

# Boulder COUNTY

## BAR ASSOCIATION

## SPEED DATING WITH THE JUDGES EVENT

Please join us as we host the **Speed Dating with the Judges** event this Thursday, March 7 at 12:00 pm. This year's participants include Judge Malkinson, Judge Brodsky, Judge Lindsey, Judge Gunning, Judge Mulvahill, Magistrate Ward, and Magistrate Kelly.

The presentation will be capped, and will feature attendees placed in Zoom breakout rooms with limited participants in each. You will be assigned to a room based on survey responses to match you with the judges you would like to interact with. Over the hour-long presentation, each room will feature different judges for approximately 15 minutes each.

*We have received 1 Ethics credit for this program.* This lunchtime program will be held from 12:00 – 1:00 pm via Zoom webinar. The Zoom link will be sent out to all registrants.

[Please click here to register.](#)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 5**

**Free Legal Clinic in Longmont**

5:30 - 7:30 PM @ Longmont Senior Center  
(910 Longs Peak Avenue)

[Please click here for more information](#)

**Thursday, March 7**

**Speed Dating with the Judges**

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

Free for BCBA Members

[Please click here to register](#)

**Saturday, March 9**

**BCBA at Casa Bonita**

**Special thanks to event sponsor The  
Martin Law Firm**

*Event Sold Out*

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Types of Notarizations & Licenses in  
Colorado**

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

Free for BCBA Members

[Please click here to register](#)

[Please click here to sponsor](#)

**Tuesday, March 19**

**Employment Law Section Lunch**

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

\$20 for BCBA Section Members

[Please click here to register](#)

[Please click here to sponsor](#)



**Every Wednesday**

**Bagels with the Bar**

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

Free for BCBA Members

**Wednesday, March 20**

**On Employee Benefits**

Presented by Angela Rudolph

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

Free for BCBA Members

[Please click here to register](#)

[Please click here to sponsor](#)

**Saturday, April 6**

**Justice For All Ball**

7:00 - 9:00 PM @ The Studio (3550 Frontier  
Ave Suite A2)

\$50 Early Bird Tickets (\$75 after March 31)

[Please click here to register](#)

**Thursday, May 16**

**What the Constitution Means to Me**

7:30 - 9:00 PM @ The Dairy Center (2590  
Walnut St)

\$28 Tickets

[Please click here to register](#)

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

## EMILY ELLISON

With the arrival of March and Spring just around the corner, we are well underway into 2024 at the BCBA. Since the start of 2024, we have already held several fun activities and meaningful educational programs and events, including bowling in January, pickleball in February, numerous informative and useful CLEs, and a CBA Presidential lunch visit in January.

At January's CBA Presidential lunch visit with Judge Nathaniel Baca, we had a meaningful discussion about some of the challenges of practicing law and how representing clients can take an emotional, mental, and physical toll on attorneys. I had the pleasure of being seated next to Judge Baca. Along with myself, we were seated with two other family law attorneys where we discussed how family law especially can cause secondary trauma for attorneys, as it often involves dealing with people going through one of the most difficult times in their lives who can be in challenging emotional states. We all agreed that taking care of our own well-being is essential to helping others. Someone made the comment that it's like the saying when you fly: "Secure your own oxygen mask first before assisting others."

As attorneys, especially in litigation, we can forget the importance of securing our own oxygen mask first. I don't know about you, but I feel I may not have been securing my own oxygen mask first as much as I should have. For me, the past year has been the busiest my law practice has seen since my law partner/husband and I started our practice in 2018. While it's a good problem to have, focusing on self-care has not always been a priority. Staying busy for extended periods,



without taking care of ourselves, can lead to burnout. In my experience, practicing law is a uniquely stressful job. As an attorney, you cannot guarantee a certain outcome to your client. In court, the outcome is always uncertain, and, often, you must tell the client the likely outcome in court is not the outcome they like or what they expected. There can be difficulties with opposing counsel. Sometimes, it feels like everyone is against you—opposing counsel, the Court, and even your client.

Securing our own oxygen mask first can look like practicing self-care. Some examples of self-care for me include exercising, meditating, spending time in nature, playing with and walking my dogs, reading a book for pleasure, spending quality time with family and friends, participating in sports and hobbies, doing something that involves creativity, practicing gratitude, and being a part of a support network or community.

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE CONTINUED

At the BCBA, we have a number of exciting activities and programs planned in March and beyond, many of which include connecting with others, hobbies, and playing sports. On March 7, 2024, the BCBA is hosting [Speed Dating with the Judges](#), which will be held virtually. There will be breakout rooms with the judges that will rotate, so you will get to meet with multiple judges. We hope you can join us and get to know the judges in the 20th Judicial District, who we are grateful to for donating their time to strengthen the bench-bar connection.

We've found that members really enjoy social and activities-based events. On March 9, 2024, the BCBA will be hosting an event at the newly renovated Casa Bonita. [The Justice for All Ball](#) will

[be held on April 6, 2024](#), which is a fundraiser that benefits Colorado Legal Services and a great chance to meet and catch up with fellow BCBA members while supporting a good cause. If you're interested in playing softball with the BCBA, we will soon be sending out information on how sign up and join the BCBA's softball team, which plays from May to August.

Lastly, the BCBA is looking for several new Board members. More information will be sent out in the next month or so. Interviews for BCBA Board positions will be held on May 2.

I hope to see you at some of our events and programs this Spring. And remember, secure your own oxygen mask first.



## Find a Lawyer 2024-25 Renewals

It is time to update our Find a Lawyer listings for 2024-25. This is the main resource we use to refer calls for attorneys, and is the primary search mode on the BCBA website. The cost for one section is \$90, and each additional section is \$35: once your updated listing is received, we will invoice you for your overall selection.

The deadline for completing the online form is Friday, March 22. Please **click here for the online form**. Thank you, and please [contact Kyle](#) with any further questions or concerns.

# 2024 PARALEGAL VALENTINES PROJECT

## RAMONA BAILEY

For the past 7 years, the Paralegal Section has been delivering handwritten Valentine cards to senior citizens living in the various assisted living and nursing/rehabilitation homes in Boulder and Longmont. Our members, their friends and family and even local grade school children participate by purchasing and or creating Valentine cards and handwriting a personal message on each. Boulder County Housing & Human Services assists in this project by identifying the locations.

This year, I enjoyed delivering 177 of them to two of the homes in Boulder. For me, seeing the faces of the Receptionists as they realized what we delivered for their residents was worth any effort made. We usually have about 300 cards and this year we had 375 to deliver. We all enjoy this project very much knowing that receiving a Valentine card will bring a smile to the faces of the residents who often feel forgotten.

A big thank you to all who participated and our continued thanks to Lyons Gaddis for their willingness to participate as a Longmont drop location each year which really aids in the collection process.



Lyons Gaddis and the Longmont Valentines



Our 2024 Valentines to be distributed

## WELCOME NEW BCBA MEMBERS

Angelica Degnan-Thompson

Gregory Kirwan

Jessica Bird

Ashlyn Hare

Myndee Lee

Jared Mermelstein

Michael Foote

Emma Harty

Elizabeth Lane

Lisa Ritter

# Boulder County Bar Foundation - Our 22nd Year Fundraising for Colorado Legal Services!



## JUSTICE FOR ALL BALL

**Saturday, April 6**

**7:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**The Studio Boulder (3550 Frontier Ave Suite A2)**

*[Click here to register](#)*

***\$50 Tickets During Early Bird Pricing (Ends March 31)***

## About JFAB

22 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 four years ago that we needed to rebrand our event to draw a larger crowd and raise even more money for legal services.

The 2018 Boulder County Justice For All Ball was the beginning of our new era. We kept the event geared toward the legal community, but expanded further to include partners, clients, and friends. We held the event on a weekend evening to accommodate those who find a weeknight event hard to attend and brought in members who have never attended a bar event. The event was a huge success.

This year, we're excited to return to The Studio (Boulder). We will have music and dancing led by local musician Steve Christopher and his jazz quartet. Their fun, sophisticated and soulful ensemble will keep you entertained through the event. There will also be a silent auction with some fabulous opportunities. Hors d'oeuvres will be available along with delicious desserts.

This year continues to bring 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 look forward to seeing you at the Justice For All Ball!

# JUSTICE FOR ALL BALL GIFT BASKETS

## A NEW WAY FOR YOU & YOUR FIRM TO SUPPORT JUSTICE FOR ALL! BALL ATTENDANCE NOT REQUIRED

The Justice For All Ball is Saturday April 6, 2024. ***Whether or not you can attend, you can support this worthy cause.*** Similar to our holiday sponsor-a-child program, firms and attorneys can sign up to donate items toward a “basket” of goods that will be included in the silent auction at the ball. **Also, individuals and firms will have an option to purchase a “virtual basket” which describes how your donation will provide certain services to the CLA clients.**

[Contact Kyle](#) if you would like to participate by sponsoring a gift basket, or to propose your own idea. You will collect items to include in your assigned basket and drop them off at the Bar Offices before **Thursday, March 28**, or have them directly sent to the offices. Certain baskets are set up to be an Amazon wish-list basket, so all you have to do is collect funds and select which items to purchase for the basket. Or, you can go out and collect unique items to include in your basket. The level of effort is really up to you.

## SEEKING VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

The BCBA is looking for a few talented and motivated volunteer board members to lead and strengthen our association. This is an interesting time in our community, and now more than ever we need great leaders who have the creativity and dedication to lead us into uncharted waters. This gives you a great opportunity to have your voice heard and help with important decisions moving forward. The BCBA will have multiple board positions

available. All terms will begin on July 1, 2024.

If you have any further questions, please contact Laura Ruth at [laura@boulder-bar.org](mailto:laura@boulder-bar.org). We look forward to welcoming our new board members!

[Please click here to apply for board service.](#)

## BCBA AWARD NOMINATIONS

The 2024 BCBA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6. 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](#)



# BCBA FEBRUARY PHOTOS



Valentine's Day Scones at the Bar!



2024 Mock Trials Pizza Delivery



Steve Clymer

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# BCBA FEBRUARY PHOTOS



2024 Boulder County Mock Trials



2024 Boulder County Mock Trials



BCBA Pickleball Night  
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BCBA Pickleball Night

# CLASSIFIED ADS

**Full-Time Associate Position.** PackardDierking, a small, close-knit, well-established firm in Boulder is seeking a full-time Associate. We provide representation regarding a wide variety of legal matters, including commercial real estate, real estate development and land use, corporate transactions, taxation, and estate planning. Our attorneys have excellent academic credentials, experience in large law firms, and practical business acumen. In addition to our commitment to providing outstanding client service, our attorneys also enjoy taking advantage of the lifestyle amenities that Boulder has to offer. [Please click here for more information about this opportunity.](#)

**Litigation Associate Attorney.** Stinson LLP is seeking a highly motivated associate with at least 5 years of litigation experience to join our business and commercial litigation practice areas in our Denver, Colorado office. Eligibility for admission or active Colorado license required. Qualified candidates will have exceptional academic performance. Excellent research, writing, analytical, and communication skills are required. Judicial clerkship experience is preferred. [Please click here for more information about this opportunity.](#)

**Family Law Attorney Position.** Peek Goldstone, LLC is looking for a seasoned Family Law Attorney to join our team. If you're ready to make a positive impact for clients going through some of the toughest times of their lives, we want to hear from you. [Please click here for more information about this opportunity.](#)

**Offices for lease.** West End individual offices for lease. Ideal for solo practitioners. Quaint Victorian office building with parking, in walking distance to Boulder County Courthouse, Pearl Street, Creek path. [Click here for more information.](#) Call Maureen for more info: 303-449-2131 x 123.

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## OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE BCBA

This is a great opportunity for any firms or groups looking to create a Boulder office! The property includes 4 executive offices, a reception area, large coworking space for staff, and a patio with awesome views of the Flatirons. The space comes with all existing furniture and is available through the end of the sublease term (April 2026) which is renewable with the property owner. <https://marketboulder.com/property-item/3269-28th-street-boulder-office/>



# PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

March 4	Tim O'Neill	303.682.7292
March 11	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137
March 18	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292
March 25	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 Boulder County Free Legal Clinics have been replaced with our Virtual Legal Clinic until further notice. We are always seeking new volunteers to assist the public: please email Kyle if you are interested in participating.

# 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	Meghan Hungate	Beth Montague
Georgiana Scott	Ann England	Kurt Hofgard

# PRO BONO REFERRALS

More than 10 cases were referred in the month of February. Thank you to the following attorneys:

**Jennifer Terry**  
**Jodie Gilbert**  
**Yun Wang**  
**Mireya Rios**  
**Laura Kinde**

# PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

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

**Chris Jeffers**  
**Dan Warhola**  
**Shana Beggan**  
**Ricki Palmisano**

# WILLS CLINICS

There were multiple Wills Clinics held in the month of February thanks to the help of the following attorneys:

**Jodie Gilbert (x2)**

# PRO BONO CORNER

Interested in a Pro Bono case? Please call Alisiana Medina at 970-499-1003. CLE credits available for pro bono service.

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