience. The event will hosted at Gast Johnson & Muffly, PC's offices at 323 S. College Ave., Suite 1 in Fort Collins. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Dan St. John at 970-482-4846 or dstjohn@gjmlawfirm.com.

Call-A-Lawyer is a quarterly pro bono opportunity. In 2020, Larimer YLD will host the event on the following dates: April 15, July 15, and October 14. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you for helping your community.

Dan St. John

### NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

Larimer County celebrated National Adoption Day on November 22, 2019 with six adoptions finalized in front of District Court Judge Susan Blanco. We celebrated with the families of the adoptees with Jalapeña the Clown, Allison Dunning of Merry Makers Balloon Art doing balloon twisting, and Dale Crawford doing caricatures. Courtroom 3B was decorated for the celebrations, including Dr. Seuss's Thing 1 and Thing 2 in balloons. Seeing happy smiling faces in the courthouse was heartwarming.

Adoption Day was made possible by the donations and time of many people. We thank the following for their support:

Walrus Ice Cream Roger Clark, Esq. of Clark Williams & Matsunaka, LLC Joanne Crebassa of Modern Family Law Burnham Law Jalapeña the Clown, LLC Merry Makers Balloon Art Dale Crawford

Soon it will be time to plan for Adoption Day 2020.

Heidi Whitaker Volunteer Chair

#### LARIMER COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

In November, the Larimer County Women's Bar Association joined the Colorado Women's Bar Association via teleconference for the CWBA Legislator Appreciation Breakfast. We hosted Senator Joann Ginal, Senator Rob Woodward, and Representative Cathy Kipp at our local breakfast. The Cannon Law Firm graciously provided a continental breakfast. Thank you to Callan Riedel, our liaison to the CWBA, and Claire Havelda, our Vice President, for putting together a great program.

A wonderful group of people enjoyed some holiday socializing at Jay's Bistro on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Sara Stieben and Hadfield Stieben & Doutt, LLC provided very tasty appetizers for our event. It was cold outside, but full of warm collegiality in the event.

Keep an eye out for details of a CLE on human trafficking to be scheduled in early March. Renee Doak is working to bring a survivor of trafficking to speak to the LCWBA.

We will also have another opportunity for socializing coming up this spring before we elect a new board. If you are interested in leading the LCWBA to promote women in the legal profession and the interests of women generally, promote gender equality, fight discrimination, encourage mentorship and scholarship, and weigh in on legislation and the appointment of judges, please drop us a line.

Happy new decade to all.

Heidi Whitaker President

# NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR MOCK TRIAL ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Due to construction at the Larimer County Justice Center, the 2020 high school mock trial tournament will be held in Greeley 2/21/20 and 2/22/20. Attorneys are desperately needed to serve as jurors/scorers. Please consider volunteering. The students and coaches put in so much work and the teams do an amazing job. Having attorneys serve as jurors and give the kids feedback means so much to the kids, coaches and parents. One round will require about 3 hours of your time. We do a training session before the trial starts so even if you have never volunteered before, you don't need to worry about not knowing what to do. You can sign up online at SignUpGenius. If you have questions you can contact Linda Connors at 970-494-3540.

Thank you from the mock trial coordinators – Stacey Aurzada, Sunita Sharma and Linda Connors

# BYRON WHITE INN OF COURT MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2020: JUDGE BRINEGAR AND THE INS AND OUTS OF EFFECTIVE VOIR DIRE

Please join us for the Byron White Inn of Court meeting **February 13, 2020** at **Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano**, The Promenade Shops at Centerra, 5929 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

Judge C. Michelle Brinegar of the 8th Judicial District presents:

What is the most important part of your trial? The Jury! This is your chance to make a good first impression and set the tone for the trial. In this presentation we will cover the ins and outs of an effective Voir Dire including:

- Goals in voir dire
- How to formulate questions to get jurors talking
- Active listening
- Topics to cover
- Challenges for cause
- · Time management
- Pet peeves of Judges

## 1 General CLE Approved

Please **RSVP** yourself and guests to: <u>daniellespalardy@gmail.com</u> or call (404) 403-8616 by **February 12, 2020** to assist with planning.

Meeting format:	5:45 pm	Arrive, Socializing Networking **
Updated		

6:15 pm	Dinner **Updated
7:00 pm	One hour educational program
8:00 pm	Meeting adjourns

Membership is not required to attend. Non-attorneys welcome. The charge for non-members and guests/spouses is \$35, payable the night of the dinner by cash or by check made out to the Byron White Inn of Court.

Best,

Danielle S. Palardy Byron White Inn Secretary

# LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION & LARIMER COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



# Increasing Trauma-Informed Practices in the Courts

Individuals who have experienced (and not received treatment for) complex trauma are likely to utilize a wide range of coping skills that can appear as manipulation, dishonesty, disorganization, criminal behavior, and more. This session explores the psychological, social and physical impacts of traumatic experiences and how these might play out in court proceedings, and how professionals and lawyers can identify trauma-related behaviors and support traumatized individuals as they navigate the justice system.

PRESENTER: Megan Lundstrom, Executive Director of Free Our Girls

**DATE:** March 11, 2020 **TIME:** 12:00 to 1:00

PLACE: Jury Assembly Room, Larimer County Justice Center

FREE OF CHARGE AND NO RESERVATION REQUIRED

1 credit hour of General CLE has been applied for

# SAVE THE DATE

# THE LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROFESSIIONALISM COMMITTEE

#### **PRESDENTS ITS**

ANNUAL ETHICS SEMINAR
AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD PRESENTATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

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# SAVE THE DATE LAW DAY, MAY 1, 2020

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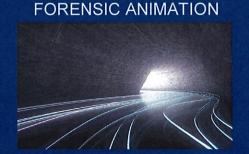
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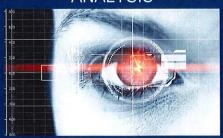
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# How to Apply

Please email: <a href="mailto:cvidergar@fcgov.com">cvidergar@fcgov.com</a>; <a href="mailto:jsanford@fcgov.com">jsanford@fcgov.com</a>;

Resume Cover Letter Law School Transcript Undergraduate Transcript Writing Sample List of References (3)

#### Description

The Fort Collins City Attorney's Office is offering a traditional paid, summer legal internship opportunity in 2020 for up two (2) 3L students (or 2Ls with relevant law or government experience).

Position is designed for students (or recent law grads) to gain broad understanding of inhouse municipal law practices with municipal prosecution, utility services, public accommodation, and public broadband. Position may be eligible for academic credit as determined by affiliated law program. Students completing the program may be considered for post-graduation full-time clerkship and fellowship opportunities. The City Attorney's Office provides in-house advisory, transactional, and litigation legal services for the City of Fort Collins organization, including advising the City Council and administrators, supporting police services, prosecuting municipal code offenses in municipal court, and advising on telecom, technology and intellectual property matters.

# Job Qualifications / Requirements

The City Attorney's Office seeks candidates with exceptional research, writing, and reasoning skills, experience drafting legal memoranda and case summaries, legislative review, strong communication/interpersonal skills, and well-organized, efficient, and capable team members to collaborate with experienced attorneys in a mentoring atmosphere. Candidates should be proficient with Westlaw and Microsoft Office, and enthusiastic about new experiences and exposure to diverse substantive legal projects, including observing and participating at public meetings of elected officials and community engagement. Preference will be given in selection for candidates with prior government experience.

Additional skill and knowledge testing will be conducted, along with a post-offer background check. Candidates receiving offers will also be required to sign post-offer agreements, including a volunteer application with the City of Fort Collins and a Volunteer Program Agreement regarding confidentiality and conflicts of Interest.

#### **lob Duration**

40 hour/week paid position beginning on/about June 1, 2020 and running up to 12 weeks through August 21, 2020 with a flexible weekly schedule based on work assignments.

## **Expiration Date**

April 1, 2020

### **Geographic Preference**

Colorado- Fort Collins/No. Colorado Wyoming- Laramie/Cheyenne

#### Location(s)

Fort Collins, Colorado United States

#### **Desired Class Level**

Entering 2L, 3L, or recent grad

#### **Additional Information**

The City Attorney's Office will conduct electronic interviews (e.g., Skype) for the position during law school Spring On Campus Interview periods or by other arrangement, as determined by Career Services or directly with the City Attorney's Office, with follow up interviews held in Fort Collins.



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# Haltzman Law Firm is pleased to announce that:

Lance Thibert, Esq. and Douglas Dumler, Esq.

Have joined the firm as counsel. Lance will focus on criminal defense practice. Lance has considerable experience as a former Senior Deputy Public Defender in Larimer County and will continue to defend clients in Colorado State Court with a special emphasis on practice in Larimer County. Doug will focus his practice on estate planning. Doug brings over forty years of legal practice experience to the firm.

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Rent is \$16.00 per square foot triple net, for a total monthly rent of \$3,320.00 per month. The lease or sale of office furniture and equipment is negotiable.







For more information or an appointment to view the suite:

<u>Please contact willardandassociateslaw@amail.com</u>

### COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CBA Award of Merit nominations being accepted. Nominations are due March 1, 2020, for the CBA Award of Merit. The CBA Award of Merit is awarded annually to a current member for outstanding service or contributions to the association, the legal profession, the administration of justice or the community. Eligible persons are those who are members in good standing of the CBA. Nominees should have an outstanding record of professional success, community service achievements, and a strong commitment to civic participation and inspiring others, whether within the legal profession or elsewhere. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.cobar.org/For-Members/Committees/Awards-Committee/CBA-Award-of-Merit">https://www.cobar.org/For-Members/Committees/Awards-Committee/CBA-Award-of-Merit</a>.

CBA Young Lawyer of the Year nominations being accepted. Applications for the 2020 Gary McPherson Award for Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year will be accepted Jan. 15 through March 1, 2020. The Gary McPherson Outstanding Young Lawyer award recognizes a young Colorado lawyer for his or her outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the community. Eligible persons are those who are members in good standing of the CBA, and who are 37 years or younger or who have been practicing law fewer than five years. Nominees should have an outstanding record of professional success, community service achievements, and a strong commitment to civic participation and inspiring others, whether within the legal profession or elsewhere. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.cobar.org/For-Members/Young-Lawyers-Division/Gary-McPherson-Award">https://www.cobar.org/For-Members/Young-Lawyers-Division/Gary-McPherson-Award</a>

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#### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND UPDATES

There is an informal group of "trust and estate" lawyers called the LCBA Trust & Estate Bar. It meets five times a year, from September through May, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The meetings are from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at First National Bank downtown. If you are interested, you can email Pete Bullard at <a href="mailto:pete@estate-planning-help.com">pete@estate-planning-help.com</a>.

The Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (Larimer Chapter) meets monthly. Jeffrey Schwartz is the contact person at <a href="mailto:jeff@jskwlaw.com">jeff@jskwlaw.com</a>. He sends out notices by email so if you would like to be included, contact him.

The Larimer County Young Lawyers meets the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in their group, contact Matthew A. Haltzman at (970) 692-3440 or matthew@haltzmanlaw.com

Heidi Whitaker is the contact person for the Larimer County Women's Bar. If interested, contact Heidi at <a href="heidi@burnhamlaw.com">heidi@burnhamlaw.com</a>

For those that do not know Larimer County Bar has a web page. Lisa Ritter keeps our webpage current. If there is something you would like to see on the page, please contact her at lritter@ftccolaw.com.

If you haven't checked out our webpage, you can find it www.larimerbar.org