In May of this year, Chief Justice Bender, of the Colorado Supreme Court, together with the Colorado Bar Association, declared and proclaimed October as Legal Professionalism Month in Colorado. As part of the proclamation members of the legal profession are encouraged to “rededicate themselves to demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, and promoting public trust in the rule of law.”

When I first read the proclamation I felt like it was a ‘call out.’ Has professionalism in the legal profession disintegrated so much that an intervention is needed? Are we being ‘called out’ by our Chief Justice for how we handle ourselves in the course of our work? Indeed, I believe that is exactly what is happening.

The lack of professionalism has gotten so bad that studies show society rates lawyers below used car salesmen. This may bring a chuckle to some, but it is no laughing matter. Our profession is dangerously close to completely losing the honor and prestige that has long since accompanied the practice of law.

Justice Bender was right in calling us out. It is time to rededicate ourselves to rebuilding the reputation of our profession. To gain back the respect of the community we serve. To remind ourselves that we are officers of the court and the honor that goes along with that. So how do we begin to regain some of what we have lost? I think we first need to define professionalism.

To define professionalism we need to answer the question: “What is the nature of the profession that we occupy and practice?” There is no short answer to this question. Fortunately, the Chief Justices Commission on the Legal Profession tackled this question for us and came up with a core group of attributes that help define legal professionalism. They are: service, trustworthiness, ethics, diligence, and civility and respect.

Service is appropriately listed first. I believe it is important to our profession that we keep the fact that we serve at the forefront of our thoughts. Our profession exists solely to assist in the administration of justice for the public. Our roles maybe drastically different as professionals, but in the end, we are here to serve. For me, this is where I derive a lot of fulfillment in my work. I believe it is rewarding to serve others, by assisting one in their pursuit of justice within the structure of the legal system. I have also found that when I really dedicate my efforts to serving I seem to gain back a lot of the respect and honor that our profession has lost along the way.

Competence in our craft allows us to effectively serve. We are very fortunate here in Boulder to live in a community that offers so much support.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pre-registration is required for all BCBA CLE programs. Register by e-mailing lynne@boulder-bar.org, or pay online with a credit card at www.boulder-bar.org/calendar.

Tuesday, October 9
Employment Law
The Landmark Sexual Orientation Discrimination Case of Williams v. Colorado State Patrol
Presenter: Keith Shandalow
Noon at Caplan and Earnest
1 CLE $20, $10 new/young lawyers
Lunch $11

Wednesday, October 10
Solo/Small Firm Happy Hour
5 PM at Connor O’Neill's
Join us at our new location!
13th between Walnut and Pearl

Thursday, October 11
Intellectual Property Law
The Patent Cooperation Treaty
Presenter: Carl Oppedahl
Noon at Hutchinson Black and Cook
1 CLE $20, $10 new/young lawyers
Lunch $11

Thursday, October 11
Longmont Lawyers Happy Hour
5:30 PM
255 Weaver Park Road, #200
Offices of Samson &Vidergar LLC and Pipis Marsh Law LLP

Friday, October 12
Availability of Legal Services
Noon brownbag at BCLS in Louisville
315 W. South Boulder Road, Suite 205

Wednesday, October 17
Family Law with Employment and Civil Litigation Vocational Evaluations
Presenter: Kristine Harris, MS, CRCC, CRC; Rehabilitation Consulting
Noon brownbag in Courtroom N
1 CLE $20, $10 new/young lawyers

Thursday, October 18
Bankruptcy Roundtable Lunch
Noon at Agave Bistro
2845 28th Street in Boulder

Friday, October 19
Immigration Monthly Roundtable Discussion of Current Issues and Workshopping Cases, 9 – 10 AM
Broadway Suites 3rd Floor

Friday, October 19
Ethical Considerations in Public Sector Law
Sponsored by ABA, CBA and Boulder County Bar Asso.
See details on page 8
Reception following sponsored by the CBA and BCBA.

Tuesday, October 23
Paralegals and all Lawyers
Criminal Law Basics and Boulder District Attorney: How a case travels through the criminal justice system
Presenter: Tim Johnson, Asst. DA
Noon at Boulder County Justice Center Jury Assembly Room
1 CLE $20, $10 for new/young lawyers
Lunch $11

Tuesday, October 23
Elder Law and Tax Estate Planning Trust Protectors
Presenter: Gregory T. Densen,
Noon at Caplan and Earnest
1 CLE $20, $10 new/young lawyers
Lunch $11

Wednesday, October 24
Tax Estate Planning and Elder Law
Secrets of Successful Families: Transferring Values with Wealth for a Lasting Legacy
Presenter: Justin T. Miller, J.D., LL.M., CFP®, Senior Director, National Wealth Strategist
Noon at Hutchinson Black and Cook
1 CLE $20, $10 for new/young lawyers
Lunch $11

Friday, October 26
Civil Litigation
What Every Trial Litigator Should Know About Having Her Case Taken Up Upon Appeal
Presenter: Judge James Casebolt, Colorado Court of Appeals
Noon brownbag in Courtroom B
1 ethics CLE $20, $10 new/young lawyers

COMPLEX ESTATES

DAVID A. PERLICK

COORDINATED PLANNING
Wills • Trusts • Probate
Business Interests
Real Estate Holdings

WE WELCOME REFERRALS AND CO-COUNSEL OPPORTUNITIES

PERLICK LEGAL COUNSEL PC 303.449.6543 | DAVID@PERLICKLEGALCOUNSEL.COM

We Complete the Puzzle

OCTOBER 2012
in helping educate attorneys. Between the Boulder Bar Association and the Colorado Bar Association there are thousands of CLE programs available to our members covering countless topics related to the legal profession. The leaders of our profession are dedicated to providing the best in ongoing legal education. The resources to be a competent attorney are readily available.

In addition to the CLE programs, there are wonderful mentoring programs available at both the local and state level. In the past few years, during the downturn in our economy, I have witnessed an increase in the number of practitioners who are forced to broaden the scope of their practice to other areas of law. Whether a recent graduate or a senior attorney, it is our duty to be competent in our practice and I believe there is no better way to learn the law than by having someone help show you the ropes.

**Trustworthiness** is a broad reaching attribute. I was lucky enough to have a mentor early on who told me that all you really have in this profession is your word. This has been invaluable advice. There is no one case, client, or situation that is worth forever losing the value of your word. This goes whether we are dealing with clients, opposing counsel, or judges. If our word means nothing then we cannot effectively serve and fulfill our duties to the standards our profession demands.

**Ethics** is defined as a system of moral principals. Certainly, the attributes the Commission outlined help define the ethics of our profession. For me, I have a very simplified definition for ethics, it means to do what is ‘right’. Meaning, to do what is honest and above board. To choose the route that I can explain without shame or embarrassment.

When I find myself in murky waters, I try to assess what I believe is the ‘right’ thing to do and stick with it. However, please do not interpret this to mean that I am saying I do everything right, far from it. Our jobs are challenging and we can often find ourselves in uncharted waters where we need to plot a course of action and it can be awfully tempting to take a short cut.

**Diligence** is the attribute that I probably struggle with the most. For me it is not always easy to find the motivation to tackle what needs to be done. This leads to a dangerous conversation with myself where I begin to reassess what it is I really need to do. I have become pretty good at convincing myself at times, that I can probably get away with less. I probably do not need to read those extra cases, or I really do not need to call so-and-so. This conversation inevitably leads me to cutting corners and failing to provide the level of service I expect of myself. I can usually get myself reenergized by reminding myself of what an honor and privilege it is to practice law, or just by turning up the volume to my workout mix while I am sitting at my desk.

**Civility and respect** is the attribute that seems most vulnerable to our emotions. I have witnessed on many occasions attorneys getting so fired up during the heat of battle that personal attacks on opposing counsel begin to be volleyed. I am sorry to say that I am guilty of this myself. It can be very difficult not to hold a judge or opposing counsel personally responsible for their position. However, as discussed above, we are all just doing our jobs. We are all playing our role in the legal system and we are never justified in personally attacking others in our profession for merely doing their job. Fortunately, here in Boulder we have a very respectful bar and bench making it an enjoyable place to practice.

I want to join the Commission in encouraging all of us to remind ourselves what it means to be a lawyer. To remember our profession is a noble and honorable profession but it can only remain that way if we remain steadfast to the attributes that define us.

**Footnotes:**
1. The proclamation in its entirety can be found at the end of this newsletter.
2. Commission on the Legal Profession, Minutes from February 17, 2011.
3. Keynote address at Florida State University College of Law Symposium,

(continued on page 4)

**Chief Justice Bender proclaims October 2012 as Legal Professionalism Month**

DENVER – Furthering the mission of the Chief Justice’s Commission on the Legal Profession, Chief Justice Michael L. Bender has declared October to be Legal Professionalism Month in Colorado. More than 30 bar associations across the state have committed to celebrating Legal Professionalism Month and will be holding events throughout October. The events will culminate with the Assembly of Lawyers on Oct. 29, 2012, from 2 to 4:15 p.m. at Boettcher Concert Hall when a special session of the Colorado Supreme Court will be held to administer the oath to Colorado’s newest lawyers. More than 300 legal professionals have already committed to attending the Oct. 29 court session. The Assembly of Lawyers event will also feature a video tribute to Governor Ralph L. Carr (1939-1943) and his commitment to equal protection under the law during World War II, as well as a discussion with Attorney General John Suthers and Denver County Judge-designate Gary Jackson about what professionalism in the legal community means.

“While I believe that our profession has been and continues to be a positive force for society, it is clear that we have, at times, lost our way in the face of economic and professional pressures,” Chief Justice Bender said. “Accordingly, I believe that now is the time for each of us to renew our efforts to the legal profession through increased civility for one another and a focus on instilling these values in law students and new lawyers.”

Formed in Feb. 2011, the Chief Justice’s Commission on the Legal Profession set out to improve the training of law students to help them better appreciate the vital role that attorneys play in our society; increase the training of and support for new lawyers in Colorado; facilitate news Colorado Judicial Branch Michael L. Bender, Chief Justice Gerald Marroney, State Court Administrator communication and cooperation between judges, attorneys and the state’s two law schools; and encourage the entire bar to recognize the broad legal needs of our community and improve public attitudes towards the profession through a renewed dedication to pro bono service.

“When I became Chief Justice in December 2010, I wanted to bring together the three major groups of the legal profession – the judiciary, bar and legal training academy – to better understand the needs of new attorneys and the community in which we all serve,” he said. “It is the duty of the state’s legal professionals to maintain a tight focus on our professional responsibilities and to educate new attorneys about their new found responsibilities in preserving the rule of law.”

A complete listing of events for Legal Professionalism Month can be found at: http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/22250/DPCOM/Professionalism/
LEGAL AID FOUNDATION
THANKS TO BOULDER COUNTY BAR LAWYERS

Boulder Donors 2011-12
The Boulder County Campaign for Justice raised nearly $100,000 this year to provide civil legal assistance for low-income individuals and families. Thank you to all who contributed in making justice a reality for so many.

$5,000 and Above
Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti
Cooper Tanis & Cohen
Peter C Dietze
Matthew Ellsworth
Diana Fields
Carmel Gill
Law Offices of Bruce R Greene & Assoc
John B & Lois Greer
Lew M Harstead
H Lawrence Hoyt
JK Jensen
Joyner & Fawson
Gun & Associates
Kingsbery Johnson & Love
William J Kowalski
Michael & Susan Kranzdorf
Robyn W Kube
Camron R & Laurie Kueflthau
Mark T Langston
Larry D. Lee PC
Joel C Maguire
Steven Meyrich
Sarah Miller
Simon Mole & Brenda Schick
Richard C Nehls
William D Neighbors

Joan M Norman
Alexander A Preiser
Quick Law Group PC
Michael & Michelle Rafik
Timothy & Maria Reynolds
Sheryl Robinson & Steven Jacobson
Ron & Cheryl Sandgrund
Mark J Sather
Barry Satlow
Andrew J Simpson
Tienken & Associates
Cameron W Tyler & Associates
Diana Van De Hey
Warkentine Law Office
David B Wilson

$100 - $249
Michelle Albert
John M Alexson
Mary Ellen Amaral
Anonymous
David A Archuleta & Kathleen Sutherland
Archuleta
Balis & Barrett

RUNS A LAW FIRM. AND TRIATHLONS.

WestlawNext®

“The fact that you can use WestlawNext® on the iPad® is really what piqued my interest. The searching is easier and I like the way I can organize all of my research and save it under case folders. It saves me time because those folders are available to me anywhere.” Even on the run.

westlawlifestyle.com
Pro Bono Referrals
Thirty-one cases were referred during August. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Norm Aaronson – CULADP
Josh Anderson
William Benjamin
Paul Bierbaum
Susan Bryant
Deborah Cantrell – CULADP
Christina Ebner
Graham Fuller
Peggy Goodbody
Judson Hite
Peter Jarldane
Josh Long
Thomas Moore
Michael Morphew

Colene Robinson – CU Juvenile Law
Rick Samson
Craig Small
Bruce Wiener

Pro Se Program Volunteers
Sheila Carrigan
Mary Louise Edwards
Tucker Katz
Michael Morphew
Alice Robbins
Craig Small
Helen Stone
Michelle Stoll
Chris Tomchuck

BCAP Volunteers
Thank you to the following attorneys who accepted pro bono referrals for the Boulder County AIDS Project in August.

Paul Bierbaum
Brandon Fields

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

Boulder County Bar Association Professionalism Committee On-Call Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Attorney</th>
<th>Phone number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October 1</td>
<td>Curt Rautenstraus</td>
<td>303.666.8576</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 8</td>
<td>Bruce Fest</td>
<td>303.494.5600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 15</td>
<td>Trip DeMuth</td>
<td>303.447.7775</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October 29</td>
<td>Mark Langston</td>
<td>303.440.9684</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Hire a Realtor who thinks like a lawyer.
As a former attorney, I am uniquely suited to help you and your clients with any real estate needs. Serving Boulder County.

Ann O’Connell
720.239.2537
ann@oconnellhomes.com
www.oconnellhomes.com

PEDAL TO PROPERTIES
LEGAL AID FOUNDATION THANKS BCBA DONORS (continued from page 5)

Lisa E Battan
Ruth & David Becker
Thomas L Beckmann
Patricia S Bellac
Paul C Benedetti
Catherine D Benjamin
William E Benjamin
Richard Bland Law Offices
Aaron & Julia Brodsky
Michael F Browning
Susan K Bryant
Ellen Cadette
Joel Cantrick
Jim R Carrigan
Adam W Chase
Edward C Coffey
Cohen Law Group
J Keith Collins
Richard B Collins & Judith L Reid
Elizabeth Cross
Carmen S Danielson
Joel C Davis
Amber Duffy
Lisa Edwards
Margot Edwards
Bruce F Fest
Brandon J J Fields
Brenna Finn
W Harold Flowers Jr
Lenore B Fox
H Patrick Furman
Alexander Garlin & Virginia Chavez
Kathleen Gebhardt & Steve Swanson
Susan J Geer
Carol Glassman
Jon Goodman
Goff & Goff
Daniel C Hale
Kristina Hansson
Haynes & Haynes
David & Billie Haynes
Josie & Rollie Heath
Pamela J Howell
Ruth K Irvin
Carolyn S Johnson
Dale E Johnson
Kennedy & Kennedy
Stuart P Kingsbery
David J Kirk
Dustin L Kilson
Sally J Kornblith
Jon F Kottke
Judy L LaBuda
Robert E Lanham
Conrad Lattes
John H Layman
Edward & Connie Lehman
Richard Litzman
Kimberly E Lord
Peter Lyon
Dolores D Mallard
Margaretha Maloney & Robert Palaich
Gilbert Y Marchand Jr
Kevin L McDowell
Michael Miner
John G Neville
Keith Olivia
Gary L Palumbo
Nancy B Printz
Rautenstraus & Joss
Ann Rhodes
Peter Rose
Michelle Segal & Todd Saliman
Mark R & Nancy S Shapiro
Daniel F Shea
Shively & Holst
Norma A Sierra
Tod J Smith & Jerilyn DeCoteau
John F Stavely
Sharon L Svendsen
Trine & Metcalf
Luke & Callie Ventura
Ian R Walsworth
Star Waring
Bruce Willard Warren
Heidi E Weckwert
Van Wilgus
Meghan Winokur
Ruth M Wright
Jessica Yates
Up to $100
Anonymous
Karl F Anuta
Chris Archer
Lisa Baker
Steven D Barnett
Nancy Berman
Gregory & Helen Beylkin
Howard Bittman
James A Brantz
Karen A Burns
Anne Byrne
Eve Canfield

LONG LIVE RELIABILITY.
You need a partner you can rely on — one who understands your commitment to your clients. At The Private Bank at Colorado State Bank and Trust, we share your respect for dependable partnerships and enduring client relationships. Let our Boulder office show you how our comprehensive wealth management services can strengthen both.

COLORADO STATE BANK
THE PRIVATE BANK
Private Banking | Fiduciary Services | Investment Management
Wealth Advisory Services | Specialty Asset Management

1505 Pearl St., Suite 105 | Boulder, CO 80302 | www.csbt.com
Ethical Considerations in Public Sector Law  
Friday, October 19, 2012  
University of Colorado Law School, Boulder  
Sponsored by the ABA Government and  
Public Sector Lawyers Division  
The Boulder County Bar Association  
and  
The Colorado Bar Association  
REGISTER NOW  

Ethical Considerations in Public Sector Law focuses on the unique ethical issues confronted by public lawyers using an entertaining, interactive format. Expert panelists will dramatize short, illustrative hypothetical scenarios with a discussion period following each skit. Learn about duties to former clients, understand responsibilities of supervisory lawyer, find out about special conflicts of interest for government lawyers.

PANELISTS  
Co-moderated by the Hon. William Lucero, Presiding Disciplinary Judge and  
Alec Rothrock, Burns, Figa and Will P.C.  
Dan Domenico, Colorado Solicitor General  
Stan Garnett, Boulder County District Attorney  
Daniel Muse, Pendleton, Wilson, Hennessey & Crow, P.C.  
Victoria Ortega, Denver Assistant City Attorney  
Sharon Pandak, Greehan, Taves, Pandak and Stoner PLLC  
David Young, Adams County District Attorney  

Please visit www.governmentlawyer.org for more information or contact the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division at 202-662-1020.
Due to Lynne Barnett’s soon-to-be retirement, the Boulder County Bar Association is seeking an executive assistant. This is a part-time position (25 hours a week) with great benefits and enjoyable work environment. Please send cover letter with resume to the bar offices, 1942 Broadway, Suite 205, Boulder, 80302. Job discription is on the bar’s website www.boulder-bar.org

Vranesh and Raisch, LLP

Is Pleased To Announce That

Leila C. Behnampour

Has joined our Firm

Vranesh and Raisch, LLP will continue to provide legal services in the areas of water rights, water quality, special districts, environmental and natural resources law.

Vranesh and Raisch, LLP
1720 14th Street, #200
Boulder, Colorado 80302
303-443-6151
www.vrlaw.com

Vranesh and Raisch, LLP

STEVEN MEYRICH

ARBITRATION & MEDIATION SERVICES

Is again pleased to announce his inclusion in Best Lawyers in America® 2007 through 2013 in the practice areas of Arbitration, Mediation and Family Law Mediation

4845 Pearl East Circle, Suite 101
Boulder, CO 80301
www.stevenmeyrich.com
Telephone: 303-440-8238
Email: stevenmeyrich@me.com

ColoradoLegalResearch.com

Legal Research & Writing
Contract Work
12 Years of Experience
Former Federal Appellate Clerk

Law Office of Rachel Maizes, P.C.
720.353.6840
Rachel@ColoradoLegalResearch.com
LEGAL AID FOUNDATION THANKS BCBA DONORS (continued from page 7)

Rajkumar Chohan
James Christoph
William & Sara-Jane Cohen
Kylie Crandall
Denise Devecka
James D Ellman
Megan Farooqui
E Stefan Fredricksmeyer
Alex Garcia
Carol Glowinsky
Catherine Grainger
R Denean Hill
Lydia Holzman
Chris Hoyd
Christopher Jeffers
Beth Kelley
Michelle King
Howard & Barbara Klemme
Christopher F Knud-Hansen
Bill Kyriagis
Sally Lazar
Whiting Leary
Dean G & Anne Lehman
Raymond Leidig & Jill London
Rachel Maizes
Sangeetha Mallavarapu
Gary Merenstein
Miller & Cohen PC
Joseph Neguse
Beth B Ornstein
Dan R & Carol Sheehy
Courtney Shephard
William Silberstein
Jeremy Syz
Jonathan D Tjornehoj
Tom & Barbara Trager
Larry Tronco
Lawrence G & Rita S Weiss
Kenneth & Nicole Winterton
Louisa M Young
Sandra Younghans

Boulder County Campaign Committee: Chris Ford (Co-Chair), Pat Carrigan (Co-Chair), Joyce Bergmann, Paul Bierbaum, Ellen Cadette, Neal Cohen, Scott Culley, Carmen Danielson, David Driscoll, Lew Harstead, Jeff Kahn, Bill Kowalski, Chris Leh, Steve Meyrich, Mike Miner, Rich Nehls, Jeff Quick, Michelle Rafik, Mike Rafik, Giovanni Ruscitti, Rick Samson, and Helen Stone.

Congratulations on your great accomplishments!
PERSONAL INJURY PARALEGAL - BOULDER Small, established, highly rated Boulder personal injury law firm is seeking exceptional legal assistant/paralegal. This position requires personal injury litigation experience, excellent computer and writing skills and experience with Lexis Nexis, Microsoft Word and Excel. Please submit resume, cover letter and salary requirements to books@sloatlaw.com


S. BOULDER OFFICE SUITE WITH SIX PRACTITIONERS. Large office plus secretarial station available. Located at South Boulder Road and the Turnpike. Convenient access to Boulder, Denver, Longmont, Louisville, and east county. Free parking, two conference rooms, rent includes utilities, janitorial, & various amenities. Call Steve Cook or staff 303-543-1000.

OFFICE SHARE OR LEASE IN BROOMFIELD: Small, congenial tax, estate planning and business law firm has several law offices available immediately for month-to-month office share or lease to professional advisors, transactional lawyers or business litigation lawyers. Window offices (150 square feet) for $1,100/month, or interior office (120 square feet) for $500/month. Amenities include: receptionist services; adjacent surface lot parking; well-appointed conference rooms; beautifully furnished lobby and reception area; multi-line digital phone system with voicemail; high-speed copiers, fax and scanner access; elevator access; shared kitchen with microwave and refrigerator; maintenance and routine cleaning services. Potential for transactional and/or litigation referrals. Please contact Brenda at (303) 469-7367 for more details. Schafer Thomas Maez, PC, 4 Garden Center, Suite 200, Broomfield, CO

CrossRoads Psychotherapy

Stephen Fowlkes, MA,

CLASSIFIED ADS

Are you...Stressed out, inefficient, unproductive, disorganized, overwhelmed, or needing help in your law practice?
Are you looking for temporary or situational assistance, without the commitment of a full-time paralegal?
Are you looking to maximize efficiency, maximize your profits and economize your time?
If so, I can help.

As a highly efficient, extremely experienced and accomplished paralegal with expertise in real estate, civil litigation and small business law, I can lend support and guidance to any law practice. As a published author for Bradford Publishing and the well-relied upon treatise for FEDs — Landlord & Tenant Guide to Colorado Evictions — my research, drafting and writing skills will compliment your practice for the time needed.

Part-time or contract rates are available. For further information, kindly contact Denise Boehler (fka Grimm), at beingbo@gmail.com, or 303.803.2676. Additional information is available on my LinkedIn Professional Profile.

Over Fifteen Years of Experience with
• Mediation
• Arbitration
• Settlement Conference Services

Also accepting referrals for personal injury civil and criminal litigation.

Past President of Colorado Trial Lawyers and Boulder County Bar Association; Colorado Super Lawyer 2007-2012.

Jim Christoph, JD
303.381.2560 christophlaw@comcast.net