
The MESSENGER

Larimer County Bar Association

August 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do.

[Walter Winchell](#)

*US gossip columnist & broadcast journalist
(1897 - 1972)*

It has been hot in Colorado and across the country. If you are stuck in your chair either because of the heat or, as in my case, you have had too many donuts, we want to help you get out of your chair and become involved in the LCBA's many worthwhile activities.

We have been busy over the past year in many activities which benefit both our members and our community. We remain committed to the pro bono legal services program through our funding of the program from LCBA dues and through the volunteer efforts of our members. You can help by agreeing to take on a pro bono client or assisting with intake sessions. If you are interested in volunteering your time, contact Sara Stieben at sstieben@nocolegal.com. Funding for the pro bono program has become more difficult with the economic downturn and so your volunteer efforts are needed now, more than ever.

The LCBA continues to provide thought-provoking, informative and inexpensive continuing legal education credits for the membership. This past year we enjoyed CLE at the movies with the presentation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Lyric Cinema. We also enjoyed "*Ethics, Professionalism and Substance Abuse ... Oh My!*" from legal humorist, Sean Carter, Esq. The annual professionalism seminar was attended by a record crowd and allowed the LCBA to award three well-earned scholarships to deserving students. The young lawyers continue to sponsor regular Brown Bag Seminars held at the Justice Center over the lunch hour. Through these efforts we are hopeful that we can provide valuable CLE opportunities at either no or low cost to our members. If you have ideas for a CLE event or would like to present a CLE, please contact Erin Conner at erin@sutherland-connor.com.

The Executive Committee has established and provides funding for our local Access to Justice Committee in a committed effort to afford access to our courts and to provide resources and direction to the community which often finds our legal system daunting.

We also continue to provide social activities so that we can meet and enjoy the company of our members in a non-work-related setting. Term day activities have been well-attended by the membership and afford the opportunity to meet and get to know other members of the bar as well as members of the judiciary here in Larimer County. Fall term day activities will include our traditional activities as well as an evening dinner at the Fort Collins Country Club. Details for these events are contained in this edition of the Messenger. We hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy the company of your fellow LCBA members.

Each of us has something that we can contribute to the LCBA and its many programs. Get up from your chair and come join the effort. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you at term day on September 9, 2011.

Stephen J. Jouard
2011-2012 LCBA President

NEW LAWYERS

If you are a new lawyer or know of a new lawyer, please remember to contact Roger Clark, at (970) 669-8668, **no later than September 6, 2011**, and provide him with your background information for your introduction at Term Day.

YOUNG LAWYERS PRACTICE MANUAL

We will be taking orders for the Practice Manual at Term Day. Price is \$55.

FALL TERM DAY
September 9, 2011
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
- 12:30 p.m. Golfing at Fort Collins Country Club
- 1:30 p.m. Fall Term Day Bike Ride – Contact John Plock – 970-482-0212 x 4
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Fort Collins Country Club

Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Road, Fort Collins. Best ball scramble format. Tee times begin at 12:30 p.m. Tee times will be assigned by Steve Jouard (970-482-1977). Groups will be determined based upon expressed preference. He will contact you on September 8, 2011 with your tee time. Send your completed registration form and check payable to LCBA in the amount of \$76.00 (which includes golf cart) per player to: Angela Dallin, 2038 Caribou, Suite 100, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Phone: 970-482-1977.

Reservation deadline is August 31, 2011.

Dinner at the Fort Collins Country Club

Dinner at the Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Road, Fort Collins. All LCBA members and their spouses/partners are invited. Dressy casual attire. This event is heavily subsidized by the LCBA. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Send reservation form and check payable to LCBA to Lisa Ritter, 425 West Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, CO 80521; (970) 482-9770, **by August 31, 2011**. We hope to see you all there.

**FALL TERM DAY
DINNER**

September 9, 2011



Enclosed is my Dinner Reservation for September 9, 2011 at the Fort Collins Country Club

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

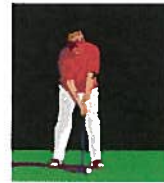
Phone No.: _____

Check(s) in the amount of \$20.00 per person made payable to Larimer County Bar Association

Number attending _____ x 20.00 = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)

Return To: Lisa Ritter, 425 West Mulberry Street, Suite 112, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, (970) 482-9770. **Deadline to register August 31, 2011.**

FALL TERM DAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011
Golf at Fort Collins Country Club



Enclosed is my Term Day Golf Reservation for September 9, 2011 at Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Road, Fort Collins

Name(s): _____

Phone No(s): _____

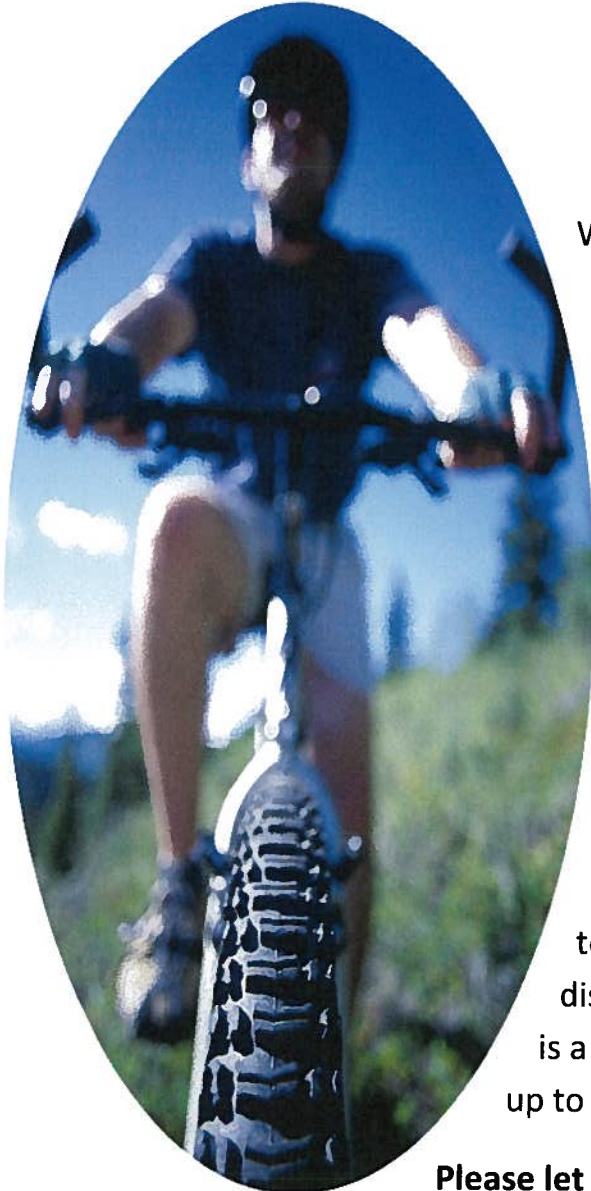
Preferred 4-some: _____

Checks in the amount of \$76.00 per player made payable to Larimer County Bar Association.

Return to: Angela Dallin, 2038 Caribou, Suite 100, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone: 970-482-1977.

The deadline for golf registration is **Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

THIRD ANNUAL FALL TERM DAY BICYCLE RIDE



LET'S RIDE!!

Come one, come all!

We had such a good time last year for the Fall Term Day bike ride, so let's try it again this year.

We will leave about 1:30 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2011, from the Justice Center Parking Lot. We will head out to Wellington (heading east and north of Fort Collins to Interstate 25 Frontage Road) and stop for a cold one at either Beauregard's or some cold ice tea at the Chocolate Rose in Wellington. Then we'll head back to town coming in on Highway 1/Terry Lake Road/Gregory Road to the Justice Center. The round trip distance is approximately 25.24 miles. This is a leisurely ride for all abilities; we'll catch up to the hammer heads in Wellington.

Please let me know if you are interested. Look forward to hearing from all of those bike riding lawyers.

John Plock
Frey McCargar & Plock, LLC
482-0212 x 4
Jeplock@freymccargar.com

HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIALS

SAVE THE DATES

The high school mock trials are being held in Greeley this year on February 24, 2012 and February 25, 2012. As always, we will be needing volunteers.

INNS OF COURT

The Byron White American Inns of Court begins meeting for this upcoming year on Thursday, September 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Bent Fork restaurant in the Centerra Promenade in Loveland. All are invited.

Inns of Court is judges, attorneys, legal scholars and law students in the 8th and 19th judicial districts who get together once a month for dinner and a legal presentation (sometimes garnering a CLE). The goal of Inns of Court is to foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility amongst the legal community, and to improve legal skills.

Inns of the Court is based on the old English tradition of holding Inns with barristers and Masters of the Bench. The American Inns of Court were started in 1985, and while the American Inns were inspired by the English Inns with whom we share a collegial relationship, there is no formal or legal relationship.

We invite you to join us this year! Questions? Please feel free to contact Anne Haro Sipes, President, 493-2891 ext 217, or Alden Hill, Treasurer, 482-3683, or Tracy Oldemeyer, Membership Chair 221-2637 or Mike Payne, President Emeritus 330-6700.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT UNIT HAS MOVED

Effective May 24, 2011 the Child Support Enforcement Unit moved to 2601 Midpoint Drive. Their mailing address will remain the same for now (1501 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524). The main number is now (970) 498-7600. They are just South East of the Sheriff's Office/Detention Center.

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is pleased to announce
Bill Douth
has joined the firm as an Associate.

Bill's practice will focus on litigation, concentrating in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death. Prior to joining the firm, Bill was a partner in the Pennsylvania firm of Roberts, Miceli, Boileau & Douth, where his practice focused on civil litigation, concentrating in the areas of personal injury, real estate litigation, family law, and bankruptcy. Bill is a 2005 graduate of the Beasley School of Law at Temple University and a 2002 graduate of Penn State University.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY LAW

Busch Law Offices offers free case evaluation for SSDI claims and represents claimants on initial applications and appeals.

Matt Busch and Brett Busch, Attorneys
903 North Cleveland Avenue, Suite A
Loveland, CO 80537 (970) 667-2898

Title: Staff Attorney, Bringing Justice Home Project of Crossroads Safehouse

FLSA Status: *Exempt.*

Classification: Full-time, regular employee

Purpose: Provides representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking before the 8th, 14th and 19th Judicial Court Districts. Coordinates these services with civil and criminal justice systems, mental health, human services, children's agencies and programs and other appropriate agencies. Organizes and conducts relevant training programs.

The Bringing Justice Home Project serves domestic violence victims in Larimer, Jackson, Routt, Grand, Weld and Moffat counties.

Supervision Received and Exercised:

Reports to the Senior Staff and Managing Attorney.

Hours:

Crossroads Safehouse operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide safehousing and services to its clients and the community. All employees must be available for scheduling flexibility covering evening, weekend, and holiday shifts as required.

Essential Functions:

- Provides legal representation in myriad types of civil cases that follow domestic violence.
- Exercises initiative, sound judgment, and creativity in providing legal assistance.
- Develops and maintains a good working relationship with community agencies.
- Collects and compiles statistics of criminal and civil contacts.
- Regarding criminal issues: interfaces with staff of the District Attorney's Office and court personnel.
- Provides court assistance accompaniment at civil or criminal court proceedings when necessary.
- Develops and maintains program materials.
- Maintains knowledge current in the field through seminars and workshops.
- Prioritizes connections with policy makers of the community and state.
- Provides training for law enforcement officers.
- Other duties as assigned by the Director.
- Coordinates and conducts at least two formal annual training programs for the legal community, partners to Crossroads grants, and others.

Minimum Qualifications

- Licensed to practice in Colorado.
- Colorado Family Law experience preferred.

- Ability to identify and respond to shifting priorities.
- Ability to collaborate well with others.
- Sensitivity to the legal needs of low-income victims of domestic violence and minorities.
- Familiarity with the dynamics of domestic violence.
- Knowledge/experience of criminal and civil justice systems.
- Experience in crisis intervention.
- Experience in family law a plus.
- Spanish-speaking a plus.
- Ability to travel to five area counties, including some overnights and weekends.
- Commitment to multi-task, e.g., to fundraise; be involved in grant-writing, etc.
- Spanish-speaking preferred.

To Apply

Accepting electronic applications only. No phone calls. Please send resume, cover letter and three employment references to: employment@crossroadssafehouse.org. Only potential job candidates will be contacted. Do not contact Crossroads to ask the status of your application. Our volume of work makes it impossible to address such calls; we hope you understand.

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MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS AND UPDATES

There is an informal group of “trust and estate” lawyers we call 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 pete@estate-planning-help.com

The Colorado Criminal Defense Bar (Larimer Chapter) meets monthly. Stephanie Hewitt is the contact person at (970) 416-7312 or email her at hewittlawoffice@aol.com She sends out notices by email so if you would like to be included contact her.

The Larimer County Young Lawyers meets the third Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in their group, contact Misty Bordeaux at (970) 488-2737 or email her at mbordeaux@hotmail.com

The Larimer County Women’s Bar meets the last Thursday of each month over the noon hour. For more information contact Laurie Stirman at (970) 493-8999 or email her at lstirman@bell-law.com

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 at the Colorado Bar Association website at [cobar.org](http://www.cobar.org) through Inside the Bar, Local Bar Associations links or <http://www.cobar.org/page.cfm/ID/20149/>

LCBA MENTORSHIP PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE

For those of you who have shown interest in the LCBA Mentorship Pilot Program, we are making some progress with some refinements. We have concluded that all participants in the program must have professional liability insurance as a condition of participation. Although this may limit some participation, we feel the message should be clear that professional liability insurance is essential to the practice of law. We have also received approval from the LCBA Executive Committee to sponsor an evening social event at which anyone interested in the program will be welcome. This “ice-breaker” will be scheduled for sometime this Fall, with announcements circulated to the membership in advance. If you wish to participate in the LCBA Mentorship Pilot Program, please contact Ian McCargar (970) 482-0212, Ext. 303, or Shannon Sharrock (970) 266-5156.

PAST PRESIDENTS DINNER—THANK YOU

On Friday July 22, 2011, the executive committee and many of the past presidents of the LCBA enjoyed a wonderful time and dinner hosted by Randy and Nita Starr at their Lake Loveland home. Thank you to Randy and to Nita for opening their lovely home to the LCBA. A grand time was had by all.



LCBA PAST PRESIDENTS EVENT SEEKS LOCATION

Each year, LCBA hosts an event that recognizes those who have served as President of the Association over the years. Traditionally, this event is hosted by a willing past President, with financial support from the Association and logistical support from the Executive Committee. The 2012 Past Presidents Event is seeking someone to host the Event. If any former Association President is interested in offering your home for this one-time evening affair, please contact Ian McCargar at (970) 482-0212, Ext. 303.

NORTHERN COLORADO BUSINESS REPORT'S THIRD ANNUAL WOMEN OF DISTINCTION BREAKFAST

Eleven Northern Colorado women were honored Wednesday morning for their contributions to the region during *Northern Colorado Business Report's* third annual Women of Distinction breakfast, held at the Embassy Suites in Loveland.

The crowd of about 345 guests, heard inspiring words from Julie Piepho, Cornerstone Mortgage, honored in the category of banking and finance; Pam King, Better Business Bureau serving Northern Colorado and Wyoming, Business and business services; Colleen Laub, Institute of Business and Medical Careers, education; **The Hon. Julie Kunce Field, Judge for Colorado's Eighth Judicial District, government**; Annette Geiselman, Discovery Science Center, nonprofit creative industries; Yvonne Myers, Columbine Health Systems, outstanding volunteer; and Jean Shoher Morrell, University of Northern Colorado, outstanding mentor.

Honorees who were unable to attend in person were Ann Yanagi, M.D., Poudre Valley Health System, health care; Leona Martens, Weld Food Bank nonprofit human services, and Deanna McCrery, The Group Inc. real estate.

Fly By Messenger *October Edition 2011*

We thought we would try something a little different since we seem to get a lot of requests for advertisements, office changes, etc. We thought we would send out a short Messenger with tidbits that need to be shared before the next Messenger goes out. This will be emailed to all members in the even months when the Messenger is not published. Deadlines to get an ad or notice in this edition would be the 25th of the odd numbered months. Payments for the ads or notices would be \$25 and payable in advance. If you would like to place an ad or notice, please email me cvasak@larimer.org with the information and mail your check to Cathy Vlasak, 415 South Howes 609N, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 and make checks payable to Larimer County Bar Association. Job postings will be added to our website at <http://www.cobar.org/page.cfm/ID/20149/> so members can check there for job openings. The person submitting the ad will need to let Lisa Ritter lr Ritter@ftccolaw.com know when that position has been filled so the posting can be deleted. Postings will be deleted after thirty days unless additional time is requested by notifying Lisa Ritter.

**Your Ad/Announcement
could go here!**

**Don't Forget the ???
Brown Bag CLE**

????? at the Larimer County Justice
Center, Jury Assembly Room.

2011-2012 LARIMER COUNTY BAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Colorado Association
of
Legal Support Staff
www.CALSS.org

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING AND EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

September 16, 17, 2011

Embassy Suites, Loveland, CO

"DENIM AND DIAMONDS"

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 16, 2011	
12:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Vendor Exhibits Open
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Registration
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	"Still Practicing After All These Years" Robin L. Wick, J.D.
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	"Can You Hear Me Now? The Impact of Powerful Communication Skills" A.M. Dominguez, J.D.
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour (complimentary to hotel guests)
Dinner on your own	Check out the many restaurants available at Centerra, Outlet Stores and across Hwy 34
Saturday, September 17, 2011	
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (complimentary to hotel guests)
8:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Vendor Exhibits Open
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Delegate check-in and orientation
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Special Break Presentation and EC Meeting "Look Like A Million Bucks On A Budget" Linda Winters of Accessories With A Flair And Hair
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	First Board Meeting
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Social Hour (complimentary to hotel guests Cash Bar for non-guests)
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet and Installation and Special Entertainment

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE: August 20, 2011 by Midnight

Hotel: Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO. right off I-25 taking Crossroads Blvd. You will see the hotel from I-25.
Telephone: (970)593-6200 or you can go on line www.embassysuitesloveland.com. Rate is \$119 for single/double. Reference "Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff" to receive the group rate.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 30, 2011

Registration: \$65 for CALSS members for all meetings, seminars and banquet. Non-members \$75.
Please mail your registration form with your check payable to: CALSS Annual Meeting, to: Judy Boker, 1010 9th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631. If you have any questions, please contact Judy at (970)356-1115.

Name: _____ ALS _____ PLS _____ CLA _____ Other _____

Address: _____

Phone: (w) _____ (h/c) _____ Email: _____

I plan to attend: Seminar 1 Banquet: Forest Mushroom Stuffed Sirloin w/Red Wine
 Seminar 2 Sauteed Chicken Breast w/Hazel Cream Sauce
 Annual Meeting Vegetarian Chef's Choice
 Board Meeting ***Additional Guests \$40 for any choice***

\$ _____ TOTAL