

# PROCLAMATION

## *First Judicial District Bar Association*

### MAY 2017

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## **President's Column Justin Ross**

### **"Onward and Upward: Introducing the New and Improved 1<sup>st</sup> JD Website – 1stjd.org"**

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning." – Benjamin Franklin

When I was preparing to begin my term as 1<sup>st</sup> JD President, I reached out to multiple past Presidents to ask of them for their wisdom and guidance as to the position. As part of this discussion, I asked each of them what they thought the most important parts of being president are. Each of them gave me helpful advice, and each of them indicated that, amongst other suggestions, if I could identify and oversee a particular "pet" project to improve the Association during the term, such would be an appropriate goal for this term. Some prior examples of such projects include addressing and revising the Association's by-laws (President Robin Beattie), organizing the Association's committees and committee selection and review process (President Hon. Mark Randall), and securing the attorney lounge (President Joe Pickard).

Early in my term, the question was posed to our Board of Trustees and Governors as to whether there were any particular areas of the Association which needed improvement. One area in particular gained traction – that we needed to improve our Association's website. Consequently, this has become a primary focus for our Association this term. After much thoughtful discussion, the Board agreed to allocate funds for the project, and we began efforts to locate an appropriate partner to assist us in designing and launching our site.

I am happy to announce that we have launched the website. While the site is still under construction (and please pardon our dust...), it is possible to now get an idea of what the finished product will look like. Once the site is fully complete, our members will have the ability to review an online calendar for upcoming events, such as open houses and CLE's, search for colleagues, pay for CLE's and other events online, and access our monthly Proclamations, as well as other helpful features.

Currently, we are also finalizing various advanced levels of member profiles which will be available for purchase at each member's discretion. It is my hope that our membership will find this a helpful feature, both for purposes of connecting with one another, as well as a potential avenue for prospective clients. Once such is available, the membership will be informed as to how they can take advantage of this feature.

I am excited about this new resource for our Association, and, while it will require some use of the imagination to envision the finished product, I am encouraging all of our members to take a tour of the site to see the progress we are making with "1stjd.org."

**Virgil Boatright**  
**January 19, 1932-May 16, 2017**

Boatright, Ripp & Lusk, LLC mourns the loss of Member Virgil Boatright. Virgil was admitted to practice law in 1958, after being awarded his law degree by the University of Denver the same year. Virgil spent his professional career at the law offices located on 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, where his partners, Tom Ripp and Joe Lusk continue his legacy.

Virgil's distinguished career included service as the Jefferson County Public Administrator, and membership in the First Judicial District Bar Association. His brilliant legal mind, unassuming nature, and keen sense of humor made Virgil a delight to work with and to simply be around. He will be dearly missed.



**1st Judicial District CLE**

Friday, June 9, 2017

1:30—4:30 pm

Lookout Mountain Room

Jeffco Courthouse

Members \$60—Non Members \$75

**APPELLATE ADVOCACY AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

**Judge Elizabeth L. Harris**  
*Effective Brief Writing*

**Judge Rebecca R. Freyre**  
*Effective Oral Advocacy*

**Judge Daniel M. Taubman**  
*What's New in Access to Justice*

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303-434-2501

**\*Application for 3 CLE Credits pending**

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**The 1st JD Bar Association  
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arranged for a member discount for  
all 1st JD Bar Association members.**

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## 2017 1<sup>ST</sup> JD Judges & Awards Banquet

**QUICK & EASY MAKE YOUR NOMINATION ONLINE AT:**

<http://1stjd.org/2017-awards/#!event-list>

### **\*\*New Award\*\***

**Frederick J. Myers Professionalism Award** - This award is to be bestowed upon a member of the First JD Bar Association to honor that attorney who is a model of civility and respect in the legal profession. This is an award to an attorney who demonstrates outstanding professionalism, which is defined as dedication to service to clients in a civil, respectful manner. This award is intended to honor lawyers who demonstrate exemplary ethical conduct, civility and respect, toward all Parties, Counsel, and the Court. Professionalism and civility foster respect and trust between lawyers, the judiciary, and the public. Professionalism serves the best interests of clients, promotes the efficient resolution of disputes, and improves the administration of justice. The attorney honored with this award does not need to be a litigator and his/her area of practice is irrelevant.

**Award of Merit** – Awarded to the attorney member of the First Judicial District Bar Association who primarily practices in this District, and has provided distinguished service to the Bar and the community deserving of our Association's highest recognition.

**Claudia D. Miller Liberty Bell Award** – This award is given to a non-lawyer who has furthered the interaction of the community and the legal system and provided an uncommon contribution to the system or government as a whole.

**Lisa Harness Memorial Award** - This person demonstrates a superior degree of professionalism, knowledge and dedication to the position of a Clerk of the Court and has worked in the judicial system for at least one year. Persons who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to going above and beyond to assure that the judicial system and the public are served with an exceptional degree of service are appropriate nominees.

**George Holley Young Lawyer Award** – This is given to an attorney under the age of 37 or in practice for less than 5 years who is a member of the First J.D. Bar and is deserving of recognition for her or his activities with the Bar, the community and in the practice of law. The recipient should be someone who reflects a strong commitment to the legal profession and to community service

**Linda T. Palmieri Award For Outstanding Service to Children** – This is given in recognition of an individual's demonstration of a superior degree of professionalism and commitment to children, and who has worked actively to advance the welfare of children. The individual need not be an attorney, but shall have made significant contribution to the children of the First Judicial District, and the legal system as a whole.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 14  
JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET  
Lakewood Country Club**

**Monday, October 9  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Hiwan Country Club**

### **1st Judicial District Bar Association Board Election 2017-2018**

The Nominating Committee has selected the following nominees for officer, board of trustees and board of governors for 2017-2018. The nominees begin serving their term on July 1, 2017.

As a member of the 1st JD Bar Association, you may object to the nominees and/or nominate additional candidates. Send any objections or additional nominees to [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org) by June 1, 2017.

<i>President</i>	<i>Chris Radeff</i>
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<i>Secretary Treasurer</i>	<i>Ryan Hutton</i>

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	<i>Andrew Hart</i>
	<i>Samantha Lillehoff</i>
	<i>Andrew McLetchie</i>
	<i>Sean Paris</i>
	<i>AnnMarie Spain</i>
	<i>Jim Stanley</i>
	<i>Magistrate Marianne Tims</i>

<i>Board of Governors</i>	<i>Judge Randall Arp</i>
	<i>Jon Bradley</i>
	<i>Katie Kurtz</i>
	<i>Justin Ross</i>

### **MOCK TRIAL COORDINATER NEEDED**

**LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER AMANDA CRUSER'S ROLE AS CO-CHAIR OF THE MOCK TRIAL COMMITTEE.** Amanda and Judge K.J. Moore have developed a fine tuned process over many years for organizing, recruiting, and presenting the Mock Trial. They will both be available to the incoming Co-Chair for guidance and questions.

#### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- ◇ Work with the State Bar Mock Trial Committee to set dates for the tournament.
- ◇ Recruit Attorneys & Non Attorneys to volunteer their time during the competition.
- ◇ Assist in running the competition for four days in February.
- ◇ Maintain communication with volunteers
- ◇ During the week of the tournament, organize, assist and manually verify scores.

If you are interested, please email [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org). Interested parties will receive a more detailed list of the responsibilities that will outline the time commitments.





**Great turnout for the  
CLE Luncheon on May 9  
State of the 1st JD Judiciary  
& CBA President's Update**

50 Year Member, Richard Scheurer was recognized for his service at the CLE Luncheon. He presented the 1st JD a brick from the original Courthouse in Golden. Thank you Mr. Scheurer for your service and for your thoughtful contribution.



Judge Rebecca Freyre, Court of Appeals  
Joshua Junevicius, CBA Program Coordinator  
Patricia Jarzobski, CBA President  
Patrick Flaherty, CBA, Executive Director





## FREE FAMILY LAW CLINICS - 2017

### ARE YOU STARTING YOUR OWN DIVORCE OR CUSTODY CASE?

**WHAT:** This clinic will help you prepare to file your own divorce or APR (formerly custody) case. The instructor will discuss the required forms, division of property, maintenance, child support, parenting time/decision making, and temporary orders.

**WHEN:** the 2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday of EVERY month (12-1:30 pm)

**WHERE:** Jury Assembly Room, Suite 1090, Jefferson County Courthouse, Court Side

January 11	May 10	September 13
February 8	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	December 13

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### Ask-an-Attorney

**WHAT:** This clinic is for anyone who wants to ask an attorney questions regarding family law cases. Includes divorce, APR (formerly custody), contempt filings, modification of prior orders, etc. (Pre and Post Decree). First come, first served (limited number of spots available). You will be allowed up to 15 minutes with the attorney.

**WHERE:** Suite 2040, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the right of the elevators

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, on the following dates (9:00 – 11:00 am)

March 21	June 20	September 5	November 7
April 4	July 18	September 19	November 21
April 18	August 1	October 3	December 5
May 16	August 15	October 17	December 19

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### Videos available through Colorado Legal Services

<http://www.coloradolegalservices.org>

- Evidence - What is It and How to Prepare It? (Hearsay, texts, voicemails, etc.)
- Child Support Services
- Asking the Court to Modify Child Support
- Temporary Protection Orders - A Checklist
- Service of Process
- Modification of Domestic Relations Order
  - Learn about requesting changes to existing parental court orders

Visit [www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org) to view more videos and find additional resources.



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