

# Boulder County Bar Association Newsletter

## WHERE TO REFER LOW-INCOME CLIENTS WHEN THEY CALL

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It should be no surprise to any attorneys, or their hard-working support staff, that a law office receives many calls a day from people they cannot help. It can be frustrating for both the attorney and the client to reject a case because the client cannot afford to pay the attorney's fee. This situation can be even more frustrating when the attorney or their staff doesn't know where to refer the client for the appropriate pro bono and low-cost resources.

The Availability of Legal Services committee has sought to address this problem through a variety of ways. As a committee, we have focused on expanding pro bono options through the bar and promoting this value amongst our membership. Last year, we hosted a CLE on expanding the types of pro bono work an attorney could ethically and competently take on. One of our most recent projects involved updating the Boulder County Bar's book of legal resources.

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# LOW-INCOME CLIENTS CONTINUED

While the entire book of legal resources is too extensive to fully print here, copies are available through the BCBA office. In this article, we hope to alert attorneys and their staff to some of the primary legal resources available for low-income clients throughout the county.

## Colorado State Public Defender- (303)444- 2322

The Boulder office of the Colorado State Public Defender assists indigent people charged with a crime in Boulder County or in the City and County of Broomfield.

## Boulder County Legal Services- (303)449-7575

Boulder County Legal Services is the local office of Colorado Legal Services, the Legal Services Corporation funded law firm for Colorado. BCLS provides free legal services to low-income and senior citizens in Boulder County or those with a case in Boulder County.

While the office has only three full-time staff members, BCLS is able to serve Boulder County through the extensive volunteer work contributed by the bar membership, including 250 attorneys who contribute their time.

BCLS assists on civil cases, particularly those involving housing, family law, public benefits, elder law, and consumer law. Clients must be financially eligible for services and meet other criteria. Eligibility varies based on a number of factors, so if an attorney is unsure a client would be eligible, please refer them and allow BCLS to make that decision. Additionally, due to funding from the Area Agency on Aging, BCLS is able to assist senior citizens regardless of income for targeted case types.

The Colorado Legal Services website has recently been updated with additional legal information and resources. Please feel free to have clients review the website at [coloradolegalservices.org](http://coloradolegalservices.org).

## 20th Judicial District Court Resource Center- (303)441-4741

The court's Resource Center houses two Self-Represented Litigant Coordinators and the court's one Family Court Facilitator. These professionals can assist clients by providing legal information, including help filling out forms. While they cannot provide legal advice, their assistance can provide critical support to parties filing on their own.

The courts also provide various legal clinics to assist clients. There is a small claims clinic, "How to Collect a Court Judgment" clinic, probate clinic, and divorce and custody clinics and workshops. These resources provide clients an additional opportunity to gain assistance with their case. Additionally, both Boulder and Longmont offer free legal clinics to the public. Contact (303)441-4741 for more information about the Boulder Clinic and (303)774-4375 for the Longmont Clinic.

## Bridge to Justice- (303)443-1038

Bridge to Justice is a non-profit organization that provides civil legal services to low and moderate income individuals who do not qualify for free



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# LOW-INCOME CLIENTS CONTINUED

legal aid. Bridge to Justice provides both unbundled services and full representation in family law, landlord/tenant, and consumer law cases. They charge well below market rate for their services, \$100 per hour for in-office work and \$120 per hour for out of office work.

## Rocky Mountain Legal Center- (720)242-8642

Rocky Mountain Legal Center provides free and low-cost civil legal representation for low-income families, single parents, seniors and people from every other walk of life. This firm handles wills, living wills, powers of attorney, bankruptcies, small business work, dissolution of marriage, post-decree family law, and landlord/tenant cases. Services are offered on a sliding scale fee, and some services are provided free for families with incomes below 150% of the Federal Poverty Limit.

## Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Non-violence (SPAN)- (303)449-8623

The SPAN Legal Advocacy Program helps victims navigate the justice system by providing assistance, support, and information about criminal, civil, and immigration legal processes. SPAN Court Advocates are available at the Boulder Justice Center and the Broomfield Court to support and assist victims throughout the Civil Protection Order process. Advocates will also attend court proceedings for support and connect victims with community resources and referrals to private attorneys. Spanish-speaking Advocates are also made available. All legal services at SPAN are free.

## Safe Shelter of the St. Vrain- (303)772-4422

Safe Shelter provides advocacy and support to those whose lives have been affected by domestic

abuse. The legal advocacy program offers a holistic legal approach, seeking to assist survivors of domestic abuse with any legal issues arising out of acts of domestic violence, from protection orders and family law cases to housing and financial matters affecting survivors.

Safe Shelter clients needing legal assistance may consult with the Legal Advocate regarding their legal issues, and may be referred to contracted attorneys through the organization's Expanded Legal Services Program. Safe Shelter has established a weekly Legal Clinic at their Public Offices and a Temporary Protection Order Clinic, held on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons at the Longmont Courthouse. Safe Shelter provides strengths-based, client-centered counseling, education and referral Services in both English and Spanish. All legal services are at no cost to the client.

## Conclusion

Here in Boulder County, we are fortunate enough to have many resources available to provide legal assistance to our residents who cannot easily afford services from the private bar. We hope this article and the revisions to the book of legal resources can help connect our low-income and indigent residents with the appropriate legal services available to them.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 4**

## **CIVIL LITIGATION**

**Best Practices and Ethical Issues in Mediation**

**Presenter: Fred Skillern**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

\$25 CLE, \$15 New/Young Lawyer

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Wednesday, October 4**

## **PARALEGAL**

**How to be Indispensable**

**Presenter: Olivia Bartholomew**

Noon @ Bryan Cave

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Thursday, October 5**

## **LONGMONT LAWYERS HAPPY HOUR**

5:00 @ Bootstrap Brewing (142 Pratt St, Longmont)

First drink and appetizers are on the bar!

[RSVP kyle@boulder-bar.org](#)

**Tuesday, October 10**

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Labor and Employment Law Update**

**Presenter: Lisa Shoemaker and Cristina McGarr**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Wednesday, October 11**

## **CRIMINAL**

**Meet and Greet with the New Criminal Judges**

**Presenters: Judge Langer and Judge LaBuda**

Noon @ Courtroom Q

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Thursday, October 12**

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**Declaratory Judgment: Patently Clear Jurisdiction**

**Presenter: James Juo**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

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**Tuesday, October 17**

## **ELDER**

**Pros and Cons of Choosing Co-Fiduciaries**

**Presenter: Jessica Catlin**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

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**Wednesday, October 18**

## **NEW/YOUNG LAWYERS**

## **Business Law Lunch**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

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**Wednesday, October 18**

## **FAMILY**

**View from the Bench**

**Presenter: Magistrate Haenselman, Judge Sierra, Judge Bakke and Judge Hartman**

Noon @ Justice Center Training Room East

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**Thursday, October 19**

## **REAL ESTATE**

**Special District Conversions**

**Presenter: Carolyn Steffl**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

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**Thursday, October 19**

## **BANKRUPTCY**

**Monthly Lunch and Roundtable**

Noon @ Kathamndu

**Friday, October 20**

## **AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES**

**Monthly Roundtable**

Noon @ BCLS

**Tuesday, October 24**

## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**Calming the Storm: Practical Strategies for Mediators**

**Presenter: Gabrielle Uzatynski**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Wednesday, October 25**

## **TAX, ESTATE PLANNING & PROBATE**

**Legal and Tax Considerations for Investment Properties**

**Presenter: Jeffrey Cohen, CPA**

Noon @ BCBA Conference Room

\$25 CLE, \$15 New/Young Lawyer

[Register and pay online here](#)

**Thursday, October 26**

## **NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENTAL**

**TBD**

**Presenter: TBD**

**Noon @ Dickens Tavern, Longmont**

\$25 CLE, \$15 New/Young Lawyer, \$13 Lunch

[Register and pay online here](#)

## **BOULDER IDC - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

BIDC Autumn Conference - Anatomy of Domestic Violence in Divorce

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Daneya Esgar, Representative of Colorado, House District 46

7:30 - 4:30 @ Doubletree Hotel, \$150 IDC Members, \$165 Non-Members, \$90 Student

7 General CLE and 3 Ethics To RSVP, go to [boulderidc.org](#)



# 2018 Boulder County Bar Association



## JUSTICE FOR ALL BALL

Saturday, February 24 at 7 pm

The Studio

3550 Frontier Avenue, Boulder

### About JFAB

16 years ago, the Boulder County Bar Association started a fundraiser called Food Wine Jazz Art to benefit Colorado Legal Services. While this event was a great success, recent cuts to the federal budget made us realize we needed to rebrand our event to draw a larger crowd and raise even more money for legal services.

The Boulder County Justice For All Ball will still be geared toward the legal community, but this year we are expanding further to include partners, clients, and friends. We are holding the event on a Saturday evening to accommodate those who find a weeknight event hard to attend. We are also hoping to bring in members who have never attended a bar event. Our new space, The Studio, is an industrial chic venue with ample parking that should bring a fun new feel to our fundraiser.

We will have music and dancing led by the Diamond Orchestra. Their fun, sophisticated and soulful ensemble keeps guests of all ages and tastes entertained at the top venues in Colorado and beyond. There will also be a silent auction with some fabulous opportunities.

Hors d'oeuvres will be available along with delicious desserts from Bridge House Catering.

This year also brings new sponsorship opportunities if you are unable to attend but still want to contribute to a worthy cause. We are asking for Young Lawyer and Paralegal sponsorships to allow those that might not have the funds in their budget to purchase a ticket. We are also seeking silent auction donation items. Traditional sponsorships are still available. Please contact [Laura@boulder-bar.org](mailto:Laura@boulder-bar.org) for more information.

# BOULDER COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

## The importance of joining the Boulder County Bar Foundation

The Boulder County Bar Foundation was organized in 1983 as a 501(c)(3) organization to raise donations from members of the Boulder County Bar Association, invest the donations in an endowment fund that would grow in principal and distribute proceeds from the endowment fund to legally-related 501(c)(3) organizations in Boulder County, Colorado. The Foundation believes that support of legal education and law related projects is one of the best way to increase our profession's public image while providing public service to those in need in Boulder County.

The Foundation funds its annual grant requests in September from the endowment fund and annual donations from its members, who are Fellows. The Foundation currently has an endowment fund of approximately \$240,000 and 285 Fellows.


The Foundation made grants totaling \$21,000 during 2016 to the following Boulder County non-profit organizations and programs:

- Boulder County Legal Services
- 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 and YWCA

All current members of Boulder County Bar Association are encouraged to become Fellows of the Foundation by pledging to make donations of \$150 annually over a ten-year period. Fellows who have completed their ten-year commitment of

\$1,500 become Life Fellows. Many Life Fellows continue to contribute beyond their initial commitment and are recognized as Sustaining Life Fellows (continued support beyond \$1,500), Life Benefactor Fellows (continued support between \$2,500 and \$5,000) and Life Leadership Fellows (continued support over \$10,000).

We are hoping to increase the Fellow membership so that the Foundation can continue to assist those who are unable to find access to justice and further fund successful legal programs in Boulder County. If you would like additional information or are interested in becoming a Fellow of the Foundation, please contact Christine Hylbert, the Foundation's Executive Director, at [christine@boulder-bar.org](mailto:christine@boulder-bar.org).

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BCBA Family Lawyers: The Self-Represented Litigant Coordinators (SRLCs), Donna Powell and Tania Papp, are looking for additional DR attorneys for the Boulder Court Family Law Ask-an-Attorney program. This program is held in conjunction with the Divorce and Custody Orientation and Divorce and Custody Forms Workshop that take place at the Boulder courthouse every Thursday afternoon. The volunteer attorney is expected to serve for 2 hours at the courthouse from 2-4 PM (4-30 minute appointments) providing legal advice in domestic relations cases, both pre- and post-decree. These prospective litigants do not need to qualify for the indigency guidelines. They are only required to be a pro se litigant. Donna

and Tania assist with the scheduling of appointments, preparing the necessary documents and assisting attorneys as needed.

Since January 2017, our volunteers have been able to provide legal assistance to 122 people.

We hope that you will volunteer for this important program that is just another effort to meet the expanding domestic relations needs in this county.

Please email your name and contact information to the Boulder Court Resource Center – [BoulderCourtSelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:BoulderCourtSelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us) (email & phone number). Donna and Tania will be circulating a signup poll for you to choose the date(s) that work best with your schedule.



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE ANNUAL JUDGES DINNER

Please join us for the 2017 Judge's Dinner at the St. Julien Hotel on Thursday, November 2 at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with your colleagues and socialize with the judges of the 20th Judicial District. This event is expected to sell out, so buy your tickets early! \$85 admission includes dinner and wine with the meal. Other drinks available for purchase at the venue.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Register and pay online here**



# PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

October 2	Meghan Pound	303.443.8010
October 9	Tom Rodriguez	303.604.6030
October 16	Karl Kumli	303.447.1375
October 23	Tripp DeMuth	303.447.7775
October 30	Peggy Goodbody	303.440.5736

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 & 2018 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](mailto:laura@boulder-bar.org) if you can help in Boulder, or [susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov](mailto:susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov) if you can help in Longmont.

**Boulder: December 14, March 22, June 21**

**Longmont: November 28, February 27, May 22**

## 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 August. Thank you to the following attorneys:

**Norm Aaronson CULADP**

**Susan Bryant**

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## PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

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## BCAP VOLUNTEERS

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

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# COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NOTICE:**

Due to scheduling Boulder County Courts will not be scheduling FED and Name Change hearings at the Boulder and Longmont locations on the dates listed below:

**Boulder:** November 10, 2017, November 24, 2017, December 22, 2017, and January 5, 2018, January 12, 2018

**Longmont:** October 20, 2017, November 10, 2017, November 24, 2017, December 22, 2017, January 5, 2018 , and January 12, 2018



Please join us for a  
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