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BAR ASSOCIATION

SIDE BAR: PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONALISM

Please join us on Thursday, February 9 at 4:00 pm for the Side Bar CLE program **Principles of Professionalism**, presented at the BCBA office. Following the program, we will hold a happy hour.

Professionalism is close cousin of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Principles of Professionalism adopted by the Boulder County Bar Association (and in use by other bar associations, as well) advise how lawyers can and should practice law to facilitate resolution of legal matters, work constructively to advance justice and treat the Courts, opposing parties, witnesses and third-parties with decorum, respect and civility. Professionalism is not inconsistent with passionate advocacy. It is not injurious to a client's rights or interests, but focuses on making legal process function efficiently and with due regard for all concerned. This panel discussion presentation, from experienced practitioners in a wide range of legal practice areas, will emphasize the Principles of Professionalism, the intersection of professionalism and ethics, and will touch upon the many reasons that adherence to the Principles of Professionalism is an asset to the career of a practicing attorney.

Presently scheduled panelists include Gwyneth Whalen, Lee Strickler, Peggy Goodbody, Tom Rodriguez, Meghan Pound, Karl Kumli, Timothy O'Neill, and Steve Clymer.

\$15 to attend. [Please click here to attend.](#)

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CARRIE FRANK

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope that everyone is spending time this February with their loved ones.

Despite the cold winter months, the BCBA is in full swing with several upcoming events and programs.

The BCBA is hosting a Joint Happy Hour with the Colorado Women's Bar Association on Thursday, February 2 at 4:00 pm. This event will be at the BCBA offices. This joint meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to get out and socialize with other BCBA and CWBA members. [Click here to register.](#)

On February 7, the BCBA is kicking off our new monthly BCBA Section lunches. Every month there will be a focus on a different section and the first up is the Business Section. All Business Section members are welcome to join other section members at the BCBA office, but beware, this event is capped at 16 so be sure to sign up quickly. The goal of this new monthly event is to provide an intimate forum for the section members to get together, meet each other, share ideas and to have a good time. [Click here to register.](#)

The Professionalism Committee will be in the forefront on Thursday, February 9 for a CLE on Principles of Professionalism. The educational program will run from 4:00 to 5:00 at the BCBA office. The program will feature a panel discussion of experienced practitioners including Gwyneth Whalen, Lee Strickler, Peggy Goodbody, Tom Rodriguez, Meghan Pound, Karl Kumli, Timothy O'Neill, and Steve Clymer. The Principles of Professionalism, a "first cousin" to the Rules of Professional Conduct, provide guidance as to how lawyers can and should conduct themselves to resolve legal matters, constructively work together (even with opposing counsel!), treat the Courts, witnesses and all other involved parties with decency and decorum and to show respect and civility in this profession. The panel will explore the



intersection of professionalism and ethics and will touch upon the many reasons that adherence to the Principles of Professionalism is an asset to the career of a practicing attorney. [Click here to register.](#)

Are you interested in developing a new generation of lawyers? Ever wanted to try out the judge's bench? If so, please help those young minds learn this profession by participating in the 2023 Boulder County Mock Trials programs on February 10 and 11. We still need both scoring and presiding judges to make this event successful. If you have never participated in this mock trial program, it is one not to be missed. Boulder County High Schools compete utilizing a provided case scenario with the hopes of heading to the state competition. These school teams and their coaches have worked hard to get prepared for this challenging event. Please join the BCBA in supporting these teams. [Click here to volunteer.](#)

On February 15, the BCBA is joining forces with Boulder CPR & First Aid to provide Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Training for any of our members interested in becoming certified. There is an online simulation program that must be completed prior to the in-person skills session on February 15 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at the BCBA office. Truly, this course can be a life saver for friends, family, and others who may suffer an unexpected cardiac event. Living in a family with

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congenital heart issues, I know I will be there for this vital and important program. [Click here to register.](#)

To cap off the month of February, the BCBA is hosting the Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program (COLAP) presentation on February 21 for the paralegal section. Now, I know how much we depend on our paralegals and other support staff, and I know that disaster always seems to strike the second they are away from the office, but as the attorneys, our offices and cases will run better and more efficiently when we give our staff the opportunity to learn and share ideas with each other, and to show how we value their roles in our offices and cases. The BCBA is bringing in COLAP who has put together a presentation tailored to paralegals focusing on mindfulness in the workplace. This program will be hugely beneficial to all of our staff members so support your support staff and send them to this program. [Click here to register.](#)

And let's not forget our weekly "Bagels with the Bar." Each week we honor a section to give those section members time to get together. This has been one of the favorite events at the BCBA as it's relaxing, informal and just fun. This month, the sections for each week are: Criminal law (February 1), Solo/Small firm (February 8), Senior Lawyers (February 15), and a special Bagels event in Longmont for those who are closer to that location.

Whew! What a month of education, networking, socializing, and caring for our mental and physical wellbeing. I look forward to seeing you in February!

2023 MOCK TRIALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The 2023 Boulder County Mock Trials will be held at the Justice Center on February 10 and 11, and we are looking to fill our Scoring and Presiding Judge slots. Please help us ensure we have the volunteers we need!

Friday Session 1 (1:00 - 3:30 pm) – need 1 alternate scoring judge

Friday Session 2 (3:30 - 6:00 pm) – need 1 presiding judge

Saturday Session 1 (8:30 - 10:30 am) – need 1 presiding judge and 5 scoring judges

Saturday Session 2 (10:30 am - 1:00 pm) – need 2 presiding judges and 6 scoring judges

The volunteer sign-up link below also includes a link to the case and all of the rules.

[Please click here to volunteer](#)

Please contact us if you have any further questions. Thank you for your consideration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 1

Bagels with the Bar - Criminal Law

8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

Free for BCBA Members

Thursday, February 2

BCBA & CWBA Joint Happy Hour

Sponsored by CWBA Boulder Chapter

4:00 - 6:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$20 to attend

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Tuesday, February 7

BCBA Business Law Section Lunch

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$20 to attend

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Wednesday, February 8

Bagels with the Bar - Solo/Small Firm

8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

Free for BCBA Members

Thursday, February 9

Side Bar: Principles of Professionalism

Presented by members of the BCBA Professionalism Committee

4:00 - 5:00 PM CLE | 5:00 - 6:00 PM Happy Hour @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$15 to attend

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Friday, February 10 & Saturday, February 11

Boulder County Mock Trials

Boulder Justice Center (1777 6th St.)

Volunteers needed

[Please click here to volunteer](#)

Wednesday, February 15

Bagels with the Bar - Senior Lawyers

8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, February 15

CPR/AED & First Aid Training

4:00 - 5:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$95 to participate

[Please click here to register](#)

Tuesday, February 21

COLAP: Mindfulness for Paralegals

Presented by Kerry McCarthy

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$15 to attend

[Please click here to attend](#)

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Wednesday, February 22

Bagels with the Bar - Longmont

8:30 - 10:00 AM @ Lyons Gaddis (515 Kimbark St, Suite 200)

Free for BCBA Members

SOME THOUGHTS ON PROFESSIONALISM

AMANDA PEEK

As we enter a new year, I have spent some time reflecting on who I want to be as a lawyer and how I want to practice in 2023. At the Family Law Institute in August 2022, Chief Justice Boatright presented a fireside chat called, "Where do we go from here?" regarding the professionalism in our legal community. Listening to him, and seeing our Chief Justice tear up over his concerns with our profession, really made me reflect on my practices. Beyond just professionalism, I think we all need to instill grace, kindness, and compassion into our day to day practices.

The pandemic has taken its toll on our society's mental health and wellness. Attorneys have not been spared. Even before the pandemic, the adversarial nature of the practice of law contributes to decreases in attorney wellness and mental health.

The issue of professionalism is being discussed in leadership groups across the bar. During a recent Family Law Section Executive Council meeting, we discussed the issue of granting extensions on deadlines to opposing counsel. Especially during the pandemic, and even after, this issue arises frequently. Sure, we could require opposing counsel to abide by the strict deadlines, but does doing so offer grace, kindness, or compassion? Would granting informal extensions have any effect on the litigation? After all, you never know when you may need a favor from opposing counsel. If we can be civil with each other, it is better for us individually as attorneys and for the profession.

As attorneys, we have a duty to zealously represent our clients. In some circumstances, sanctions are warranted; however, most courts are not fond of motions based on gamesmanship and pure technical mistakes. Pursuing zealousness does not mean we cannot treat each other with the same professional courtesy we would want extended to us. A little grace, kindness, and compassion can go a long way in improving your mental health and the mental health of your colleague as well as your reputation of professionalism with the Court and bar.

So please, be kind, be courteous, be professional, and above all else, be understanding.



Amanda Peek is a founding partner of Peek Goldstone, LLC where she provides family law, mediation, parenting coordinator, and decision maker representation for individuals and families throughout Colorado. Amanda received a Bachelors of Arts from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

WELCOME NEW BCBA MEMBERS

Patrick R Marzolino

Robert T Donald

Alex A Gury

David J Thrower

George H Faulkner

David J Gehr

Blake S Gabriel

Katie R Schwalb

Christi A Sweeney

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PLEASE HELP US HONOR JUDGE MARTINEZ

Please read the following statement from the 20th Judicial District:

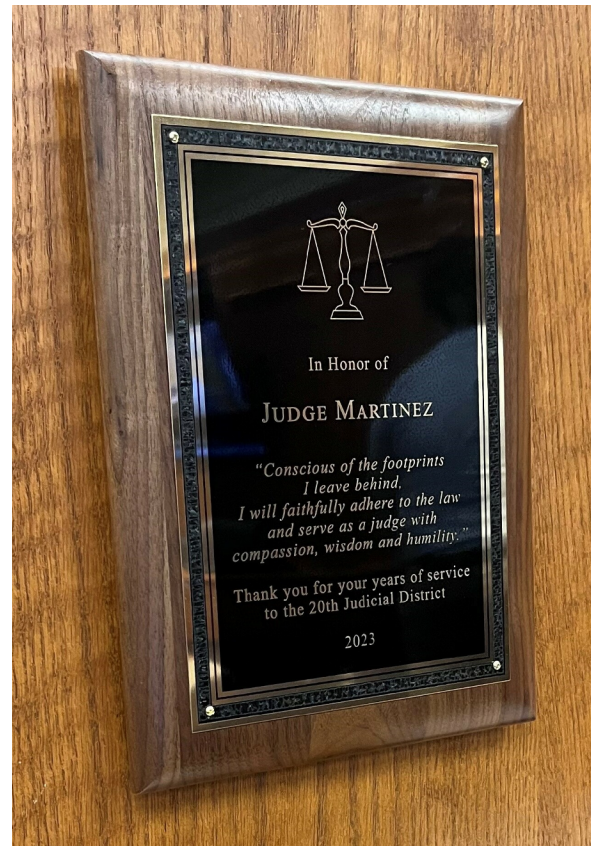
With Judge Martinez's permission, Chief Judge Bakke would like to let the Boulder County Bar members know that Judge Martinez has a diagnosis of Stage 4 cancer and is in hospice care at her home. On January 24th our County Court held the first ever Inaugural Hospice Hotdog Extravaganza. This entailed a small group gathering at Judge Martinez's home as well as County Court gathering at the courthouse and eating Mustard's Last Stand hotdogs together via Webex. The hospice worker let us know that he had never heard of this but hopes it becomes a tradition across the state if not the country. On January 25th the Colorado flag was flown in Judge Martinez's honor and will be presented to her and her family as soon as it is received. On January 27th a plaque was placed permanently in Judge Martinez's courtroom to honor her years of service. It contains a quote from her that she included in her letter to the Governor when she was nominated for the bench—"Conscious of the footprints I leave behind, I will faithfully adhere to the law and serve as a judge with compassion, wisdom, and humility." The event was well attended by courthouse and probation staff, members of the PD's and DA's office, law enforcement and retired judges both in person and via Webex. Judge Martinez spoke to the group and described how coming to the 20th Judicial District provided her an opportunity to thrive and is a place where people are authentic and we can all be seen for who we are and supported. She received a standing ovation. There was not a dry eye in the house.

She is grateful to the members of the Boulder Bar and has appreciated the professionalism and respect she has witnessed during her work in the 20th.

We have been so fortunate to have Judge Martinez in our district. She epitomizes what it means to be a compassionate, wise and humble judicial officer and what it means to be a lovely human being.

The Boulder County Bar shares Judge Bakke's gratitude for Judge Martinez and the excellent stewardship she has provided to our community as a judge, a lawyer, a professor, and a tireless advocate for justice. Please join us in showing your appreciation for Judge Martinez by participating in a card drive hosted by the BCBA. We will collect any cards or letters you would like to share to be delivered to Judge Martinez. These can be dropped off at the BCBA office or emailed to laura@boulder-bar.org. We will collect cards until Friday, February 3 and deliver shortly after.

We look forward to bringing our collective expression of gratitude and affection to Judge Martinez. We are so fortunate to have her influence in our community.



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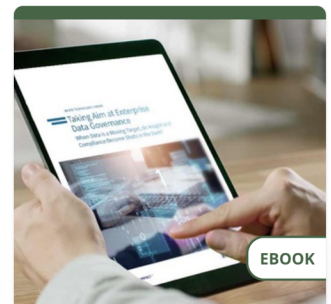
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The BCBA has a unique opportunity for individual attorneys or even a small firm with one new permanent office. This is a great way to instantly grow your network and have access to all the bar association has to offer. The office is approximately 250 square feet with full access to the conference rooms, patio, kitchen, and full open workspace. Utilities, internet and phone are all included along with use of copier. Parking is free, and our location is incredibly convenient to both Boulder and Longmont. We are offering a lease rate of \$800 per month with the first month free! Please [click here](#) for photos, and contact Kyle or Laura for more information.



PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

February 1	Trip DeMuth	303.447.7775
February 6	Peggy Goodbody	303.440.5736
February 13	Tim O'Neill	303.682.7292
February 20	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137
February 27	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292

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 Boulder County Free Legal Clinics have been replaced with our Virtual Legal Clinic until further notice.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The BCBA Virtual Legal Clinic remains ongoing and has served over 30 people to date. Thank you to the attorneys who serve as volunteers:

Dan Droege	Amy Stengel	Beth Kelley
Jennifer Huston	Laura Herndon	Dipak Patel
Sherri Murgallis	Maki Iatridis	Lindsey Killion
Craig Small	K.C. Cunilio	Karen Burns
Scott Hamerslough	Fern O'Brien	Susan Spaulding
Starla Doyal	George Farmer	Chris Lane
Jeff Skovron	TJ Willard	Connie Eyester
Lila Sol	David Harrison	Beth Montague
Georgiana Scott	Ann England	Kurt Hofgard

PRO BONO REFERRALS

Two cases were referred in the month of January. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Laura Kinde
Donna Zubillaga
Jennifer Walker

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

There were multiple Pro Se Clinics held in the month of January, thanks to the help of the following attorneys:

Kathleen Franco
Patricia Riley
Shana Beggan

PRO BONO CORNER

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