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From Our President

Hello Larimer County Bar Members,

As we move into a new year with a new Executive Committee for the Larimer County Bar, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President this year and help build our legal community. My theme for the coming year is "One More." We look to provide one more CLE, one more social event, one more opportunity for each member to make a personal connection; and to build one more bridge between members, between the Bar and the Bench, and between the Bar and the community.

With that in mind, I extend one more thank you to past president Rebekah Berry-Chaney for her service last year. Rebekah has recently launched her own firm and we wish her well in her endeavors.

Moving forward into this year, we look forward to the Professionalism Committee's annual Ethics Seminar (April 19th) and the Young Lawyers Law Day (May 5th). Looking for something a little more social? The Young Lawyers have a monthly happy hour where you can speak with a number of great people, both young lawyers and not so young. In addition, judicial officers have been known to come to these events. Maybe you are looking for a way to assist the community at large? The Access to Justice Committee and the Pro Bono program have opportunities in both limited and longer-term capacities. This is a small sampling of opportunities. Please check out the opportunities in this edition of the Messenger, or online on our website, <u>larimerbar.org</u>. Choose one more for yourself this year.

To sneak one more opportunity into this message, Larimer County will celebrate National Adoption Day on November 3, 2023. After the families complete their adoption in the courtroom, they are invited to the Jury Assembly Room to celebrate with treats, photo opportunities, and entertainment. We are looking for some people to join in the planning, decorating, day of, and clean up. Please let me know if you are interested.

Warm regards,

Heidi Whitaker President 2023-2024

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Upcoming Events

The Larimer County Bar Association Professionalism Committee

Presents its

31st ANNUAL ETHICS SEMINAR AND Professionalism Award Presentation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE LINCOLN CENTER Fort Collins, Colorado

The cost of this Seminar is \$75.00 for registrations online and at the door. Proceeds go to the LCBA and are used for college scholarships.

You may register online with the following link:

Register Here Online

If you prefer to mail in your registration with a check, please print and complete the registration form below and send it with your Payment by April 14, 2023.

Print Registration Form Here

For full details on this event, please visit our website at <u>31st Annual Ethics Seminar</u>

For more information, please contact Jennifer Rice at (970) 494-1700 or <u>ricelawjr@earthlink.net</u>

April 19

April 20



Hello Friends of the Byron White Inn of Court!

Please join us on Thursday April 20, 2023 at Cafe Vino 1200 S. College Avenue Fort Collins, Colorado

We will have some fun testing your knowledge of Ethics Trivia 1 General CLE Credit Anticipated

Meeting Format: Social Time: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. CLE Presentation: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Membership is not required to attend and non-attorneys are welcome. The charge for non-members and guests/spouses is \$35.00, payable the night of the dinner by cash, by check made out to the Byron White Inn of Court, or by Venmo @Sam-Kornfeld-1.

Please RSVP yourself and guests, by Thursday April 13 to Amber@KeepLawFirm.com

For more information or questions, please contact Sam Kornfeld at <u>Sam@KeepLawFirm.com</u> or at (970) 481-7705.

Our Vision

A legal profession and judiciary dedicated to professionalism, ethics, civility and excellence.

Our Mission

The American Inns of Court inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education and mentoring.

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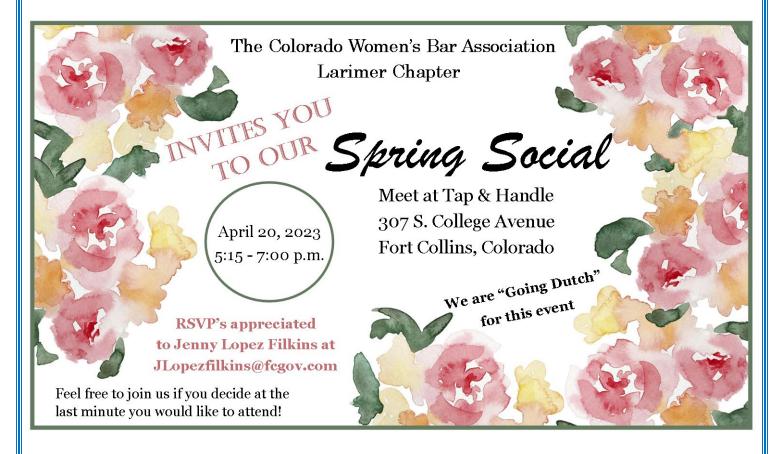
<u>April 20</u>

Join The Larimer Chapter of the Colorado Women's Bar Association

for their

Spring Social

The mission of the CWBA is to enjoy meeting others interested in advancing women in the legal profession.



Invite your friends and colleagues to this fun evening!

Print Flyer

Larimer Chapter COLORADO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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April 28

Family Law Day

April 28, 2023

9:00 am-4:00 pm

In Person and & Via Zoom

Available Services Include: ** Classes, Ask-A-Lawyer **Appointments, and more!**

This event will offer FREE services for individuals representing themselves in family law cases in Larimer County.



CLASSES OFFERED:

- Start Your Own Divorce or Custody Case
- * Enforcing and/or Modifying Your Family Case

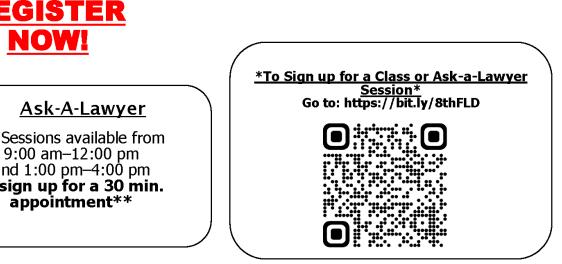
Ask-A-Lawyer

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00 pm-4:00 pm **sign up for a 30 min. appointment**

REGISTER

- * Parenting Plan Guidance
- Mandatory Financial
- Disclosures
- Reducing Costs for your Case
- Representing Yourself in Court
- * Child Related Experts (CFI vs PRE and why you might need one)

Parenting Class Vouchers Offered



For more information visit www.courts.state.co.us or contact the Court Resource Center staff at: 08CourtResourceCenter@judicial.state.co.us

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<u>May 3</u>

Mediation 101 – Help Your Mediator Help You

Brown Bag Lunch CLE

May 3, 2023

11:45 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Larimer County Justice Center – Jury Assembly Room 201 Laporte Avenue Fort Collins, Colorado



Please join seasoned attorney Peter Dauster as he presents the fundamentals of the mediation process including choosing the mediator, mediation styles, the format (live or virtual), and setting client expectations with the preparation and process. Mr. Dauster will explain what mediation is and isn't, the elements of preparing the confidential mediation statement, discuss the two types of settlement documentation (MOU vs. Agreement), and much more in this informative CLE.

No RSVP or registration is required for this CLE 1 General CLE Credit Anticipated

<u>May 5</u>

Larimer County Law Day - Lunch CLE

Hosted by the Young Lawyers Division, the 2023 Law Day theme is "Words Matter: Cultivating Communication and Identity Equity"

Ryann Peyton, Director of Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP), and Legal Entrepreneurs for Justice will be presenting this dynamic program.

Friday, May 5, 2023 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Larimer County Justice Center Jury Assembly Room 201 Laporte Avenue Fort Collins, Colorado

1 General/Ethics CLE Credit Anticipated



Registration is required for this event. The cost for the catered lunch Is \$20.00 per person or \$10.00 per person for virtual attendance. Lunch will be catered by Illegal Pete's (burrito bowl bar). The last day to register is April 28. For more information, please contact Payton Buhler at <u>pbuhler@bell-law.com</u>.

Register Here

Other Events

<u>April 13–16</u>



Divisions



Resources, Renewables, and Recreation | April 13 - 16 The Elizabeth Hotel, Autograph Collection, Fort Collins, CO

Summit Information

Gather in Fort Collins, CO for the 2023 ABA YLD Western States Summit as we explore various areas of law surrounding Resources, Renewables, and Recreation. This Summit will include 10 CLEs, including Beer Law, Marijuana Law, Water Law, an Ethics presentation, and an Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity presentation.

In addition, networking opportunities include "Dine Arounds" on Friday with suggested locations that participants can meet and gather, a local brewery tour on Saturday morning, and bowling/musical entertainment on Saturday night.

Full Agenda

Conference Registration:

- \$50 for CBA/DBA Young Lawyers, Texas Young Lawyers, South Dakota Young Lawyers, New Mexico Young Lawyers
- \$90 for General Participants

Hotel Accommodations:

Single Bed Room \$239.00/night Parking for Overnight Guests \$20/night *Deadline for Group Rate is March 29, 2023*

Shuttle Services:

Shuttle services will be provided to-and-from Denver International Airport on Thursday 4/13 at 5 PM and Sunday morning 4/16 at 9 AM. Please email Jess Ham directly to reserve a shuttle seat.







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Announcements



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 3, 2023

Super Lawyers Recognizes Brett Payton, Michael Payne, R. Clay Bartlett, and John Koechel of Coan, Payton & Payne, LLC.

Fort Collins, CO – Coan, Payton & Payne, LLC is pleased to announce Brett Payton and Michael C. Payne, have been selected to the 2023 Colorado Super Lawyers list. R. Clay Bartlett and John C. Koechel have been selected to the 2023 Colorado Rising Stars list. Each year, the Super Lawyers research team selects no more than five percent of lawyers in the state to receive a Super Lawyers honor and no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state receive the Rising Stars Honor.

Brett Payton leads the firm's litigation practice group and focuses his practice on all areas of real estate, business and banking litigation. Michael Payne's practice focuses on representing financial institutions, private lenders, businesses and individuals in complex commercial real estate and financing transactions. **R.** Clay Bartlett's law practice is focused on corporate and real estate related matters including: purchase and sale transactions; business organization and capitalization; as well as corporate M&A transactions. John C. Koechel is a real estate transactions attorney with an emphasis in acquisitions, sales, development, financing, restructuring, leasing and associated corporate matters.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys.









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MASSEY, MITCHELL & KELLY, PLLC ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Is Pleased to Announce:



Jacqueline C. Zipser has become a partner of the firm.

Jacqui's areas of practice are estate planning, trusts, and probate matters.

Samantha J. Walsh has become a partner of the firm.

Samantha's areas of practice are family law, civil litigation, construction law, and criminal defense.





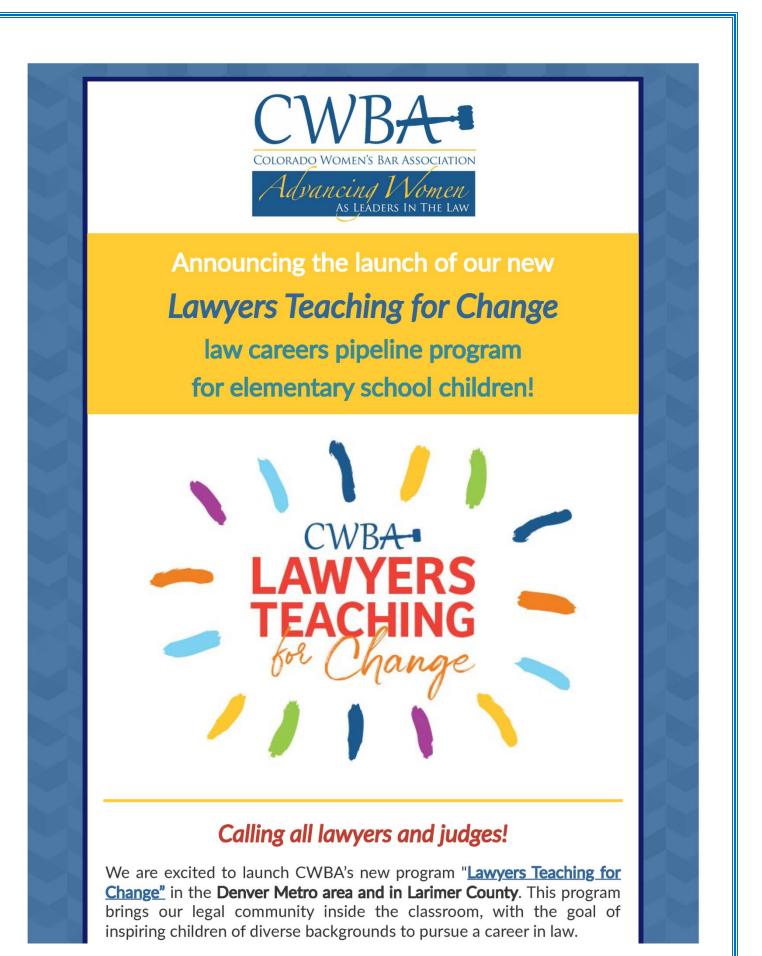
Mark A. Martin has become an associate of the firm.

Mark's areas of practice include civil litigation, FED matters, construction law, real estate transactions, estate planning and criminal defense.

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We are launching this program in third, fourth, and fifth-grade classrooms, presenting two 1.5-hour sessions over a two-day period. Day 1 includes a lesson on the practice of law, and Day 2 is a fun-filled mock trial.

How To Get Involved:

If you are interested in motivating these young minds and serving as a "Lawyers Teaching for Change" volunteer, please contact the member serving your area below:

Denver & Jefferson Counties: Laura Martinez Imartinez@fwlaw.com

Arapahoe & Douglas Counties: Vicki Klinginsmith veklingen@vahoo.com

Larimer County: Chief Judge Susan Blanco susan.blanco@judicial.state.co.us

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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew

Thank you for sharing your heart with these children and our wonderful new program!

Hope you'll support the program!

You Uniquely Belong

We welcome the unique, valuable perspectives each of you brings to the table through authenticity. YOU make the CWBA a better, stronger organization.

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Meet the New Attorneys



Meet Chris Hayes

Chris is an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Fort Collins. Chris joined the City Attorney's office in January 2023 after being self-employed in Timnath, Colorado. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University Of San Diego School Of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2015.







Meet Heather Jarvis

Heather is an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Fort Collins. She came to Fort Collins in December 2022 after working six years with the Wyoming State Legislature. Heather earned her Juris Doctor and Master of Studies in Environmental Law from the Vermont Law and Graduate School, graduating Cum Laude in 2005.

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Meet Jayme Krejci

Jayme joined Ritsema Law in December 2022 as an Associate Attorney and she is excited to become part of the Larimer County Bar Association. Jayme is originally from Nebraska (Go Big Red!) where she earned her Juris Doctor from Creighton Law School, graduating in 2021.





Massey, Mitchell & Kelly, PLLC

Meet Mark Martin

Mark recently joined the firm of Massey, Mitchell & Kelly as an associate attorney. Mark found his way to Colorado from Homewood, Alabama where he earned his Juris Doctor from Samford University Cumberland School of Law. Mark was admitted to practice on October 31, 2022, where he impressed his friends by dressing up as a lawyer for Halloween.

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Volunteer Opportunities



The 8th Judicial District's Access to Justice Committee and the Larimer County Pro Bono Program have a number of fantastic ways for you to get involved and help your community. If you are a family law practitioner, please consider signing up to help with **Family Law Day which will be held on April 28, 2023.** Volunteers will be providing legal advice to folks who sign up from either 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Each session with those who sign up is 30 minutes in length, and you may appear in person or participate via Zoom.

Family Law Day is Friday, April 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer with the Pro Bono Program that is less of a time commitment, you can volunteer for the **Monthly Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic**. Volunteers will meet with sign-ups for 20-minute consults for either family law or general civil matters from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

The next Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic is Tuesday, April 11, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Giving Opportunity

The Greater Colorado Law Student Experience

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.

Greater Colorado Law Student Experience is an 8-week summer program that provides opportunities for law students from Colorado Law and Denver Law to live and work in a Greater Colorado community. Housing is arranged on a local college campus at each location, and the students spend 3 days a week completing a judicial externship at the local district courts, day a week working with a legal organization, and 1 day a week networking and building a community with local practitioners. As identified by the CBA Greater Colorado Taskforce, Colorado is facing a critical issue in succession planning for its aging attorney population, and we must act to provide opportunities in Greater Colorado areas now.

The 4 students that participated in the pilot program all expressed that they would consider job opportunities in Greater Colorado communities after graduation. You can watch their testimonials and learn more about the program's impact in the 15-minute video below.

If you would like to support the GCLSE, you may easily donate by sending a check payable to the Larimer County Bar Association, PO Box 781, Fort Collins, CO 80522-0781. Please include the note "GCLSE Internship Program" on your memo line. Also, please include your complete mailing address with your donation.

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Is it a good time to buy?

Mortgage demand jumps nearly 28% in one week:

Consumers returned from the holiday season to find mortgage rates at their lowest point since September, and they are responding in dramatic fashion.

Mortgage application volume jumped nearly 28% last week compared with the previous week, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's seasonally adjusted index.

The average contract interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances (\$726,200 or less) decreased to 6.23% from 6.42%, with points falling to 0.67 from 0.73 (including the origination fee) for loans with a 20% down payment.

Rates hit a recent high of around 7.2% at the end of October on the MBA's survey but ended the year at 6.58%. One year ago, the average rate on the 30-year fixed was 3.64%.

Applications for a mortgage to purchase a home rose 25% week to week but were 35% lower than the same week one year ago.

"As we enter the beginning of the spring buying season, lower mortgage rates and more homes on the market will help affordability for first-time homebuyers," said Mike Fratantoni, senior vice president and chief economist at the MBA.

The market, however, is not seeing any surge in inventory. The number of active listings is about 21% higher than it was a year ago, according to Redfin, a real estate brokerage. That is mostly because homes are now sitting on the market longer, with far fewer sales. New listings of homes for sale are down 22% year over year.

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Larimer County Bar Association Leadership 2023 - 2024

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