

BCBA ANNUAL MEETING 2023

The BCBA will be holding the Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 8 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Boulder County Bar Association office. This will be a casual gathering with food and drinks, and is free for all members!

Special thanks to our Annual Meeting sponsors:

- **Lyons Gaddis**
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The BCBA would like to thank its members for responding enthusiastically to the new online voting process for BCBA Board of Directors nominations. We had over 100 members vote during the two-week open ballot period.

During the Annual Meeting, current president Carrie Frank and incoming president Emily Ellison will be presenting brief remarks on the accomplishments of the bar over the past year, and a look to Emily Ellison's presidential year. This will be followed by the introduction of our new members of the BCBA Board of Directors.

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Carrie will then pass the gavel to Emily, and we will appreciate outgoing board members.

This year's Sonny Flowers Award of Merit will be awarded posthumously to Anton Dworak. The Outstanding Young Lawyer award will be awarded to Matthew Forstie.

We hope you can join us at the Annual Meeting! **Please click here to register.**



Anton Dworak

**2023 Sonny Flowers Award of Merit
recipient**



Matthew Forstie

**2023 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
recipient**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wednesday!

Bagels with the Bar

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

Free for BCBA Members

Tuesday, June 6 - FREE WEBINAR

Negotiating Wise Agreements

Presented by Joanna Merrill

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Zoom Meeting Room

Free to attend

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Thursday, June 8

BCBA Annual Meeting

Sponsored by Lyons Gaddis; Berg Hill

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Associates, P.C.; Klein Frank, P.C.; and

Peek Goldstone, LLC

5:00 - 7:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

Free for BCBA Members

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Monday, June 12 - FREE WEBINAR

Reproductive Healthcare Post-Dobbs

Sponsored by Debbie Taussig Law, LLC

Presented by CU Professor Jennifer

Hendricks and Jack Teter, Policy Director of

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Zoom Meeting Room

Free to attend

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Tuesday, June 13 - FREE WEBINAR

On Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act

Presented by Laura B. Wolf

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Zoom Meeting Room

Free to attend

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Thursday, June 15

BARHA/BCBA Happy Hour Event

4:30 - 7:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)

\$15 to attend

[Please click here to attend](#)

Tuesday, June 22 - FREE WEBINAR

Getting Your Firm's Affairs in Order

Presented by Jodi Martin

12:00 - 1:00 PM @ Zoom Meeting Room

Free to attend

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The BCBA is planning a trip down to Denver to see the Colorado Rockies take on the Houston Astros for a 1:10 pm game on Wednesday, July 19. Tickets are \$45 each and all seats are in the shade.

We are planning to meet the day of the game at the Table Mesa RTD Station to take a FF1 bus to Union Station. You are welcome to receive your e-ticket(s) early from Kyle if you prefer to drive on your own to and from Coors Field.

[Please click here to register](#)

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

CARRIE FRANK

Wow! It's hard to believe that my term as President is coming to an end. The timing is perfect, as I am also in the process of retiring and wrapping up my law practice.

It has been a busy year at the BCBA, and I'm happy to report that we did not have any terrible events this year like the Marshall fire. Still, we have been working diligently to meet the needs of our members and to continue to plan for the future of this wonderful organization.

This year, we held for the first time, membership wide voting for the new BCBA Board of Directors. Over 110 members voted for the new board, which will be announced at the annual meeting on June 8 at the BCBA office. Come join us for the meeting and meet the new board. If you have ideas for events or CLE programs for the upcoming year, please share them as quickly as possible as the board holds a planning session soon after the annual meeting.

We held the first ever "Chili Cook-Off" event to fill the bellies of the BCBA families, friends and anyone who drove by the venue. Each Board member was responsible for bringing their own time-tested batch of chili. Board member, Alison Gordon, won the coveted "boot" for the best chili. It was a rousing success and sure to become an annual event. The BCBA had a line-up of volunteer and fun activities so that members could ignite their personal interests outside of the law. From the Precious Child holiday gift program, to a Habitat For Humanities build, to First Fridays with your dog, and everything in between, the BCBA put together events partnering with local organizations. The BCBA also had a wide variety of CLE programs including the well-received Bench and Bar seminar held at C.U. Law School. And of course, other events such as the Justice for All Ball held by the Bounty County Bar Foundation to raise



money to benefit the Boulder chapter of Colorado Legal Services and the Judges' Dinner to thank the Boulder Bench for their tireless work, were very well attended.

This year, the BCBA made CLE webinars free for members and we have received a lot of positive feedback. The BCBA has continued to try to determine the best format for CLE programs in our "post-covid" world. Should the program be in person? Via Zoom? A hybrid? Fortunately, the staff at the BCBA can pivot on a dime so that the people who want to attend a program can do so easily. Wednesday morning Bagels with the Bar at the BCBA office continues to be a favorite. If you need CLE credits the upcoming programs include: Negotiating Wise Agreements (June 6), Reproductive Healthcare Post-Dobbs (June 12), Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (June 13), and Getting Your Firm's Affairs in Order – Succession Planning for Solo and Small Firms (June 22). If you just want to have some fun, please join us for Boulder Area Rental Housing Association and BCBA happy hour (June 15), and the BCBA at Colorado Rockies Day Game (July 19) when the Rockies play the Houston Astros.

As the BCBA exists to serve its members, retaining members and bringing in new members is vital for the long-term success of this association. We conducted a membership drive to reach out to

PRESIDENT'S PAGE CONTINUED

Boulder County attorneys who are not members of the BCBA. All of the new members received a BCBA-branded chamois cloth, personally delivered by Laura and Kyle, so hopefully there are a lot of clean eyeglasses and computer monitors in our legal community.

As my term comes to a close, I want to thank the board members for your thoughts, insight, candidness, and willingness to work together to reach a consensus on different matters that have come up during the year. It has been a pleasure

getting to know you all better. I want to thank Laura and Kyle at the BCBA for your flexibility, camaraderie, listening to my occasional rants, and for putting the needs of the BCBA first and foremost. Of course, I want to thank the membership for entrusting me as the President during this past year. It has been my honor to serve in this role. I now pass the gavel into the capable hands of Emily Ellison.

I wish you all health, happiness, and success in wherever your dreams may take you.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE

The Boulder County Bar Association is teaming up with the St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation in supporting a school supply distribution that ensures over 4,700 students in St. Vrain Valley Schools start the school year with the supplies they need for a successful and strong academic year. We are hoping our members can show their support by providing very much needed supplies: school backpacks and wide ruled comp books or wide ruled spiral notebooks. These are very specific supplies needed at this time, so these are the only two items we will be collecting.

Backpacks should be basic with at least 15-18 inches in size with no other accessories (water bottles, lunch boxes, pencil bags, etc.) Wide ruled comp books or spiral notebooks should be 100 pages or less. These specific requirements help to ensure equitable distribution to all schools.

We will be collecting the requested backpacks and notebooks at the BCBA office throughout the month of June. Please contact Kyle with further questions or to arrange drop-offs at the office.

We are also planning to participate on at least one date in July where we meet at the Education Foundation's distribution site, Trail Ridge Middle School (1000 Button Rock, Longmont), where we help stuff the donated backpacks with notebooks and other school supplies to prepare them for the student recipients. If you would like to participate, [please click here to add your contact information to our volunteer list](#). Once the available date(s) have been determined, Kyle will reach out to you to confirm your participation.



WHO DO YOU KNOW?

CARRIE ARMKNECHT

This past six months I was lucky enough to have an intern at my office. After being in law for so long, it is wonderful to watch someone see it all for the first time. The thrill of finding the needle in the haystack, of knowing you have the last piece of the puzzle you needed, learning all the terms, etc. The wins she had became my wins, and it made me remember how lucky we are to work in this field.

When you reflect back to the beginning, I think we all start to piece together what we know and how we learned the information. When did you first learn about subrogation? Criminal law? Immigration? It wasn't fast and it wasn't easy. The key to each area is knowing the right person to teach you and knowing who to call, but also taking the time to attend events and to learn things the right way.

Being a paralegal can mean so many different things to so many people. There isn't one right answer, which is true with most of the things we do in the legal field. The one thing I know is true for all of us is our connections make us stronger and information is power. We need to know who we can call when we don't know something. We need to recognize that taking an hour to reach out to others, to learn something outside our normal area, can be beneficial. We need to take the time to make the connections, whether it be virtually or in person.

This year I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. I am looking forward to learning new things, even the ones I won't use every day. Most of all, I'm looking forward to us taking time for ourselves to be better at what we do.

Our next event for the Paralegals/Legal Assistants section is a section lunch on June 27 at 12:00 pm at



the BCBA offices. The lunch is exclusively for paralegals and legal assistants, and we would like to give special thanks to our sponsor for this event, **Pike Reporting Company**. Please click [here](#) to RSVP for this section lunch.

I look forward to kicking this year off with as many of you as possible, whether in person or remote. Worst case scenario you get a free lunch out of it, best case you make a new connection you will have for the rest of your career.

While I know how hard it is to even take an hour some days, you are worth it. You have a day where you can't attend in person? I'll send you a virtual link. The time doesn't work for you? We'll record it. The location is too far? Let's plan one at your place. In other words, each of you is worth the time and effort it will take to make participation possible, and you have already paid to do so. Let's get your money's worth and have fun while doing it.

Carrie Armknecht is a Paralegal at Caplan & Earnest LLC. She is a Section Chair for the BCBA Paralegals & Legal Assistants section.

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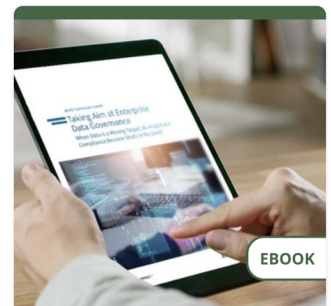
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Why I Belong

BCBA Section Chair - Business Law

Dillon Clayton

I belong to the BCBA because it is a great forum to connect with the small legal community. It can be hard to start out as a new attorney, but the BCBA creates a space for interactions with all types of people and fosters friendships. Plus, our softball team gets better every season.



Why I Belong

BCBA Member

Cheryl Sicotte

Where else, over complimentary bagel and coffee, can you chat with attorneys who started their practice in the last year all the way through to attorneys who have been in the practice for over 30 years!



PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

June 5	Lee Strickler	303.443.6690
June 12	Meghan Pound	303.443.8010
June 19	Tom Rodriguez	720.931.3231
June 26	Karl Kumli	303.447.7775

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
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Lila Sol	David Harrison	Beth Montague
Georgiana Scott	Ann England	Kurt Hofgard

PRO BONO REFERRALS

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

Ugyen Tshering x1
Yun Wang x 1
Mark Grimaldi x 1

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

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

Kathleen Franco
Patricia Riley
Shana Beggan
Todd Stahly

PRO BONO CORNER

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

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