

# NAVIGATING YOUR PRACTICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

These are certainly challenging times for the practice of law. It seems information is changing daily making it hard to keep up. This is a time we all need each other, but life is compounded by stay at home orders and widespread closures.

The BCBA is committed to our members and we have been searching for ways to keep everyone connected and informed. We are so pleased to announce a series of COVID-19 related

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presentations that will be streaming live over the next 2 weeks in multiple areas of law. These will be free of charge for our members as an offering to all of you. Our first presentation will be on Monday, April 6 talking about adaptation and relief programs for small business, followed by employment law on the 7th. We will present some much needed technology tips on the 8th and concerns about real estate on the 9th. The week will be rounded out with a family law presentation on Friday the 10th. We have other speakers lined up also, and will announce when those dates are live.

You can sign up for these programs at the Calendar of Events on the next page.

If you have any suggestions on how the BCBA can help our members, please do not hesitate to reach out to laura@boulder-bar.org. Stay healthy and safe! We really look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Monday, April 6
BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
COVID-19 Adaptation and Relief Programs and
Resources for Small & Medium Businesses,
Nonprofits, and Freelancers
Presented by Jason Wiener and Francisca
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9:00 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room Free for BCBA members | \$10 Non-members Please click here to register

Tuesday, April 7 BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Employment Law Update in Response to COVID-19

**Presented by Jennifer Lorenz** 

2:00 - 3:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room Free for BCBA members | \$10 Non-members Please click here to register

Wednesday, April 8
BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
Technology Tips for Working Safe at Home
Presented by Jodi Martin

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room Free for BCBA members | \$10 Non-members Please click here to register

Thursday, April 9
BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATION
COVID-19 Concerns and Some Legal Effects on

Current Real Estate Practice Presented by Ron Jung

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room Free for BCBA members | \$10 Non-members Please click here to register

Friday, April 10 BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATION Family Law Update in Response to COVID-19 Presented by Judge Salomone, Judge Sierra, Magistrate Haenselman, Evan Branigan & Bruce Wiener

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room Free for BCBA members | \$10 Non-members Please click here to register

TENTATIVE APRIL BCBA VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS DATES TO BE DETERMINED:

Tax & Estate Planning Roundtable Discussion Presented by Kurt Hofgard & Mardi Moore

**Criminal Law Update Related to COVID-19 Presenter TBD** 

Landlord/Tenant Update Related to COVID-19
Presenter TBD

**Current Events & Challenges Presented by District Attorney Michael Dougherty** 

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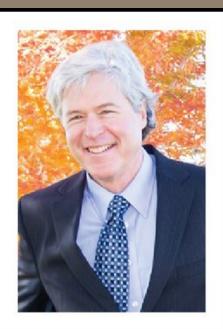
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### JENNIFER LORENZ

Last week over the course of just 3 days more than 45,000 Coloradans filed for unemployment (click here for citation). As most of us now know, on March 26, 2020 Governor Polis issued an updated Executive Order requiring Colorado Residents to Stay-At-Home whenever possible. A link to the Order can be found here.

The Order's intent is to minimize contact between residents and to the greatest extent possible minimize the exposure of the public to contaminated public surfaces. Critical Businesses, as defined in the Order, are exempt from some of the Order's limitations. The Order is encouraging Critical Businesses to remain open. However, Critical Businesses must still comply with Social Distancing Requirements at all times and implement other available work options including, "tele-work or other strategies, such as staggered schedules or re-designing workplaces, to create more distance between workers unless doing so would make it impossible to carry out critical functions." Pursuant to the Order, to successfully contain the spread of the virus, all employers, employees and individuals must observe Social Distancing Requirements at all times and to the greatest extent possible.

All businesses not deemed Critical Businesses under the Order are required to close down their in-person work operations, but may continue to carry out "Minimum Basic Operations," which include: "The minimum necessary activities to (1) maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions; or (2) facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their Residences are allowable pursuant to this Order. Any business supporting Minimum Basic Operations must comply at all times with Social Distancing Requirements."

For those able to keep their jobs, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the President signed into law the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, H.R. 6201 ("Act)." This new Act provides paid sick leave and paid family leave to employees working for private-sector employers with fewer than 500 employees or covered public agencies regardless of size. The Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division will administer and enforce the new Act's paid leave requirements (citation here).



The Act includes the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Act.Emergency Paid Sick Leave is immediately available to all employees. Covered employers are required to provide full-time employees with 80 hours of Emergency Paid Sick Leave, and part-time employees receive their regular rate of pay for the average number of hours that such part-time employees work in a two-week period.Emergency Paid Sick time does not carryover from one year to the next and it is Not paid upon separation from employment.

The Department of Labor has already published comprehensive posters addressing both Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and Emergency Family Medical Leave Expansion Act, and can be found here:

Regarding Employee Rights

Regarding Federal Employee Rights

Families First Coronavirus Response Act Notice – Frequently Asked Questions

H.R.6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Both the Emergency Paid Sick Leave and EFMLA take effect on April 2, 2020 and sunset on December 31, 2020.

As always, please contact me at <u>Ilorenz@dietzedavis.com</u> if I can be of any assistance or if you have any helpful suggestions. There will be more information for attorneys in the webinar on Friday, April 10. I look forward to virtually seeing you then!

Stay Healthy and Safe!

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 April 13
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 April 20
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 April 27
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The Professionalism Committee does not address allegations of criminal or ethical violations by lawyers, as regulated by the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, and any such violations should be addressed to the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel.

### **BOULDER COUNTY FREE LEGAL CLINIC**

The dates have been set for the 2020 Free Legal Clinics at the BCBA Office (3269 28th Street, 2nd Floor), the Lafayette Senior Center (103 Iowa Avenue), and the Longmont Senior Center (910 Longs Peak Ave) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Laura at laura@boulder-bar.org if you can help in Boulder or Lafayette, or susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov if you can help in Longmont.

Lafayette: July 14

Jeff Larson

Longmont: May 19, August 25

Boulder: March 19, June 18, September 17, December 17

### THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Longmont Free Legal Clinic was held on February 25. Thank you to the attorneys who were able to serve as volunteers:

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Eight cases were referred in the month of February. Thank you to the following attorneys:

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