

# Boulder COUNTY

## BAR ASSOCIATION

## 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!

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.

Carrie will then pass the gavel to Emily, and we will appreciate outgoing board members. We will also award the Sonny Flowers Award of Merit and the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

We are seeking sponsors for this event. Sponsors will be prominently featured on all event materials and throughout the office, and will allow us to produce a dynamic Annual Meeting. Please click [here](#) for sponsorship information.

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

## CARRIE FRANK

*"This Is [Not] Who We Are."* Or is it?

If you have not seen the documentary film, *"This Is [Not] Who We Are,"* it is worth looking into. I was able to watch it a couple of weeks ago on the PBS channel. The film takes a historical look at Boulder and racism. Going back many decades, the film looks at discrimination against the Black community in Boulder across areas of housing, employment, education, health care, criminal justice, and social activities. The documentary explores the disconnect between Boulder's image of being a liberal, welcoming, all-inclusive city and the realities of the experiences, both past and present, of Boulder's Black citizens. The film opens with a 2019 incident involving a Black university student who was confronted by the police while picking up trash at his apartment. But no spoilers here. The stories told are both disheartening and hopeful.

I wish I could say that I remembered more about the Boulder incident in *This Is [Not] Who We Are* that so quickly grabbed my attention and my emotions as I watched the film. But I do not. And maybe that is the problem. Maybe it is easy to push aside the events that do not impact our lives or touch us directly. Maybe it is easier to focus only on issues close to home and not worry about the rest. But is that who we want to be? Who we are? I'm sure we have all heard of the incident in April of the young, Black teenager who was shot for ringing the doorbell of the wrong house when picking up his siblings (citation here). I recently went to the home of a client in Longmont where I had not been before and did not know how to get to her apartment in the house. Of course, I forgot to bring her phone number. So, I rang the doorbell. For the first time in my life, I wondered if the person behind that door might mistake me for someone else. Has the fear come home?



Social media has provided us with vast networks of people, but maybe very few "friends." We now have access to endless trails of news stories depicting hate, violence, and senseless death and injury. We are mentally assaulted with trauma and fearmongering on twenty-four hour a day network news shows. The psychological name for fear of the unknown is "xenophobia." Historically, it meant a fear of anything or anyone that is unfamiliar. Today, the term has evolved to mean the fear of strangers or foreigners (citation here). The fear of the unknown can cause significant distress and anxiety (citation here). In fact, studies have shown that the root of prejudice and discrimination may be based in suspicion, fear and intolerance of the unknown and unfamiliar (citation here).

How do we overcome this? Aren't strangers just friends we have not met? Let's get to know one another, work together towards common goals, and engage in conversations with an open mind. Let's learn about what makes us similar, rather than pushing away from what makes us different. The BCBA has so many events and CLEs to give us the opportunity to meet. Find something that interests you and come on in! Join us for Bagels with the Bar, the First Fridays with Dogs Happy Hour, and the Annual Meeting on June 8.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you better!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, May 3**

**Bagels with the Bar - New BCBA Members**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Friday, May 5**

**First Friday with Dogs Happy Hour**

5:00 - 8:00 PM @ Romero's K9 Club (985 S Public Rd, Lafayette)

Free for BCBA Members

Please pre-register your dogs here

Please click here to RSVP

**Wednesday, May 10**

**Bagels with the Bar - Seniors Lawyers**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Wednesday, May 17**

**Bagels with the Bar - Natural Resources**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Thursday, May 18 - FREE WEBINAR**

**Colorado Legislative Update**

**Presented by Tyler Mounsey**

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

Free to attend

Please click here to attend

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**Wednesday, May 24**

**Bagels with the Bar - Paralegals**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Bagels with the Bar - Real Estate**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Friday, June 2**

**First Friday with Dogs Happy Hour**

5:00 - 8:00 PM @ Romero's K9 Club (985 S Public Rd, Lafayette)

Free for BCBA Members

Please pre-register your dogs here

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**Thursday, June 8**

**BCBA Annual Meeting**

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

Free for BCBA Members

Please click here to register



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



# FIRST FRIDAY WITH DOGS HAPPY HOUR

Members with dogs are invited to join us for camaraderie and a puppy play-date at some upcoming First Friday with Dogs Happy Hour events, held at Romero's K9 Club & Tap House (985 S Public Rd, Lafayette). The BCBA would love to meet your dogs, starting on Friday, May 5, at 5 pm. We will also return for drinks with dogs on Friday, June 2, at 5 pm. For more information about the venue, and to pre-register your dogs before you arrive, please visit their website by clicking here. We

look forward to seeing you and your dogs! Please RSVP to this event by clicking here.



## BCBA AWARD NOMINATIONS

The 2023 BCBA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8. We will be awarding the Outstanding Young Lawyer award and the Sonny Flowers Award of Merit at the Annual Meeting, and seek nominees for both awards from our membership. If you have a candidate for either award, please send their name and

a brief description to [Laura](#). These awards are an important way to recognize deserving recipients in our legal community, and we look forward to considering each and every nomination received.

**Please click here to nominate a fellow member**

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# BCBA APRIL PHOTOS



**Longmont Lawyers' Lunch at Smokin' Daves**



**Longmont Lawyers' Lunch**



**NARF CLE presented by Beth Wright**



**Native American Rights Fund Happy Hour**



# BCBA KNOWLEDGE HUB IS NOW LIVE

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EBOOK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

**FTI for Law Firms**

The BCBA Knowledge Hub is now live on our website, and will be consistently updated with articles, helpful links, and images on a regular basis. We intend to integrate materials from each member section, and provide helpful cross-links across sections. If you have any suggestions about materials or resources you would like to see featured on the Hub, please email us.

Steve Clymer Doug McQuiston

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## *Why I Belong*

BCBA Member

# Jodi Martin

I belong to the BCBA because it connects me with fellow members of our legal community. I entered this community mid-career in 2012 as a transplant from another state and decided to start a solo practice. I immediately joined BCBA, and it helped me to quickly build a network of colleagues and friends.





## PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

May 1	Tim O'Neill	303.682.7292
May 8	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137
May 15	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292
May 22	Gwyn Whalen	303.443.8010
May 29	Lee Strickler	303.443.6690

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
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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 March. 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 March 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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