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SHAKE UP YOUR ROUTINE

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One kernel is felt in a hogshead; one drop of water helps to swell the ocean; a spark of fire helps to give light to the world. None are too small, too feeble, too poor to be of service. Think of this and act.

- Hannah More

As spring makes its way to Boulder County, many of our thoughts turn to spring cleaning: not just our homes and gardens, but also our daily lives. After a winter of being cooped up in the office with our noses to the grindstone, there is little that holds as much appeal as getting outside, shaking up our routines and doing something different.

Why not kick off this spring with

a personal commitment to provide a few much-needed volunteer hours to a local nonprofit organization? Boulder is a county that prides itself on its strong community identity, yet this can continue only if the organizations that define this community spirit receive the support they need to survive and thrive. This support comes in many forms: financial contributions, donations of goods and services and last, but not least, volunteer hours.

Members of the bar sit in a unique position when it comes to volunteering their time. While the hours we work are long, many of us maintain a degree of flexibility in our daily work schedules that make volunteering a few hours a month much easier than it might be for those in other careers. Thinking of taking a long lunch? Why not spend those two hours helping to organize donations to Community Food Share during its recent food drive? Instead of heading home early one day, how about spending an hour or two tutoring an elementary school student? There is
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

• **May 18 Criminal Law Section**

*Nuts and Bolts of a Criminal Case 8 general and 2 ethics
Boogie Lewis, Craig Truman, Lisa Wayne, Bob Pepin,
Mark Johnson and Roberta Nieslanik See Page 9 to register*

• **May 31 BCBA Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner**
Fox Hill Country Club See page 7 to register

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Have you been to the web site? Go to boulder-bar.org and log on to the new Members Only Section and Find A Lawyer. Call the Bar offices to be listed in the Find A Lawyer section if you haven't already done so.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Justice Center ID Card

Our Bar can issue a picture ID card for its members, which allows access into the Justice Center "Frisk-Free" (this means no standing in line, no searches, and no X-rays). The ID's are available for \$25 the first time and can be renewed for \$10 each year.

To obtain an original ID send a check for \$25 to the Bar office along with a small passport type photo and a photocopy of your current, valid, Colorado Supreme Court issued, Attorney Registration Card. We will laminate it with a current year sticker.

To renew your ID just send a check for \$10 to the Bar office indicating it is for a renewal. We'll send you a sticker for the next year. Justice Center ID's are for attorneys only, not paralegals or other staff.

Advertising

Members receive discounted advertising rates for Classified Ads and Announcements in the monthly newsletter. Non-member rates are an additional \$10.
 \$20 up to 30 words
 \$30 up to 40 words
 \$40 up to 70 words

\$50 up to 100 words

All deadlines are the 10th of the month or the next business day if on a weekend. Fax or mail a copy of your ad to the Bar office. Payments are due with ad; we do not bill.

Legal Directory

All members receive a free "Legal Directory" which lists Boulder County Bar members. Additional copies are sold for \$10. The 2001 Legal Directory is on the website Members Only Section.

Mentor/Mentee Program

The goal of the Mentoring Project is to provide support for new admittees to the practice of law and to acquaint them at an early stage with the highest level of professionalism, ethics and familiarize themselves with the Boulder legal community.

Mentees must have been in practice for less than three years. Mentees are required to have passed the Colorado Bar and maintain an appropriate level of malpractice insurance. Anyone wishing to be a mentor should contact the Bar office. Anyone who wishes to be assigned to a mentor should contact the Bar office

and request a "Mentee Application."

Mailing Lists/Labels

The current Bar Association list is available to members for \$50 and non-members for \$75. Mailing labels for members cost \$100 and non-members \$150. Section lists are available free to members and section labels for \$40. For non-members section lists cost \$20 and labels \$60. BCBA membership lists are sold for primarily legal educational purposes that will benefit the BCBA membership. They will not be sold for political, fundraising, or business generation purposes.

Web Page

We are online at <http://www.boulder-bar.org>. The website now has a Members Only Section with Court opinions and continues to grow for your membership benefit. You can be listed in the "Find A Lawyer" Section in your speciality area. Call the bar office to sign up.

Broadcast Fax List

If you would like the Calendar of Events faxed to you each month, call the Bar office and give us your name and fax number.

SHAKE UP YOUR ROUTINE *(continued from page 1)*

no end to the opportunities to make a difference, and not all of them require a major commitment of time and resources. Many organizations benefit immensely from volunteers who donate their time when their schedules allow it. An hour here and there really can make a difference.

Here is a brief listing of organizations both in Boulder County and statewide that need volunteers.

One of the many organizations in Boulder County in need of volunteers is the Boulder County Aids Project (BCAP). BCAP provides an array of services to people living with AIDS or HIV. BCAP has more than 30 different volunteer opportunities, from client services and educational programs to fund raising and administrative projects. BCAP has a buddy program and a food bank. Volunteers are needed to shop for clients and deliver food to their homes. BCAP would also welcome attorneys interested in joining the pro bono team, as its clients face a variety of legal issues in their daily lives, including insurance, housing and domestic dilemmas. Getting involved with BCAP is easy, involving a short interview and sometimes some training. Anyone interested in becoming involved with BCAP should contact volunteer coordinator Jennie Arbogash at 303-444-6121.

Many lawyers in Boulder are familiar with the various volunteer opportunities with Community Food Share. Many of us have harvested vegetables and sorted donated food. Community Food Share needs volunteers to help with gardening throughout the summer months. Volunteers can help plant vegetables early in the season and then harvest the vegetables in the fall. Interested volunteers may contact Community Food Share at 303-652-3663. An even easier way to help out is to participate in the Letter Carrier Food Drive on May 12, 2001. This is a national program in which local unions of letter carriers across the country will retrieve donated food left at people's mailboxes and deliver the food to agencies such as Community Food Share. Mark your calendars and make sure to leave non-perishable food by your mailbox on May 12.

Gardening enthusiasts should also note that Growing Gardens of Boulder County, a nonprofit organization that cultivates organic gardens, needs volunteers to assist with its community garden projects. For more information, call 303-413-7248.

Established in 1918, Big Brother Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc. (BBBS), provides mentors to over two thousand youths in Colorado each year. There are more than 500 children on a waiting list in the metro Denver area, waiting to be matched with a big brother or a big sister. BBBS sponsors a school-based mentoring program, in which volunteers spend an hour and a half a week with a student at an elementary school. For the first hour, the volunteer assists the student with homework assignments and then spends the remaining time playing games or simply talking with the student. The focus of this program is literacy; but, while the volunteers may help students improve their grades, they are also offering direction and support to young students.

The traditional BBBS program is the community-based program. This program requires a one-year commitment. Volunteers are matched with a child after an informational meeting and a background check. The volunteer is required to spend 2-5 hours per week with the "brother" or "sister." BBBS offers a hotline that lists possible activities and can supply tickets to sporting or cultural events.

BBBS's most popular program is "Sports Buddies." This is the program for sports fanatics or people with limited time to share. For this program, a volunteer must attend six sporting events with the buddy, which may include basketball, football or baseball games. BBBS also offers flex mentoring programs for those who want to become involved but cannot

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commit to a certain time period. Aspiring big brothers and big sisters may contact BBBS at 303-433-6002.

Lawyers who would like to volunteer in a legal capacity can help out at the Boulder Homeless Shelter's LACH (Legal Advice Clinic for the Homeless) project on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic needs of one or two lawyers each week to meet with clients about various legal issues, including criminal, domestic and employment related issues. Lawyers interested in volunteering should contact the Boulder County Bar Association at 303-440-4758.

These are just a few of the many opportunities. There's sure to be one that fits your schedule and interests. While you're planning what to plant in your garden and pledging to spend a bit more time outside the office now that the weather is warming up, think about using some of that time to cultivate a relationship with the community by volunteering.

Submitted by the Young Lawyers' Section of the Boulder County Bar Association. Gretchen Miller Bush and Wendy Stevens are co-chairs of the section.

BOULDER COUNTY SAFEHOUSE

Boulder County Safehouse began providing services for battered women and their children in 1979 with a staff of three in a shelter facility that could house no more than 12 residents. Since then, Safehouse has expanded resources for victims of abuse in Boulder with strong support from the community. A staff of 29 now provides emergency shelter to a capacity of 17, as well as a comprehensive range of services.

A 24-hour crisis hotline provides information, support and access to shelter, while the Victim Advocates provide immediate assistance at the scene of a battering incident. Individual and group counseling for women, children, and teens is available at offices in Boulder, Lafayette, Broomfield, and Nederland. Safehouse also provides access to affordable housing and transitional support resources for victims moving out of abusive relationships, and we are active in the school system providing educational materials and presentations for all ages to help prevent future violence. To date, Safehouse has sheltered more than 5,960 women and children, responded to 97,700

crisis calls, counseled 12,000 individuals on an outreach basis, and performed more than 5,500 educational presentations on domestic violence for groups throughout Boulder County.

In addition to these services, Safehouse also provides assistance in obtaining restraining orders, and in understanding the civil and criminal justice system. The legal needs of battered women are enormous and can encompass every aspect of legal practice.

Boulder County Safehouse is seeking attorneys to volunteer their services to victims of domestic violence in the Boulder community on a pro bono or sliding scale fee basis. While these clients may not qualify for Boulder County Legal Services, they are still in need of assistance with permanent restraining order hearings, divorce and custody, immigration, as well as criminal defense issues. It is our mission to provide shelter, support, and advocacy for battered women and their children and to end domestic violence through education and social change. If you would like more information on how you can volunteer your services, please call the Safehouse Legal Advocacy Coordinator at (303) 449-8623.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Writes & Wrongs: A Free Press or Fair Trials. Must We Choose?

By Alexander Garlin, BCBA President

A recent Boulder District Court ruling in a high profile criminal case cited excessive and perhaps inaccurate local press coverage as a factor contributing to the need for a costly change of venue. The ruling was promptly followed by a newspaper editorial sharply critical of the judge's comments. The BCBA responded in a variety of ways.

In keeping with a BCBA goal of public education, the Bar quickly submitted a response to the editorial. The newspaper, in a clear act of good faith, promptly and prominently featured our viewpoint in its Sunday edition. We hope this allowed the public to fairly draw its own conclusions.

In the immediate aftermath of the editorial, some concerned bar members asked what had become of the BCBA Bar/Media Committee. This committee consisted of a group of local lawyers and journalists which, in the past, had met periodically to discuss issues of common concern. In an

effort to revitalize that group, Past-president Dave Harrison facilitated a mid-April meeting attended by Mimi Wesson, Pat Furman, Lenny Frieling, Judge Dan Hale, Bill Nagel, Larry Mertes of the BCBA, Thad Keyes, Pam Regensberg, Kevin Kaufman, Clint Talbott, representatives of the Daily Camera and Times-Call Editor, Dean Lehman. It is the bar association's goal to have periodic meetings of the Bar/Media Committee in order to promote better understanding and communication.

When the Simpson and Ramsey cases were everyday headlines, the BCBA put together a list of experienced Boulder criminal defense lawyers willing to be on-call for the press, to consult on legal issues and perhaps, provide some quotable comments. This list has been updated and expanded to include lawyers in business, natural resources, PI and criminal law. This will be provided to local and area news organizations.

The BCBA also recognized the change of venue controversy as an opportunity for further public education with a community-based event that would also recognize national Law Week during May. Dave Harrison and Mark Langston are coordinating a panel discussion, "Writes & Wrongs: A Free Press or Fair Trials. Must We Choose?" on Wednesday, May 23, 7- 9 p.m., at the CU Law School Lindsley Courtroom. BCBA board

member and CU law professor Pat Furman will moderate a panel discussion that will include Chief Judge Roxanne Bailin, law Professor Mimi Wesson, District Attorney Mary Keenan, Daily Camera Editor Barrie Hartman and Longmont Times-Call Editor and BCBA member Dean Lehman. Ethics and general CLE credit have been applied for. Admission and CLE credit will be free to all. The bar association intends to focus promotion for the event on the greater Boulder community, including university and high school law and journalism classes in the county. We expected to be assisted in our efforts by the Daily Camera and Times-Call.

The BCBA asks its members to attend the event and to encourage non-lawyer friends, neighbors and students to join us. Making this event a success is good for the bar, the courts, the press and the community they all serve.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pre-registration is required for BCBA CLE luncheons. Please send a check to the Bar office at least 3 days in advance. BCBA CLE's cost \$12 per credit hour for members and \$18 for non-members unless otherwise noted. Young Lawyer Section Members pay only \$5 for CLE programs. Materials are \$5 without CLE credit.

May 3, 2001

Young Lawyers Section

Topic: Evidence

Presenter: Chief Judge

Roxanne Bailin

Noon to 1p.m. Brown Bag Lunch

Justice Center Courtroom L;

\$12 CLE

May 8, 2001

Criminal Law Section

Topic: Confidentiality - Have

People Missed the Boat?

Presenter: Phil Cherner

Noon to 1 p.m.

Brown Bag Lunch

Justice Center Courtroom E;

\$12 CLE

Employment Law Section

Topic: Sexual Orientation Issues
in Employment Law

Presenters: Maria August,
Boulder County AIDS project,
Michael Brewer, Colorado Legal
Initiatives Project and Eric
Maxfield, The Legal Center.

Noon at Chrisman Bynum and
Johnson; Box lunch (turkey, beef
or veggie) \$10, \$12 CLE

Bankruptcy Section

Noon at the Oasis

May 9, 2001

IDC Program Presents "A View
From the Bench- Progress in
Establishing A Family Court
System in Colorado." Presenter:
Supreme Court Justice Rebecca
Love Kourlis. Trio's in Boulder
11:45 a.m. Call 303 938-1646 for
reservations.

May 10, 2001

ADR Section

***Annual Bench/Bar Dialogue -
Domestic Issues***

Presenters: Judges Hale,
Dubofsky and Sandstead and
Magistrates Hamilton Fieldman,
Hansson and Kingery
Noon at the Boulder Public Library
Boulder Creek Room, 11th and
Arapahoe; Box lunch (turkey, beef
or veggie) \$10, \$12 CLE

Civil Litigation Section

Topic: "Show Me the Money" - An
Update on Fee Agreements

Presenter: Todd Tenge

Noon Brown Bag Lunch Justice
Center Courtroom E

\$12 CLE

1 general and .6 ethics credits

May 15, 2001

Real Estate Section

Topic: Fair Effective and
Sustainable Growth Management

Presenter: Ed Byrne

Noon to 1 p.m. at Dolan's;

\$13 Lunch, \$12 CLE

May 16, 2001

Family Law Section

Topic: Critical Financial Errors
That Attorneys Make in Divorce
Cases

Presenter: Carol Ann
Wilson, Quantum Institute for
Professional Divorce Planning.

Noon to 1 p. m.

Brown Bag Lunch Justice Center
Courtroom D, \$12 CLE

May 17, 2001

Intellectual Property Section

Topic: Update on Methods of Doing
Business Patents

Presenter: Dan Cleveland

Noon to 1 p.m. at Dolan's;

\$13 Lunch, \$12 CLE

May 18, 2001

Criminal Law Section

***Nuts and Bolts of a Criminal
Case***

Presenters: Lisa Wayne, Bob
Pepin, Mark Johnson, Roberta
Nieslanik, Boogie Lewis
and Craig Truman

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 8 general and 2
ethics credits. \$75 BCBA

Members, \$50 Young Lawyers, \$95
non-members. CU Law School,

Lindsley Memorial Courtroom.

Box lunch included

May 31, 2001

***BCBA Annual Golf Tournament
Annual Meeting/Dinner***

Fox Hill County Club, Longmont
Golf Tournament --

Shot Gun Start at 8 a.m.

\$85 includes cart, practice range
balls, lunch and prizes!

Annual Dinner at 5:30 p.m. \$35

**2001 GOLF TOURNAMENT AND ANNUAL DINNER
THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2001
FOX HILL COUNTY CLUB IN LONGMONT**

**BCBA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
8 a.m. Shotgun Start \$85
Includes practice range balls, cart, lunch and prizes!
Sign up individually or with a foursome
Call Dan Bernard for further details or questions 303 776-9900
Registration deadline Tuesday, May 22, 2001**

**BCBA ANNUAL DINNER
5:30 p.m. Cash Bar 6:15 p.m. Dinner \$35**

Dinner Choices are: _____ Atlantic Salmon _____ Prime Rib of Beef

**The recipients of the Young Lawyer of the Year Award and
Award of Merit will be honored
Registration deadline is Friday, May 25, 2001**

**“The Burden of Spoof” Judge Bob Kapelke et al
will be the evening’s entertainment. This is a must see!**

Please make a reservation for me for the _____ Golf Tournament _____ Annual Dinner

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Telephone _____

Send your check to the Boulder County Bar Association
1942 Broadway, Suite 205
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Nominations are for the Young Lawyer Award and Award of Merit are being accepted until May 3

LAWYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUTCHINSON BLACK AND COOK, LLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SINCE 1891

is pleased to announce that

DANA B. MATHEWS

has joined the firm as an associate. She graduated with honors from the University of Texas, Austin with a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Laws degree with honors from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

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Mertes & Strauss, LLP

is pleased to announce that
former Tioga County,
New York, District Attorney

Robert S. Simpson
has become *Of Counsel*

Mr. Simpson's practice will
emphasize Motions and Appellate
work in Criminal and Civil matters.

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Boulder, CO 80302
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LAWYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCBA presents
Public Legal Symposium
Wednesday, May 23, 2001

***Writes & Wrongs: A Free Press
or
Fair Trials. Must We Choose?***

Panel Discussion with:
Judge Roxanne Bailin
Professor Mimi Wesson
District Attorney Mary Keenan
Barrie Hartman, The Daily Camera
Dean Lehman, The Times Call
Moderator Pat Furman

7 p.m at the CU School of Law
Lindsley Courtroom
All are welcome -- bring your friends

Welcome to
new members of the
Boulder County Bar Association

Tara L. Acton
Charles B. Dunn
Sara K. Kuzmich Holmes
Catherine A. Shea
Ira J. Bornstein
Lex deWitt Fairfax
Justin B. Nelsen
Eve Woods
Ryan J. Dougherty
Mary Louise Gandrud
Karl D. Ohlsen

BOULDER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL LAW SECTION
NUTS AND BOLTS OF A CRIMINAL LAW TRIAL

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2001

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF LAW, LINDSLEY COURTROOM, FLEMING LAW
BUILDING

8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 8 CLE GENERAL AND 2 ETHICS

*Meet with the finest group of defense lawyers to teach you how to try a case and
give you their hot tips on trial practice. This is a hands-on trial preparation for a
mock trial with the experts to show you how it's done.*

The presenters are: Boogie Lewis, Craig Truman, Lisa Wayne,
Bob Pepin, Roberta Nieslanik and Mark Johnson

Please sign me up for this program.

Name _____ Phone _____

\$75 BCBA Members, \$50 Young Lawyers, \$95 Non-members. Lunch is included
Send your registration to the BCBA 1942 Broadway, Suite 205, Boulder, CO 80302

LAW SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE #4

By Pat Furman

As I indicated in my last building update, Davis Partnership of Denver and Centerbrook Architects of Centerbrook, Connecticut, have been selected as the principal architects for the new CU Law School building. The architects have held three general design meetings at the law school with members of the law school building committee, faculty, staff and students, as well as external users of the library, including BCBA President Alex Garlin.

These meetings have been aimed at clarifying some of the needs of law school building users, rather than on the actual "look" of the new building. The meetings have focused on a variety of these big picture issues.

One issue is traffic and use patterns, that is, how people enter and leave the building and where they go once they are inside. A second issue is for different locations for the various functions of the law school: should the library

entrance be on the main floor? Should the faculty be near the classrooms? Should we keep Furman as far away from the Dean as possible? Closely related is priorities given to these various functions. We have a limited amount of money, so the gold-plated faucets in the faculty wash-room are out. Another important issue is the classrooms. Students have taken a significant role in this part of the planning and have provided their input about classroom size, shape, location and the need for adaptable classrooms that are technology-friendly. Students have also offered input on the location of student and journal offices and the location and shape of common areas, study areas, and areas in which we can all relax.

Our architects have substantial experience with academic construction, including law school construction. They have worked with the university on other pro-

jects and are specialists in such areas as law library design and classroom technology. The University is providing architectural and facility planning support from the Facilities Management office. All in all, we feel comfortable that we are receiving information from both a wide range of people and from appropriately specialized groups of people.

The look of the building is not being neglected. The architects provided five different overall building schemes; and, after much evaluation, we have narrowed the possibilities to two. These two can be described as an L-shaped model and an H-shaped model. Mockups of these two are on display in the Moorhead-Rutledge lounge at the law school. While the exterior materials have not yet been selected, we are committed to building an environmentally building that fits in with the overall design of the CU campus and that both stands alone and operates as an entry to the entire campus from the southeast.

A new web site, which you can view a great deal of information about the process and progress and register your comments, complaints, concerns and kudos should be up and running soon. In the meantime, as I have previously indicated, feel free to contact me or any other member of the building committee.

Pat Furman is a criminal law professor and the University of Colorado School of Law and a member of the BCBA Board of Directors.

PRO BONO PAGE

Thank you to the following attorneys who accepted 28 referrals from BCLS during the month of March.

Norm Aaronson
Jack Alexson
John Barrett
Christopher Blakemore
Rachael Doan
Rebecca Fischer
Peggy Goodbody
Ron Jung
Judy LaBuda
Claire Levy
Joel Maguire
Gary Merenstein
Patricia Salazar
Wendy Stevens
Ralph Strebel
Cameron Tyler

Special recognition goes to **Peter Enichen, Robert McDermott and Peggy Toal**, who conducted

workshops for elderly and disabled clients, **Christie Coates** for pro bono mediation, **Steve Gimple** for special advocate work and **Pam Meade of Blando Reporting** for a pro bono deposition.

Special thanks to **Steve Meyrick** who accepted a difficult mediation case.

Boulder County AIDS Project:
Thank you to the following attorneys who accepted pro bono referrals for the Boulder County AIDS Project during the month of March:

Bart Balis
Paul Bierbaum
Greg Doty
Juliet Gilbert
Kurt Hofgard
Stephanie Hult
Bruce Johnson
Bev Nelson

BCBA Professionalism Committee On-call Schedule

May 7	John Miller	772-0165
May 14	Karen Burns	443-4660
May 21	Helen Stone	442-0802
May 28	Curt Raustenstaus	666-8576
June 4	Churck Saxton	776-6911

COURT NEWS FROM THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Last July the Judicial Department began statewide implementation of e-filing. All judicial districts in Colorado now have the ability to accept and receive court documents electronically.

Since our November start date, the 20th JD has seen tremendous growth in filings. The court started with three transactions on July 3, 2000 to 708 in one day, March 5, 2001. This judicial district has had more efilings than any other district in Colorado. Leading the state with 343 e-filings are Magistrate Hamilton Fieldman and Division Clerk Mona Bustamante. In third place are Judge Sandstead and Division Clerk Cindy Farler with 108 filings. Nearly 20% of all e-filings are here in the 20th Judicial District.

Magistrate Hamilton Fieldman and Ms. Bustamante electronically transmit nearly all their documents between attorneys and the division. This is proving to be very efficient and a significant cost saving.

Meet the First OCR Director

Theresa Spahn was recently hired as the first director of the new Office of Child's Representative (OCR). She is a former 17th Judicial District magistrate, serving in Adams County since 1994. She has also served as a deputy district attorney in Mesa and Adams

Counties. While in Mesa County, she was chair of the Sexual Assault/Felony Child Abuse Task Force. Ms. Spahn began her new job at the state court administrator's office on March 1, 2001.

Under CRS §13-91-101 et seq., the OCR is a new state agency charged with managing all state funds allocated for legal representation of children in delinquency, divorce and abuse and neglect cases. Its duties include ensuring high-quality GAL services and establishing practice and training standards.

The OCR is governed by a nine-member board made up of three attorneys, three court-appointed children's advocates and three citizens. In making the announce-

ment of Ms. Spahn's hiring, Board Chair Kay Alexander remarked, "The agency is charged with protecting the interests of our state's most vulnerable children. It is crucial that we have a director with the vision, skills and enthusiasm to establish this agency on the strongest possible foundation. We are confident that Theresa Spahn is that person."

Effective July 1, 2001, the OCR will assume management of the \$6.9 million budget allocated by the state to pay attorneys representing the legal interests of children. Additional staff will be added in the next few months, to a full staff of three.

Submitted by Court Administrator's office of the 20th JD

A WEALTH OF RESOURCES

By Christine Hylbert

At a recent meeting of the Availability of Legal Services Committee, a distinguished group of agencies and organizations that provide a myriad of services to the Boulder community met to learn about each other and to see how we can help each other be more effective in the community. It was impressive to hear the options provided to the public and the number of volunteers already assisting in various ways. There is room for more.

The BCBA works closely with agencies in the county. The BCBA office receives many calls asking for legal advice and solutions to their legal problems. Every year a Legal Resource brochure is updated and distributed to the community. We put the contents on the BCBA website (boulder-bar.org) for anyone to access for assistance. Many of the members of the bar volunteer their time on boards of these agencies, as well as taking pro bono cases or teaching special clinics. The Boulder County Bar Foundation also funds projects by these agencies from time to time. The BCBA searches for opportunities for lawyers to volunteer to help those in need of legal information or assistance.

During the meeting, each director or staff representative gave a brief explanation and mission of their organization. While many of them do not give direct legal services, their clients' problems often have some sort of legal issue. Boulder County Legal Services works closely with these agencies but is somewhat

restrained because of the income guidelines they have to adhere to when accepting a client and a lack of resources.

Given the focus of the article submitted by the Young Lawyers' Section this month, I felt it was important that this list of agencies be shared with the membership to give you the scope of the diverse

areas where volunteers are needed.

Here are the attendees and a brief description of the services they provide. I suggest you keep a copy of this list in your office should you receive a call from someone you are unable to help and as a resource for opportunities to volunteer.

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IS YOUR LAW PRACTICE GROWING THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO?

I've spent 20 years helping professionals like you successfully market and develop their businesses.

I can help create the practice you desire!

As one client will tell you,

"Within a short six months, Joan has helped me build a busy law practice in the highly competitive Boulder market.

I would recommend her to any professional."

Boulder Attorney at Law

A Clear Marketing Strategy Can:

Help promote your law practice ethically

Bring a steady flow of clients

Save time and money

Call Today For a Complementary Initial Consultation

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University of Colorado Legal Aid and Defender Program

303 492-8126. A clinical program of the University of Colorado School of Law. Provides aid to low income persons in civil and less serious criminal matters.

Public Defender 303 441-4838.

Defends low income persons charged in felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases. Must show proof of income level.

20th Judicial District Pro Se Case Manager 303 441-3739.

Assists pro se litigants in the 20th JD in domestic cases.

District Attorney Office of

Consumer Affairs 303 441-3700.

Assists consumers and businesses with fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

District Attorney's Office

303 441-3700. Prosecutes all violations of state law including misdemeanors, traffic offenses, drunk driving crimes and felony offenses.

Community Mediation Service

303 441-4364. Low-fee program for those needing mediation in landlord/tenant, neighborhood, community, youth, divorce and custody, racial and multicultural issues.

Longmont Coalition For Women in Crisis 303 772-0432.

Assists women in crisis situations. Does not give legal assistance or advice but give assistance in obtaining temporary orders.

Longmont Community Relations

303 651-8444. Serves low income and indigent clients. Assists with landlord/tenant issues, teaches clinics on consumer issues.

Boulder County Safehouse

303 449-8632. Assists women and children in situations of domestic violence.

YWCA 303 443-0419.

Provides educational seminars on divorce, children of divorce and custody. Offers court-ordered divorce parenting classes.

Blue Sky Bridge 303 652-0744.

Provides child and family advocacy.

Boulder County AIDS Project

303 444-6121. Provides legal advice and representation to people with AIDS.

Boulder County Child Support Enforcement Unit 303 678-6300.

Establishes and enforces child support orders, establishes paternity, modification of orders and works with other child support offices in other states.

Boulder County Legal Services

303 449-7575. An office of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver, is a private, nonprofit corporation providing high quality legal services to low income persons in Boulder County.

Boulder County Bar Association

303 440-4758. Association of practicing lawyers in Boulder County. Provides legal education programs to its members, community groups and county schools. It does not refer lawyers or give legal advice.

The Legal Center 303 772-0300.

Provides legal advice and representation to people with disabilities.

Patient Advocacy Coalition

303 744-7667.

Boulder County Aging Services, Medicare Ombudsman

303 441-1706. Provides assistance to the elderly and assistance with Medicare issues.

The Counseling Center

303 449-7898. Provides early intervention counseling, education and referral services to families in need. Starting a Safe Exchange Program where divorced parents can exchange their children in a safe environment.

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program 303 442-6040.

Provides educational programs and mediation to victims of crimes.

Center for People with Disabilities 303 442-8662.

Provides legal advice and representation to people with disabilities in Boulder County.

Colorado Legal Initiatives

Project 303 282-5602. Protects the rights of gays, lesbians and trans-genders.

CU Student Legal Services

303 492-6813. Represents CU students with legal problems.

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Salary commensurate with experience. Must be licensed to practice law in Colorado or qualify for admission to the Colorado Bar on Motion. Applicant should have a demonstrated commitment to provide effective legal services to low income persons and a sensitivity to the problems of low income persons. Litigation experience is a plus. Send cover letter expressing the reasons you desire this position. **Please identify the position you are applying for**, and attach your current resume to your letter.

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