

Boulder County Bar Association Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

RENEE EZER

I am honored and excited to be the BCBA president this year. Change is in the air, and I'm looking forward to working this year with Laura and the Board to make the Bar more relevant and supportive to its members. I might even learn to Tweet! I welcome member input and suggestions as to how the Bar can best serve its membership – please always feel free to reach out to me with your ideas.

First President's Pages traditionally introduce the incoming president, and provide some insight about what drew them into the practice of law. My story isn't particularly noble or lofty, and my path wasn't necessarily one that I would suggest anyone follow. Nonetheless, it is my story (or at least part of it), and I am the incoming president, so here goes. It all started at the dinner table when I was 15. . .

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My father worked as an attorney for 54 years in Los Angeles. One day, in 1976, he came home from work and told us a fantastic story. Two elderly siblings had walked into his office that day, without an appointment, and represented to him that they were the stepchildren of Rupert Hughes. However, they explained, from the time their mother married Rupert in 1908, he had treated them as his own, rather than his step, children. Rupert sent them to private schools, he introduced them as his son and daughter, and he gave the woman away at her wedding. They assumed his surname and used it throughout their entire lives. Rupert held them out as his own children, and had promised them that he would adopt them. For reasons unknown, the adoption was never completed. Rupert was the uncle of billionaire Howard Hughes, who had died earlier that year, and the battle for heirship to his estate was raging.

Over lamb chops and mashed potatoes, my dad explained that step-children did not have the right to inherit if there was no will, but adopted children did. And so began the several-year adventure to establish that Rupert Hughes had “equitably adopted” my father’s new clients. If my dad was successful, he hoped that his clients would be qualified to inherit a portion of the Hughes estate, in the event that none of the several purported “last wills of Howard Hughes” was determined to be valid. My dad asked if I’d be willing to help. I was 15, and thrilled at the prospect of being paid \$2.50/hour. ___

The odyssey began with a long bus ride to a library in downtown Los Angeles, to a room filled from floor to ceiling with Census records that were only vaguely catalogued. My assignment was to find the one record from the 1910 Census in which Rupert Hughes described his family. A needle in a haystack, to be sure, but one capable of being found after seven hours of digging. There it was –



a manila colored card stamped with some date in 1910 that showed: Head of Household: Rupert Hughes. Name of Spouse: Adelaide Manola Hughes. Number of children: 2. Names of children: Rush Marion Hughes and Avis Bissell Hughes. Oh my god.

I had to wait a long, fidgety, excited 15 minutes to use a pay phone. When it was my turn, from the other end of the call, my dad gave me instructions to photocopy the document, and then give it to the reference librarian to hold. “Get on the bus and come straight home.” When I got home, I handed my dad the photocopy of the document that I had found. He told me he thought it was a long shot, but this might just be what we needed to prove his theory. It would take years, and dozens of pleadings and arguments, before the issue of heirship in the Texas probate would be resolved. My dad became part of a team of attorneys from all over the country that advocated for a judicial determination that Rush and Avis had been equitably adopted by Rupert Hughes, and consequently should be determined heirs of the Howard Hughes estate.

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I don't know all of the details, but I do know that after years of bitter and colorful contests, the Texas probate court approved a family agreement that acknowledged Rush and Avis as heirs. And thus was planted the seed of a future probate attorney.

Actually, my career path wasn't that clear or direct or exciting, but I arrived here eventually. Having practiced in both San Francisco and Los Angeles, I appreciate the collegiality of the Boulder bar, and the professionalism that probate attorneys bring to their practice. There truly is a sense of community in this area of practice, and I am grateful to work with attorneys who do the best

jobs they can for their clients without getting sucked into the family dramas that often come attached to these cases. As I move through my presidential year, the idea of professional community, and how the BCBA can help foster it, will be a recurrent theme. Thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve as president for the 2017-2018 year.

Renee Ezer is a shareholder at Dietze and Davis, P.C. She can be reached at 303-447-1375 or ezer@dietzedavis.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 10 and Friday, August 11
ADR, BUSINESS, CIVIL, EMPLOYMENT, IN-HOUSE AND SOLO
Conscious Contracts: Workshop for Conscious Businesses, Attorneys & Dispute Resolution Professionals
Presenters: J. Kim Wright and Linda Alvarez
All day @ Studio 35 (1200 Pearl Street)
\$535 CLE, \$485 no CLE. Group discounts available.
Register at www.consciouscontractscolorado.com or jaime@trueconnect.biz

Thursday, August 17
ALL BAR HAPPY HOUR
5:00 @ West Flanders Brewing Company
First drink and appetizers on the bar!
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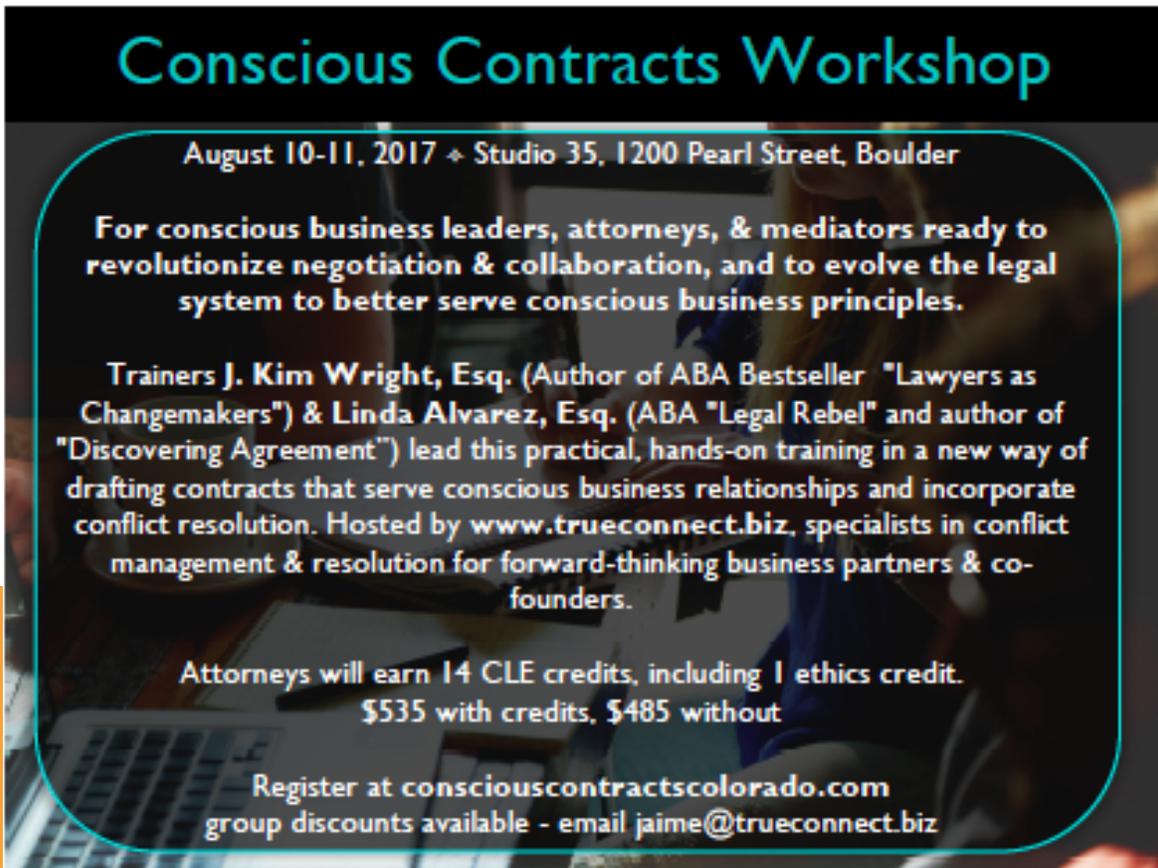
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Thank you to all who have supported our programs and CLE's throughout the year. Look for new programs to start up again in September! We will continue our monthly Longmont series and re-introduce a monthly lunch for New/Young lawyers.



Conscious Contracts Workshop

August 10-11, 2017 + Studio 35, 1200 Pearl Street, Boulder

For conscious business leaders, attorneys, & mediators ready to revolutionize negotiation & collaboration, and to evolve the legal system to better serve conscious business principles.

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Renee Ezer, President

I'm a shareholder at Dietze and Davis, P.C. I represent clients in the resolution of conflicts in the administration of trusts and estates using negotiation, mediation and litigation. I also represent clients in protective proceedings and cases involving financial exploitation of the elderly. Someday I hope to live in a little house on the beach, where I can hangout with my husband and dog, write, play my guitar, cook great meals with friends, and fall asleep each night listening to the waves lap onto the shore.



Brad Hall, Vice President

I am a shareholder at Lyons Gaddis in Longmont. My practice areas are plaintiff's personal injury law and workers' compensation.

I enjoy biking, skiing and travelling with my wife Mary



Jennifer Lorenz, Treasurer

I'm an attorney at Dietze & Davis, P.C. I practice in the areas of Business, Employment and Commercial Litigation, and I recently took on my first pro bono immigration and asylum case.

Pickles are my second favorite food- right behind s'mores!



Abigail Smith, Past President

I am an Assistant Attorney General at the CO Dept. of Law. My practice areas include IP, Patent Trolling, Antitrust and No-Call. I didn't declare my second major - Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology - until my senior year of college. I expected my parents to be surprised, but they reminded me as a small child in the toy store, I chose a microscope and a chemistry set over any stuffed animal, game, doll, or toy.



Ron Jung, Board Member

Jung & Associates provides legal representation emphasizing real estate issues, business, and commercial law including litigation and transactions. I have been in practice for 30 years in these areas.

Contributing to community service is important to me and I have enjoyed being on the board. I like rooting for the Buffs and outdoor activities including fishing, softball and camping.



Jeff Rose, Board Member

I am a partner at Driscoll Rose in Boulder. My practice focuses on business disputes, plaintiff's personal injury, insurance claims & bad faith, and environmental torts.

In my spare time I enjoy Nordic skiing and riding horses with my wife, Abby.

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Nate Miller, Board Member

I am a partner at Pearl Street Legal, a boutique business law firm in Boulder. My practice focuses on corporate and securities law, mergers and acquisitions, and general business issues for companies of all sizes.

I like spending my free time in the outdoors with my wife and our two border collies.



Jack Peters, Board Member

I am a deputy district attorney with the Boulder District Attorney's Office. I prosecute felonies and appeals, hire and supervise our law clerks, and handle complex motions practice.

I live in Boulder with my wife and kids but I'm originally from New York City.



Sarah Pritchard, Board Member

I serve as Associate University Counsel for the University of Colorado Boulder. Prior to working for CU, I was Deputy General Counsel for the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and in-house counsel for several corporations. Prior to starting my career in-house, I clerked for the Honorable Justice George E. Lohr of the Colorado Supreme Court and for Judge Murray Richtel in the 20th Judicial District of Colorado.

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2017 BCBA ANNUAL MEETING



BOULDER COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

2018 GRANT CYCLE IS BEGINNING

The Boulder County Bar Foundation grant cycle is beginning and will be accepting applications. The Foundation funds legally related organizations and programs in Boulder County. The grant application is on the BCBA website and can be accessed here. All applications are due September 15. If you have any questions, please email christine@boulder-bar.org.

2017 GRANTS

BCLS
Boulder League of Women Voters
SPAN
J-SUP Law Center
Niwot High Mock Trial Program
Boulder High Mock Trial Program
Bridge to Justice
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain
Children First of the Rockies
Voices for Children
YWCA
TOTAL \$21,000

The Best Way to Recycle Computers/Electronics

Recently an organization called Blue Star Recycling teamed up with the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials to increase the capability of CHaRM to handle all electronics - and help an important segment of our community at the same time. Blue Star, which originated in Colorado Springs, now with a second facility in Denver, found that those with Autism are particularly good at completing detailed, repetitive tasks, such as disassembling computers and electronics. And the employees are not only good at their work, but very grateful to have the job so are almost always at their worksite on time and ready to work. All electronic components that are removed from computers and other electronic devices by Blue Star Recyclers are recycled per the highest industry standard. Attorneys are most concerned with the information on their hard drives, which sometimes can be retrieved even after the hard drive has been "wiped clean" while installed in the computer. Blue Star destroys the hard drive at their Boulder site so that there is no chance that any information from the hard drive can be retrieved. Blue Star/CHaRM will recycle all electronics, including printers, scanners, cell phones, smart phones, TVs, DVD players, CD players, and DVRs. Each will be disassembled and recycled by Blue Star employees in Boulder. The cost is based on weight, as follows: Computer towers (CPUs), laptops, tablets: no charge • CRT (not flatscreen) TVs, rear-projection TVs, monitors: \$0.59/lb • All other electronics, including audio equipment, mobile phones, fax machines or any other item with a battery or cord: \$0.39/lb • Hard drive shredding: \$12/drive Blue Star/CHaRM is located at 6400 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder. They are open daily except Sunday from 9:00 to 5:00.

Blue Star Recycling/CHaRM - the best solution to the question of what to do with your old computer. Or as the Blue Star tagline puts it: "We put e-waste to work!"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for Senior Law Day

Senior Law Day has become the largest entirely volunteer run - and most exciting and informative - law event for seniors in Boulder County. As part of Senior Law Day, we will have two two-hour sessions of Ask-A-Lawyer, a clinic at which attendees can have a 15 minute individual conversation with an attorney. Ask-A-Lawyer has been a popular program at past Senior Law Days. Please consider volunteering this year at one of the two Ask-A-Lawyer sections.

This kind of service to our community is of great benefit to many who have little access to legal information otherwise, and can also be a lot of fun. Additionally, with this Senior Law Day, we are offering Ask-A-Lawyer services in Spanish, and will have Spanish-language interpreters on hand.

For further information, the Senior Law Day website is www.bouldercountyseniorlawday.org.

Volunteers needed in ALL fields for the Ask a Lawyer portion of Senior Law Day:

- DATE: Saturday, September 23
TIME: 2 time slots – 9 till 11 and 11 till 1
PLACE: Plaza Conference Center
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Longmont
CONTACT: Susan Spaulding, susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov or 303.774.4384



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August 7	Tripp DeMuth	303.447.7775
August 14	Karl Kumli	303.447.1375
August 21	Anton Dworak	303.776.9900
August 28	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137

The Professionalism Committee assists lawyers, clients, and other members of the community with questions or complaints about behavior by lawyers that fails to meet generally accepted standards of professionalism and courtesy, or that is contrary to the BCBA Principles of Professionalism.

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 2017 Free Legal Clinics at the Sacred Heart of Jesus church (2312 14th Street) 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 susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov if you can help in Longmont.

Boulder: TBA

Longmont: August 22 and November 28, 2017

PRO BONO CORNER

Interested in a Pro Bono case? Please call Erika at 303-449-2197. CLE credits available for pro bono service.

BCAP VOLUNTEERS

There were no requests for referrals for the Boulder County AIDS Project in May or June.

PRO BONO REFERRALS

Fifteen cases were referred during the months of May and June. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Norm Aaronson CULADP

Susan Boothby

Susan Bryant

Eve Canfield

Lauren Carpenter

Erin Eastvedt

Graham Fuller

Chris Jeffers

Zachary LaFramboise

Craig Small

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Alice Robbins

Craig Small

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LAWYER ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Congratulations to
Justin C. Berg



Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti congratulates Partner Justin C. Berg, who joins the firm's Management Committee effective June 1st, 2017.

Mr. Berg's practice at BHGR focuses primarily on complex commercial and civil litigation and arbitration, and also includes transactional work and related services.

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COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Custom.cfm?District_ID=20&Page_ID=510. This list is updated as changes occur so it is a handy link to bookmark. It will be updated again after the District Court rotation on Sept. 5, 2017 to provide the new phone numbers for the District Court divisions. Seven of the District Court judges will be rotating to different case assignments in September 2017. The District Court rotation schedule is also available at the Web link noted above. Please contact Amy Waddle, District Administrator, if you have any questions, amy.waddle@judicial.state.co.us.



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