STRAIGHT TALK WITH JUDGES

The BCBA is so pleased to be joining with the Colorado Judicial Institute to present Straight Talk with Judges: An Interactive CLE with Judges and Attorneys. This is the first time this popular program will be held in Boulder, and is a fantastic opportunity to see three Supreme Court justices and one Court of Appeals judge, along with the head of OARC and many other prestigious attorneys. This CLE is designed to promote education and interaction. Participants will have one ethics track and four general tracks from which they can make inquiries and gain insight from established judges and attorneys.

Straight Talk looks at some of the thorniest concerns in today's legal environment. Topics range from crafting compelling arguments to the most recent ethical issues... all from the perspective of Colorado judges. And our small session size and interactive format mean you get to ask the questions the judges are answering.

Dean S. James Anaya of the University of Colorado Law School will give a welcome and then each participant will be registered in Current Ethics Trends presented by District Judge Edward C. Moss and Peter G. Koelanes, Esq. Participants can then choose two of the following topics: Recovering Your Inner Atticus Finch; How to Persuade Judges to See it Your Way: Avoid Small Mistakes with Potentially Big Consequences that Lawyers Make in Court, or Effective Written and Oral Advocacy.

Please consider attending this event so these leaders walk away with an appreciation of the caliber of the Boulder County bar and our commitment to the practice of law.

Click here to register for Straight Talk with Judges
An Interactive CLE with Judges and Attorneys

Hosted by the Colorado Judicial Institute and the Boulder County Bar Association
Sponsored by Caplan & Earnest LLC and the University of Colorado

The Colorado Judicial Institute and the Boulder County Bar Association are pleased to present this popular CLE program, for the first time in Boulder, designed to promote education and interaction with some of Colorado’s top jurists and attorneys. Participants will have one ethics track and four general tracks from which they can make inquiries and gain insight from established judges and attorneys.

November 20, 2019

LOCATION:
CU Law School, Wolf Building
2450 Kittredge Loop Road
Boulder, Colorado, 80309

TIME:
Registration and Networking: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tracks: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CLE CREDITS:
2 General Credits + 2 Ethics Credits

PRICING:
CJI/BCBA Members: $100
Non-Members: $125
Young Professionals (five or less years in practice) and Student: $50

Tracks

Ethics Credits
(All attendees will be registered for the ethics credits)

Current Ethic Trends
District Judge Edward C. Moss and Peter G. Koclanes, Esq.

General Credits
(Pick two)

Rediscovering Your Inner Atticus Finch; Learn to Love Your Job by Being the Lawyer You Always Wanted to Be
Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth L. Harris and Jessica Yates, Esq.

How to Persuade Judges to See it Your Way:
What They Didn’t Teach you in Law School
Colorado Supreme Court Justice William W. Hood, III and Gary Lozow, Esq.

Avoid Small Mistakes with Potentially Big Consequences that Lawyers Make in Court
Colorado Supreme Court Justice Carlos A. Samour, Jr. and Mark A. Fogg, Esq.

Effective Written & Oral Advocacy
Colorado Supreme Court Justice Richard L. Gabriel and Shannon W. Stevenson, Esq.

To register online or for more information
ColoradoJudicialInstitute.org
Questions? Call CJI at 303-766-7501
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 5
BCBA ANNUAL JUDGES’ DINNER
5:30 - 9:00 PM @ St. Julien Hotel (900 Walnut St)
$90 BCBA Member, $75 New/Young Lawyer
Please click here to register
4:00 - 6:00 PM @ BCBA Offices (3269 28th Street)
$35 CLE and social, $20 New Lawyer, $10 No CLE
Please click here to register

Tuesday, November 19
FREE LEGAL CLINIC IN LONGMONT
5:30 PM @ Longmont Senior Center (910 Longs Peak Ave)
Please click here to volunteer

Wednesday, November 6
PARALEGAL
Paralegal Communication Tips in Estates/Trusts
Presented by Renee Ezer
Noon - 1:00 pm BCBA Offices (3269 28th Street)
$12 lunch only
Please click here to register

Thursday, November 7
ALL SECTIONS LONGMONT CLE
The Value of Community Mediation
Presented by Susan Spaulding
Noon - 1:00 pm @ Dickens Tavern (300 Main Street, Longmont)
$41 CLE & Lunch, $31 New/Young Lawyer, $16 Lunch only
Please click here to register

Wednesday, November 13
BUSINESS
Food & Beverage 2019
Presented by Fern O’Brien
Noon - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Offices (3269 28th Street)
$35 CLE & Lunch, $20 New/Young Lawyer, $10 No CLE
Please click here to register

Thursday, November 14
ALL SECTIONS SIDE BAR CLE
CLIENT-CENTERED PRICING: PROFITABLE
ALTERNATIVES TO THE BILLABLE HOUR
Presented by Lauren Lester

NOVEMBER SIDE BAR: CLIENT-CENTERED PRICING

Join us on Thursday, November 14 for our next Side Bar program. Lauren Lester, Esq., will present Client-Centered Pricing: Profitable Alternatives to the Billable Hour. This will be an introduction to modern representation, covering:

- What is client-centered pricing?
- Why doesn't the billable hour work for lawyers, and why doesn't it work for clients?
- Alternatives to the billable hour
- How to implement Client-Centered Pricing with practical tools like process mapping, and using a budget to set pricing

Following the CLE presentation, we will have a networking and social hour with appetizers, wine and beer included. Please click here to register.
It’s a situation that arises across practice areas: a client requests to have a third party sit in on a meeting with the attorney and assist. While ordinarily an attorney would refuse so as to preserve the attorney-client privilege,[1] what happens when the client (or attorney) believes that this third party’s presence is necessary, due to the client’s mental condition, injuries, or other mitigating factors? What level of “necessity” is required to protect these communications and allow the attorney-client privilege to attach?

Until recently, this area of the law was largely unexplored in Colorado. Although Colorado courts have recognized that the presence of a third party will not necessarily negate the attorney-client privilege,[2] the Supreme Court addressed the standard governing the necessity of a third party’s presence for the first time in Fox v. Alfini, 2018 CO 94, 432 P.3d 596 (Colo. 2018).[3]

**Fox v. Alfini**

In Fox, a woman sought legal representation following a stroke for a medical malpractice claim, bringing her parents with her.[4] Her attorney recorded the initial consultation to ensure completeness of his file, although it is unclear what effort he made to determine whether Fox’s parents’ presence was necessary to facilitate the consultation.[5] The defendants moved to compel production of the recording, arguing the presence of Fox’s parents meant it was not privileged.[6] Fox opposed, contending her parents’ presence was necessary due to her diminished mental capacity.[7]

In support of her necessity argument, Fox provided an “after-the-fact” evaluation that noted her “ongoing mild difficulties, weaknesses, and/or impairments with her neuropsychological functioning.”[8] In response, defendants submitted social media records in which Fox discussed her diminished symptoms and stated “it’s as if nothing...happened.”[9] The district court concluded that Fox’s cognition was not so affected such that her parents’ presence was necessary and granted defendants’ motion.[10]
After granting Fox's C.A.R. 21 petition, the Supreme Court affirmed the district court's ruling. The court first noted the prevailing Colorado rule that in order to maintain privilege over attorney-client communications involving a third party, courts require “both that the client have an expectation of confidentiality in the communication and that the third party's presence be necessary to facilitate that communication.”[12]

The court then discussed the “open question” of the standard governing “necessity” in Colorado. [13] After surveying cases from various jurisdictions, the court rejected Fox's argument that necessity should be determined based upon the attorney’s “subjectively reasonable belief” and held that an objective necessity standard applies. [14] More specifically, the court held “the presence of a third party during an attorney-client communication will ordinarily destroy the privilege unless the third party's presence was reasonably necessary to the consultation or another exception applies.”[15]

Turning to the facts of Fox's case, the court determined that the district court did not abuse its discretion in finding she did not show the requisite necessity, although it held open the possibility that, under different factual circumstances, the privilege could be preserved. [16]

A Remaining Concern

In analyzing Fox, one clear question remains: what is the objective level of “necessity” required to protect the communications between an attorney, a client, and a third party?

In his concurrence, Justice Hood highlighted the importance of this question, stating that while he agreed with the majority's opinion, he did so “reluctantly,” because of concerns about the “chilling effect” of the court's opinion, for, “[a]fter all, privilege could be forfeited even when that prospective client is a beloved one thirty-five days out from a stroke that might have caused brain damage.”[17] Will Fox indeed have a chilling effect and prevent attorneys and clients from including necessary third parties out of fear that their communications could later be discovered? Moreover, even if the third party's presence seems “necessary enough,” what sort of evidence is sufficient to prove this necessity to a court? Will expert testimony or an independent medical evaluation be required?

Although the ramifications of Fox are not yet clear, one thing is certain: attorneys will be well-served to be increasingly cautious before inviting a third party into their communications with their clients.

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[11] The attorney-client privilege is a creature of both statute and common law in Colorado. The privilege is codified at Colo. Rev. Stat. § 13-90-107(1)(d), and applicable case law provides nuance with respect to, for example, waiver and exceptions to waiver.
[12] See, e.g., Wesp v. Everson, 33 P.3d 191, 197 n.9 (Colo. 2001) (noting that the rule that communications made in the presence of a third party are not privileged is “not absolute”); D.A.S. v. People, 863 P.2d 291, 295 (Colo. 1993) (“The presence of a third party has been found not to defeat the requirement of intended confidentiality where the help of an interpreter is necessary to enable the client to consult the lawyer, or in cases where the client has one of his agents attend the conference, or the lawyer calls in his clerk or confidential secretary.”).
[13] See id. at 601 (“The applicable standard governing necessity appears to be an open question in Colorado.”).
[14] Id. at 599.
[15] Id.
[16] Id.
[17] Id.
[18] Id. The report did note that Fox was able to maintain her job as a middle school counselor. Id.
[19] Id. (omission in original).
[20] Id. Fox subsequently moved for reconsideration, asserting for the first time that the attorney-client privilege attached because (1) her parents were also prospective clients, (2) her parents were her agents and shared legal interests with her, and (3) the work-product doctrine protected the recording from discovery. Id. The district court denied the motion, apparently declining to rule on arguments set forth for the first time in a motion for reconsideration. Id.
[21] Id. at 600.
[22] Id. at 601 (citing cases).
[23] Id.
[24] Id. at 601-2.
[25] Id.
[26] Id. at 603. The court also held that the district court did not abuse its discretion in refusing to consider the arguments raised by Fox for the first time on her motion for reconsideration and did not reach the merits of those arguments, including whether the work-product doctrine could have shielded the recording from production. Id.
[27] Id. at 604 (Hood, J., concurring).
President George Washington is originally responsible for proclaiming Thanksgiving as a holiday. On November 26, 1789, President Washington declared a day of “public thanksgiving and prayer.”

We credit President Lincoln for actually declaring Thanksgiving a federal holiday. In 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln called a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

To boost the economy and lengthen the holiday shopping season during the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving on the third Thursday in November. This move was controversial and some states continued to celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of the month. Thankfully, Congress acted in 1941 passing a joint resolution that officially established the current day of Thanksgiving.

The President of the United States is gifted with the honor of pardoning certain lucky turkeys every year. This well-known tradition is rather new, but its roots are quite old. The Turkey Pardon originally started in 1865 when President Lincoln pardoned a Christmas turkey his young son had befriended. George H.W. Bush was the first President to issue an “official pardon” sparing an innocent turkey’s promising life during a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden in 1989.

Many states have unique laws that indirectly impact Thanksgiving dinners. States like Alabama allow you to purchase beer and wine, but not spirits, on Thanksgiving.

If you live in Pennsylvania, while preparing for your Thanksgiving guests to arrive, don’t get caught sweeping dirt and dust under your rug because it’s illegal. In New York City, it is illegal to shake a dust mop out of a window.

Don’t invite a moose to Thanksgiving dinner in Fairbanks, Alaska, because it is illegal to feed any alcoholic beverage to a moose.

If you are celebrating Thanksgiving in city of Gary, Indiana, make sure to brush your teeth after enjoying your dinner because it is illegal to go to a movie theater or ride in a public streetcar if you have eaten garlic in the past four hours.

Finally, if you were planning on hosting Thanksgiving dinner, or any other event at a cemetery, think twice in Claremont, New Hampshire, because it is illegal to get drunk or to picnic in a cemetery.

Clearly these are important laws everyone should know.

Happy Thanksgiving
Our mission is to advance justice and understanding of the law in Boulder County by providing grants to those Boulder County nonprofits which increase education and awareness of the law and the judicial system; provide access to legal services for the poor, homeless and immigrant populations; and assist those turning to the legal system for help.

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our 2019-2020 grants:

- Boulder County Legal Services
- Boulder IDC
- Bridge to Justice
- Children First of the Rockies
- Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County
- J-SUP: Law Center for the Unhoused
- Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
- Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence (SPAN)
- YWCA

In addition to these grants and to show our commitment to programs which further education about the law in Boulder County, the Foundation will be funding the entry fees for Boulder and St. Vrain public school mock trial teams. Past participants have included Boulder, Erie, Fairview, Justice, Monarch, Niwot, Peak to Peak, and Silver Creek. We are excited to support these future lawyers!

We urge you to consider becoming a member of the Boulder County Bar Foundation. For more information, please visit our website at boulderbarfoundation.org, or email Foundation@boulder-bar.org.

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**Invest in the future.**
**Invest in the community.**

*The Boulder County Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) that invests donations from its Fellows in an endowment fund, the proceeds of which are awarded to legally-related 501(c)(3) organizations in Boulder County. Grants have regularly been awarded to help fund legal services for low income, immigrant and displaced members of the community; high school mock trial teams and court-ordered co-parenting classes as well as court access for victims of domestic violence. The Foundation always has grant applications for more than it can give. Become a Fellow and help grow the endowment - it's good for justice, it's good for the future, it's good for the community and it's good for you.*

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# 2020 Probate Court Dates

Beginning January 2020 the Probate days for the Boulder County District Court will be Tuesday for Division 3, Wednesday for Division 2, and Thursday for Division 5.

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The Professionalism Committee assists lawyers, clients, and other members of the community with questions or complaints about behavior by lawyers that fail 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 2019/2020 Free Legal Clinics at the BCBA Office (3269 28th Street, 2nd Floor), the Lafayette Senior Center (103 Iowa Avenue), 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 if you can help in Boulder or Lafayette, or susan.spaulding@longmontcolorado.gov if you can help in Longmont.

Lafayette: January 14, April 14, July 14
Longmont: November 19, February 25, May 19, August 25
Boulder: December 19, March 19, June 18

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Lafayette Free Legal Clinic was held on October 15. Thank you to the attorneys who were able to serve as volunteers:

Bob Cooper       Mike Foote
Scott Hamerslough Mike Rafik
Jodi Martin      Stephen Cook
Laurel Herndon   Brett Landis
Jodie Gilbert    Ozzie Mendoza
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PRO BONO REFERRALS

Two cases were referred during the month of September. Thank you to the following attorneys:

John Estes

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Kathleen Franco
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Michael Morphew
Patricia Riley

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

Thank you all for your incredible support of our Longmont CLE’s. The Dickens Tavern in Longmont will be hosting our monthly East County Meetings.

Please attend the presentation The Value of Community Mediation, presented by Susan Spaulding, to be held at the Dickens Tavern on November 7.

Susan Spaulding will be presenting about the value of community mediation as part of the continuum of conflict resolution that includes the courts, the work of private attorneys, prosecutors and public defenders, restorative justice, and private mediators. She will highlight the work of Longmont Mediation Services, which includes conflict resolution and mediation in the context of landlord/tenant, neighbor/neighbor, business/customer, and family relationships. Beyond mediation, although the office does not function as advocates, the office does provide legal information and resource referral to all sides of a conflict.

She will also present about coming to mediation as a result of her experience as a family law attorney, understanding that many types of conflict involving on-going relationship are poorly resolved through the formal legal process, after seeing, in fact, how many relationships are permanently destroyed by trying to force a relational problem into the more rigid framework of our law system. The Longmont Mediation Services office does work closely with the legal community in Longmont, and is willing to invest mediation time in divorce, civil return, and eviction mediations in which one or both parties are resource-poor and may be represented by a low fee or pro bono attorney. The office also provides mediation services for the eviction hearings each Friday, both in Longmont and Boulder.

Susan Spaulding is an attorney in Longmont. Susan clerked for J. Morris Sandstead in the 20th Judicial District, practiced family law for four years, and has been a mediator for 18 years. She has coordinated Longmont Mediation Services for the City of Longmont for 12 years. Please click here to register.

UPCOMING LONGMONT CLE PRESENTATIONS

December 5
Proactively Troubleshooting Ethics Issues
Presented by Karen A Hammer

February 6
Cryptocurrency Law and Associated Legal Ethics Concerns
Presented by Micah Schwalb

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