

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **First Judicial District Bar Association**

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## President's Column Chris Radeff

### It's Deja vu All Over Again!

Some of you may remember (or find it hard to forget) that I was President of the 1<sup>st</sup> JD during the 2006-2007 term. Back then, I followed in the footsteps of Joe Pickard, who was President from 2005-2006. Now I find myself following in the footsteps of his law partner, Justin Ross, our immediate past-president. Both did an outstanding job serving our Bar, and I have been privileged to work with both. And pleased to report that they no longer have office space to rent!

During the last month or so, when talking with members about my upcoming term, I received a lot of "Wow, has it been ten years?" and "Weren't you just President?" (More likely it was "Wow, has it only been ten years?" and "Weren't you just President?"). I prefer to interpret these statements as merely about the passage of time, and not some commentary on my tenure!

But that made me think about how we measure time in our lives. It changes as we grow older:

- Elementary school children measure time by how long it is to Summer Break.
- High schoolers measure time by when they will graduate.
- In college the milestone is not only graduation, but landing that first job.
- In our 20's or 30's, it may be measured by weddings or babies.

I find myself two years past age 50 measuring time not by how much I have left, but when the new Netflix releases are due to be out! Taking a page from Netflix, this year I expect that I will also measure time by the 1<sup>st</sup> JD's exciting line-up for 2017:

**"Game of Thrones: The Judges Roundtable Luncheon."** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 in the Jury Assembly Room.

**"House of Cards: Truths and Untruths-The Consequences of Lying-A Practical Look at Ethics."** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:00-4:30 p.m. CLE presented by Judge Kim Goldberger. Lookout Mountain Room.

**"Westworld: 1<sup>st</sup> JD Golf Tournament."** Monday, October 9, 2017 (Columbus Day, Courts are Closed). 10:00 a.m. Hiwan Country Club.

**"Better Call Saul: To Litigate or Arbitrate."** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 12:00-1:15 p.m. Luncheon CLE presented by Dennis Polk. Lookout Mountain Room.

**"Stranger Things: Judge Tamara Russell Emcees this Year's 1<sup>st</sup> JD Awards Banquet."** Saturday, October 14, 2017. Lakewood Country Club.

**"Shameless: Family Law CLE."** Friday, December 1, 2017 1:00-4:30 Lookout Mountain Room.

Over the next year, as you measure time in your own way, I invite you to become involved with our Bar Association in whatever way you can. If you would like to be on one of our many committees, or write a guest article for the Proclamation, or give input on what you would like to see our Association do, contact either me at [radeff@prfamlaw.com](mailto:radeff@prfamlaw.com), or Vicki at [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

Meanwhile, I will do my best to make my tenure productive and my articles fun yet informative - and maybe one completely in rhyme! Meanwhile, I look forward to working on your behalf alongside Joe Lusk, President-Elect; Ryan Hutton, Secretary-Treasurer; and the entire Board of Trustees.

-Chris Radeff

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Our telephone and email will remain the same

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**MEMBER BENEFIT**

The 1st JD Bar Association Membership Committee  
has arranged for a member discount for all 1st JD  
Bar Association members.

**15% off the first order**

Ratio Clothing  
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Call 303-434-2501 or email to [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)  
and ask for the discount code.

**JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET**

Saturday October 14, 2017

Cash Bar 5:45 to 6:45 pm

Seating for dinner 6:45 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Cost \$60 per person

Lakewood Country Club,  
6800 W. 10th Ave, Lakewood, Co 80214

Mark your calendars for this great event.  
Invitations will be sent very soon

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# Committee Corner

## CLE/Luncheon

The CLE/Luncheon Committee is chaired by Steve Cook with the following committee members: Jay Pickard, Melissa Liff, Ryan Hutton, Andrew Hart and Christian Gardner-Wood.

Steve and his committee bring you half-day CLE's once per quarter and luncheons 11 times per year. All luncheons are also accredited for CLE's.

If you would like to suggest a topic for a CLE or Luncheon, please contact Vicki at: [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

## YOUR MEMBER BENEFIT

Take advantage of the **Attorney Lounge** on the 2nd floor in room 2069. The door code is 214. This is a benefit for 1st JD members, not for everyone, so stop by and enjoy free coffee in the morning and also use it as a place to relax between court appearances.

Let us know if you find the

## What is YOUR passion? What is YOUR escape?

We hope you will enjoy a new section that gives you an opportunity to learn more about your fellow 1st JD Bar Association members. This month we feature Samantha Lillehoff, Robert Montgomery and Timothy Schimberg.

### Samantha Lillehoff

One of my passions is garden-to-table cooking. I love all of the planning and prep involved in the cold months, filled with hopes of tasty harvests. I enjoy facing the challenges involved in bringing those dreams to fruition and working with my hands. I appreciate the beauty of living things in and around my home, and the delayed gratification of eating something delicious and (sometimes) healthy that was grown in my own back yard. Or, if the plans of Colorado hail storms and hungry critters conflict with mine, I'll dream about next spring while enjoying some takeout.



### Robert Montgomery

The things that I enjoy doing may be my "passions" but also provide escape from the practice of law although I still enjoy a full time career in the field of consumer bankruptcy. I enjoy my yearly trips to New Orleans for Jazz and Heritage Festival. The city has great food, fantastic music, culture and history unequaled anywhere - and the people are wonderful. I also enjoy fly fishing with my son-in-law on the western slope, as well as gardening. Creatively I'm also venturing into fly tying and painting. In the fall a group of us get together and revisit my farming background by canning pickles, okra, peppers and whatever else is available.

### Timothy Schimberg

**The practice of law takes practice!** This is still true for me after 37 years of practice, practice, practice. I am still a firm believer that the profession can be noble, humble and serve the interest of our citizens. As for professional "passions" I try to focus on three subjects. Opportunities to mentor (DU and CBA have great programs). Another passion is focused upon what I believe to be an unfortunate "institutional denial" that our particular profession is engaged in. First, the health and welfare of each other in the practice of law. We ignore the data. Depending on the source, 20-30% of us have a dependency on drugs, alcohol and/or other substances, not to mention basic mental health. Decades ago a few of us were able to start what is now the CLHP Program and it wasn't easy. Times have changed but simply stated, legal decision makers did not embrace the disease concept. Now, there is help. There is no reason to lose a license, one's standing in the community, a family, or your life. The third focus is the participation in any program geared towards diversity and inclusiveness in our profession. We all need to commit ourselves to advancing diversity in the legal profession whether it be through education or supporting legal organizations in their campaigns to create cultures of inclusion. We should not fail for not having tried.

"Balance" is a hip phrase nowadays. I have no clue. However, when I do have time, there is nothing more satisfying and energizing than spending time out on our beautiful trails backpacking or hiking. I also like to run, which at this point is more of a trot, ride a road bike and play hoops, although the shot isn't what it used to be. It has been an honor to practice, practice, practice in the First JD.



## 1st Judicial District Bar Association CLE

### JUDGE'S ROUNDTABLE CLE LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

12:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse  
100 Jefferson County Parkway  
JURY COMMISSIONER'S ROOM

It's that time of year again for the very popular 1st JD Bar Association Judge's Roundtable Luncheon. Each Judge and Magistrate will choose a topic for discussion at their table.

FOR THIS LUNCHEON ONLY

\$22 CLE with lunch for 1st JD members

\$27 CLE with lunch for non-members

This luncheon does not offer the bring your own lunch option.

Register at:

<http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2017/8/22/judges-roundtable-cle-luncheon-1>

OR [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

### ETHICS CLE

Friday, September 22, 2017

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Room, Jeffco Courthouse

### Truths & Untruths - The Consequences of Lying

A Practical Look at Ethics

*Presented by the Honorable Kim H. Goldberger  
Retired Jefferson County Judge and current Senior Judge*

\$60 Member/\$75 Non-Member

\*Application for 3 Ethics Credits pending

Register at:

<http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2017/9/22/judge-goldberger>

OR [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Associate Attorney Family Law

**Pelegrin & Radeff, P.C.**, is looking for a full-time Associate Attorney to join us in our new location at 350 Indiana Street, Golden.

Candidate must have a minimum of three years' experience in Family Law, be self-motivated, and enjoy working in an energetic fast-paced office. Sense of humor a must; ability to rhyme at random a strength!

Available benefits package includes health/dental insurance and 401(k) retirement plan. Please send cover letter, resume, writing sample and references to Chris Radeff, [radeff@prfamlaw.com](mailto:radeff@prfamlaw.com).

### Part Time Litigation Paralegal

A small Golden law firm with a friendly and relaxed atmosphere is currently seeking a part-time (25-30 hours per week, flexible) Litigation Paralegal to assist with all aspects of office management.

Ideal candidate must have a professional demeanor, maintain a positive attitude, have excellent written and oral communication skills, and be able to work well independently as well as in a team setting. Strong attention to detail and organizational skills are essential. Must be able to work well under occasional pressure as well as establish and maintain positive client relations. Salary depends on experience.

Responsibilities include: Assisting attorneys, State and Federal e-filing, preparation of pleadings, correspondence, scheduling, organizing records and office management. Candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum of 3+ years paralegal experience
- Excellent organizational skills
- Knowledge of Quickbooks and Timeslips (or other billing program)
- Ability to multi-task and maintain multiple case records and requirements
- Ability to be efficient and meet deadlines
- Excellent computer skills

Please email [rdodson@dodsonlawfirm.com](mailto:rdodson@dodsonlawfirm.com) with a cover letter, current resume, writing sample, salary requirement, and professional references.

**Writing is its own reward.**

-Henry Miller

Are you a budding poet?

Do you have a short story about your travels?

Nearly finished writing the next Great American Novel?

Have an interesting legal topic to address?

Then send it our way! This year we will be featuring writings of members of the 1<sup>st</sup> JD in our Proclamation. If you would like to be a guest writer, please contact Vicki at [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org) for deadlines and availability.

*Don't try to figure out what other people want to hear from you; figure out what you have to say.*  
-Barbara Kingsolver

**2017 1st JD Bar Association Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, October 9, 2017**  
**Hiwan Golf Club**  
**30661 Clubhouse Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439**  
**Shotgun start at 10 am**

**Cost: \$100 per golfer**  
**Hole sponsorship-\$200 per hole.**

**Two Flights**

- ◊ **1st Flight-Traditional Scramble event.**
- ◊ **2nd Flight-each player plays their own ball. The two best net scores per hole are scored for the foursome with a maximum score of triple bogey. Players selecting the second flight must submit current GHIN Indexes with their registration.**



**You can register now at:**

<http://1stdid.org/events/#!event/2017/10/9/golf-tournament>

**Or**

[admin@1stdid.org](mailto:admin@1stdid.org)

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT**

This report is prepared for the members of the First Judicial District Bar Association, and concerns the term beginning July 1, 2016. The fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Income

The year to date income budget was \$97,206, and income received for the fiscal year was \$100,586, bringing an excess of \$3,380 for the year. While our primary source of income comes from membership dues, to balance out our budget we do receive income from our CLE's and Luncheons. We also budget our big events, like the Annual Banquet or Golf Tournament, so that what is charged covers the expense of the event.

Expenses

Total expense (YTD) was over budget by \$6,688.

Each year we make a determination if our excess income should be used for grants to non-profit that provide services or benefit the First Judicial District in some way. This past year, we elected to not give any grants, but used the Golf Tournament as a fundraiser for Senior Law Day. The Executive Committee will be reviewing the budget to determine whether it makes sense to increase grants in the upcoming year. Notable past recipients include Court Support Jeffco and other local court- and law-related charities.

There was a one-time expenditure this year of \$8,000.00 for the new website, which the Board of Trustees unanimously believes was a worthwhile expenditure. Although more information will be forthcoming, this new website will be more user friendly, have a searchable database for 1<sup>st</sup> JD members, and provide greater flexibility in payment for CLE's and Luncheons.

Conclusion

I have determined that the Bar Association's finances are very healthy. I thank our leadership, including our President, Justin Ross, our Executive Director, Vicki Malara, and the members of the Board of Trustees for overseeing a prosperous year. I look forward to assisting Chris Radeff as she takes the President's chair in July. I believe our finances will be in very capable hands next year, as Ryan Hutton (last year's Young Lawyer of the Year) will be serving as Treasurer. It has been an honor to serve as your Treasurer for the 2016-2017 term.

-Joe Lusk