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Boulder County Bar Association Newsletter

2017 ANNUAL RECEPTION & MEETING HONORING AWARD WINNERS AND CONFIRMING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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The Boulder County Bar Association will host the annual meeting at Wedgewood on Boulder Creek (38470 Boulder Canyon Drive) on Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00 pm. Please join us as we celebrate our recipients for the Award of Merit, Dick Lyons, and Outstanding Young Lawyer, Lovel Tokic. We will also introduce our new board nominees, Jack Peters and Sarah Pritchard. Outgoing president Abigail Smith will pass the gavel to our incoming president, Renee Ezer. This will be our retiring Executive Director Christine Hylbert's last annual meeting. \$50 includes drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Register online and pay here

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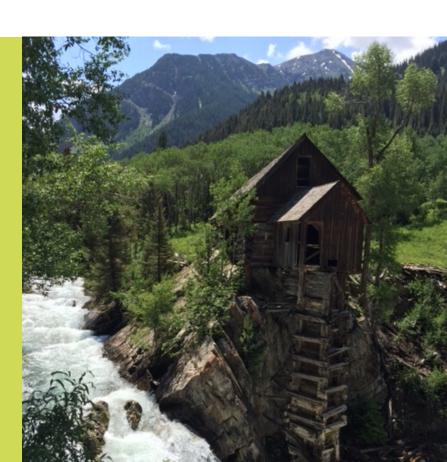
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NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED

Boulder County Bar Association Announces Laura Ruth Hired as Next Executive Director

The Boulder County Bar Association announced today that Laura Ruth will lead the organization as its next Executive Director. Ruth previously served the Boulder County Bar Association as its Assistant Executive Director. She succeeds Christine Hylbert, who is retiring after 20 years as Executive Director.

Attorney and former Boulder County Bar Association President Judson Hite notes Ruth's success in developing relationships with members, County officials, community institutions, and local businesses. Attorney Steven Jansen praises Ruth for her work in maintaining a strong connection with "East County" attorneys in Longmont, Lafayette, and Louisville through county-wide events and outreach.

Says Ruth, "I am looking forward to continuing the BCBA's tradition of excellence while embracing our next chapter. I plan on taking a very active stance and spending time with the bar community to learn how we can serve them better and what programs they would like to see in the future."

Ruth comes to the Bar Association with a variety of talents and experience. In her previous work for the Bar Association, Ruth excelled in her networking with membership, event organization, and community outreach. She also has prior experience working in relocation services for Housing Helpers of Colorado, LLC, work in human resources and corporate events for the Sterling-Rice Group in Boulder, and private event coordination for Boulder's Oak at Fourteenth.

The Boulder County Bar Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving its members and enhancing the administration of justice. For more information, please visit www.boulder-bar.org or call (303) 440-4758.



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SHAPING OUTCOMES

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I recently finished reading Bryan Stevenson's book *Just Mercy*, which is a vivid account of his legal career defending death row inmates, juveniles incarcerated for life, and the mentally ill. Afterward, I spent some time berating myself for failing to use my law degree on issues of life and liberty. I considered taking on a pro bono criminal case. Then, I circled back to that ever-present, nagging question: "Wasn't I likely to do more harm than good by venturing outside the intellectual property world?"

In my experience, patent attorneys and agents have shied away from pro bono work because opportunities within their field have been practically non-existent, and branching out brings into play legitimate concerns of ineffectively assisting clients and committing malpractice.

Enter, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Pro Bono Program, implemented as part of the America Invents Act. This program offers patent attorneys and agents the chance to make a difference in the lives of inventors with limited means, while working within the practitioner's area of expertise. And, judging from the numbers reported by the USPTO earlier this month, practitioners are embracing the opportunity. In the past six years, over 800 attorneys and agents nationwide have participated in the program.

In the Rocky Mountain region, the USPTO program is administered as the Pro Bono Patent (ProBoPat) program out of the Mi Casa Resource Center in Denver, Colorado (which also conveniently offers training programs and resources for entrepreneurs).

Jennifer Rothschild, the director of the ProBoPat program, explains that most of the inventions are mechanical devices, such as household goods and

tools, so there is always an available client for a patent practitioner willing to help. Literally, five minutes of phone or e-mail time is all that is required to match a practitioner with an inventor from the waitlist. After speaking with the inventor, the practitioner chooses the level of commitment, from searching to application drafting to prosecution. This flexibility is meant to induce volunteer participation, at any level, because even one patentability search a year provides a huge benefit to a client. The search not only indicates the availability and potential scope of patent protection, it informs the client's decision about "putting skin in the game" because inventors are required to pay all USPTO fees. Torrey Spink of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP has helped a number of inventors over the years, including one who borrowed money from friends and family to pay for Track I expedited examination. That patent is now issued, and the client is making and selling the patented product. It's a rapid success story, but Torrey's motivation runs deeper. He enjoys working with inventors from the ProBoPat program because they're passionate about their products, they believe in themselves, and they're bravely pushing past socioeconomic barriers. He sums all this up by saying, "It's nice to help people who have dreams."

Tiffany Parcher, an in-house patent attorney at Medtronic, participates in the ProBoPat program to help her community, to keep her skills fresh, and to maintain direct client interaction. She enjoys the enthusiasm and gratitude of the individual inventors, whom she says "give you more credit than you deserve," and her pro bono work increases her appreciation for aspects of her corporate job, such as the ability to quickly discuss complex issues

SHAPING OUTCOMES CONTINUED

SHIREEN MARSHALL

using shorthand "patent-speak". Tiffany is able to experience both work perspectives thanks to the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Colorado Chapter, which provides liability insurance for its members' pro bono activities as part of membership dues.

Other organizations also support pro bono work. Torrey's law firm, for example, credits some of his pro bono hours toward his billable hour requirement, and the Colorado Supreme Court awards one hour of general CLE credit for every five hours spent volunteering up to a maximum of nine hours per three-year reporting period (CRCP 260.8). Of course, one reason for volunteering in the ProBoPat program overshadows client enthusiasm, skill maintenance, reduced billable hours or CLE

credit. It is summed up in a paraphrased sentence from *Just Mercy*: "Wealth ... shapes outcomes." Although the outcomes for IP clients may be less consequential than those for Mr. Stevenson's clients, each volunteer patent attorney is offering an opportunity usually reserved for the wealthy to an under-served person, which could shape the outcome of that person's life. To volunteer for the ProBoPat program, contact Jennifer Rothschild at 303-539-5643 or by e-mail at probopat@micasaresourcecenter.org.

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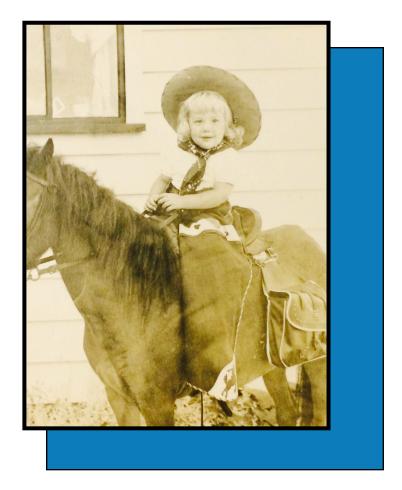
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CHRISTINE'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Please join us for this very special event!



Our fearless leader Christine Hylbert is retiring after 20 years of service to the Boulder County Bar Association. Please join us in wishing her well as she rides off on her next adventure!

Thursday, June 22 @ 5:00 pm Sanitas Brewing Company, 3550 Frontier Avenue, Boulder

Appetizers provided, special happy hour pricing all night for drinks RSVP by email to Laura@boulder-bar.org

PRESIDENT'S PAGE ABIGAIL SMITH

Eleven months ago, I sat down to write my first President's Page. My primary objective was to introduce myself to you by describing the contours of my life and career. Shortly thereafter, I received a wonderful piece of advice. I was encouraged to include something personal about myself in each page. I've tried to follow that advice, and I hope it's helped you to get to know me better.

One of the most personal pages for me to write was the January page, where I detailed my relationship with Christine Hylbert as she announced her retirement as our Executive Director. If that page was an opportunity to reflect on the past, then this companion piece is an opportunity to focus on our future. This month, I have the immense pleasure of introducing you to our new Executive Director: Laura Ruth.

Laura has demonstrated every quality you could want in an employee. She's loyal, thoughtful, responsible and kind. She's a visionary, a quality that will serve her well in her new role. On top of all that, she's just fun to work with. Laura has a wicked sense of humor, and she's full of wisdom earned from a life well-lived. Most importantly, she's game for anything, which she proved by letting me interview her for my final President's Page.

You've taken the lead on a lot of projects in the few years you've been with us. Which ones are you most proud of?

I've worked on growing our outreach to Longmont by creating monthly CLE's to increase participation and inclusiveness. I also ran as the contact point and main organizer for Food Wine Jazz Art (FWJA) in 2016 at a new venue, in addition to working to redefine sponsorship levels for FWJA and helping to create new marketing materials.

Not to mention the newsletter.



I wanted to bring us up to date with technology, so I found a new cloud-based system that allows us more flexibility.

What do you envision for the future of the Boulder County Bar Association?

Technology and culture are advancing at breakneck speeds. The next decade will bring huge changes to how we reach people and run our companies. As director of the BCBA, I will bring an openness and desire to learn to our organization. We will need to be nimble to keep up, and I will continue to ask the hard questions and search for solutions. I am always curious and consider my best days the ones I learn a new way of doing things. This agility will serve the BCBA well.

Enough with the serious questions. Let's have some fun! What would people be surprised to learn about you?

Well, I was a punk in the 80's when we lived outside of Philadelphia. When I was 17, I had a jet black Mohawk. That's a fun fact! Unfortunately my parents didn't take many pics during that time!

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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I will try to move past my disappointment about the pictures. What's the most interesting job you've had?

I spent some time as a wildfire fighter. I did this in Oregon when I was in college working with McKenzie River ranger district. I traveled to exotic locations such as eastern Oregon and Idaho. The best time I had on that job was when we had been on standby for 48 hours in a gravel pit with 90+ degree heat. We all went swimming in one of the water tankers on standby with us. Unfortunately, within 15 minutes of getting out of the tanker with soaking wet fireproof clothes we received a fire call and had to trudge through the forest. There was some chafing involved in that adventure.

Tell me a little bit about your family.

Our blended family consists of 5 girls between the ages of 10 and 15. In the year 2020, we will have 5 teenage girls. We also have a coonhound named Maggie, a Bengal cat named Niki (after Formula One driver Niki Lauda – the cat is very fast and extremely calculating), 2 rats, a mouse, and a beta fish.

If I asked your daughters to describe you, what would they say?

Paige (age 13): My mom is a get to it kind of person. When she decides something has to be done, BAM, it's going to happen. She also has a weird obsession with the color orange.

Tess (age 15): My mom is literally my favorite person. Hard working, loyal, fun and happy. (Disclaimer: Tess was actively lobbying to attend a party that night, so this response may be biased).

How would your husband describe you?

Mike: Laura is a passionate supporter of human and individual rights, and loves applying that in the form of "justice for all". She's a bulldog... BCBA couldn't have a better Executive Director.

Okay, let's end with a fun one: If I gave you \$10 million right now, what would you do?

If you gave me \$10 million, I would buy a yacht and a crew and station myself off the coast of Croatia in the islands as a base for travel. I would definitely bring my husband, and might consider bringing all the kids!

I hope you've enjoyed learning a little bit more about Laura. I'm confident that she will be an excellent Executive Director, and I look forward to seeing all that she will achieve in her new role.

As I reach the final paragraph of my final President's Page, I have only one thing left to say: thank you. Thank you to Christine and Laura for bringing your prodigious talents to our association. Thank you to our 2016-17 Board of Directors: Renee, Brad, Jen, Ron, Mimi, Jeff, Nate and Craig. You actively engaged with me at every turn, and it's impossible to overstate how much that meant to me. Finally, thank you to our members. Thank you for reading. Thank you for reaching out. Thank you for meeting with me and sharing your thoughts about the BCBA. Thank you for building an association that makes me proud to be a member. Over the past year, I've met many people who speak about the BCBA in glowing terms. Who call us a shining example, and describe our members as active, collegial and engaged. That is what you have built, and I'm just grateful I had the opportunity to learn from you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, June 6
ANNUAL MEETING AND RECEPTION

5:00 @ Wedgewood Event Center \$50

Register and pay online here

Wednesday, June 14
IN-HOUSE COUNSEL & COLORADO WOMEN'S BAR ASSN
Corporate Communications: The Legal Minefields and How
to Avoid Them

Presenter: Ashley Kissinger 4:00 @ Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti \$25 CLE, \$15 New/Young Lawyer Register and pay online here

Thursday, June 15 & Friday, June 16 COLORADO COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE PROFESSIONALS Excellence in Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Strengthening Collaborative Skills

Presenters: Linda Solomon, Diana Powell, & Daryl James Golden Community Center, 1470 10th St. Golden \$250 New CCDP Member/\$345 CCDP Member/\$395 Other Approved for 15 general and 2.4 ethic credits Register and pay online here

Thursday, June 22
CHRISTINE HYLBERT'S RETIREMENT PARTY
Sanitas Brewing Company
5:00 pm
RSVP by email to laura@boulder-bar.org

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.

2017-2018 FIND A LAWYER

It is time to renew or sign up for your Find a Lawyer listing for 2017. This is the main resource we use to refer calls for attorneys, and is the primary search mode on the website. I have attached the form to be submitted if you have any changes or are new to the feature. Renewals, please check your current listing and make sure everything is correct. *If there are no changes, you don't need to fill out another form. Just make your payment online or by check.* The cost for one section is \$60, and each additional section is \$25. You can choose up to 5 sections for your listing. These payments can be made online by clicking here, or you can mail a check to our office. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Boulder County Bar Association.

2017-2018 Find A Lawyer Listing

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Patent Lawyers (Registered)

Zoning/City Planning

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for the June 15 Free Legal Clinic and Senior Law Day

Please email Christine@boulder-bar.org if you can help on Thursday, June 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (14th and Mapleton). Main practice areas needed are Family, Immigration, Landlord/Tenant, Criminal, Civil, Estate Planning and Employment.

Volunteers also 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

1850 Industrial Circle (off Ken Pratt)

Longmont

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Boulder County Senior Law Day is set for Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the Plaza Conference Center in Longmont.

The Sponsorship packet for the year is available by contacting Sarah Pheral.

Please note that they will have some workshops in Spanish this year, along with interpreters in the Ask-a-Lawyer sessions to accommodate Spanish-speaking attendees. There will be active outreach and marketing to the Spanish-speaking members of our community this year, so if you have Spanish materials or Spanish-speaking staff available, you may want to bring them along this year.

A "Save the Date" card is also available (in English and Spanish).

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah anytime. Kind regards,

Sarah Pheral C: 720-660-2873 Chair / Sponsorship Chair

Boulder County Senior Law Day 2017

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June 26 Gwyn Whalen 303.443.8010

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 Christine at christine@boulder-bar.org if you can help in Boulder, or susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov if you can help in Longmont.

Boulder: June 15, 2017

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.

PRO BONO REFERRALS

Seven cases were referred during the month of April. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Joyce Bergmann

Graham Fuller

Brad Hall

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Elizabeth Meyer

Mary Street

Bruce Warren

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

Sheila Carrigan

M.L. Edwards

Kathleen Franco

Tucker Katz

Zach LaFramboise

Alice Robbins

Craig Small

Chris Tomchuck

BCAP VOLUNTEERS

There were no requests for referrals for the Boulder County AIDS Project in April.



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Thank you to the Availability of Legal Services Committee for your hard work in revising and improving our Legal Resources book. This publication is distributed at the Justice Center and Boulder County Courthouse as a resource for the public needing legal assistance.

The team working on this revision was:

Felisa Marcia, Christine Ebner, Heather Kurland, and Brad Turner.

COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOHN LAUCE

Retirement celebration!

Friday, July 7, 2017

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Boulder Jury Assembly Room

Boulder County Justice Center

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