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## ***First Judicial District Bar Association***

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## **President's Column**

### **Chris Radeff**

When I was President of this Bar Association in 2007 I wrote a fun article about my Spring vacation to Las Vegas to relax by the pool, and all the attendant hassles that go along with taking a vacation. The one part of the article that folks tell me they most laughed at was the following:

Part of the joy of traveling is finding the best deal. We got a great price on tickets on that airline that does not have assigned seats. Instead, you are assigned to either the A, B, or C group, and when the boarding starts, your group queues up to the gate, and dashes towards the plane. It was like the running of the bulls, every man, woman and child for themselves.

As I enter the plane, I panic when it's obvious that most of the oh-so-coveted aisle seats are already taken. The person in front of me eyes the remaining aisle seat left. I know if I do not do anything I will surely be stuck in a middle seat. I hurl my carry-on bag over the heads of those in front of me, it landing on the aisle seat, staking my claim. Score one for me!

Ah, the more things change, the more they actually get worse.

In the last few months I have travelled twice, once for pleasure the other for a family wedding. Despite taking early morning flights to avoid the inevitability of late departures due to late arrivals of a flight before me, both of my Denver flights were delayed by more than an hour. However, since DIA's concourses have amenities like food, alcohol, books, alcohol, televisions, alc..., er, bottled water, the wait was not too bad.

But then came the boarding of the plane. It was pretty much the same as described in 2007 in the hustle for the best seat, but new roadblocks have sprung up over the last 11 years. Because we have gotten used to being charged to check baggage – don't get me started on that – or because we don't want to wait at baggage claim after the flight, pretty much everyone on the flight has carry-on luggage. The rules are you get one carry on and one personal item, like a purse or shoulder bag. Is a guitar a personal item? Is luggage the size of a Mini Cooper really going to fit in the overhead bin? I was skeptical, but then a believer, when I saw both were allowed on my plane and both were made to fit into the overhead bin.

Now, I don't necessarily care one way or the other what folks bring on a plane, except the inevitable announcement of "we are out of overhead bin space" and anything larger than said Mini Cooper now has to be removed and checked below. And of course, the owner of that item is none too happy. Remember when I said that I liked to leave on earlier flights to ensure a more-timely take off? This little luggage dance adds to that delay.

Eventually we are all tucked in, we taxi out and race down the runway to become airborne. I admit, the older I get the less I like to fly due to irrational reasons. For example, I absolutely hate and fear take offs. In my brain I just keep thinking there is no way this hunk of metal can fly. (I'm a lawyer, not a scientist). During the entire take-off I am afraid we are going to drop from the sky like skeet after the shoot, and this fear is tripled when during the ascent the plane banks left or right. Really?

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Can you just go up? In a straight line? Interestingly, I have no such fears on the slow descent for landing as we approach our destination. My brain rationalizes that we are already headed in that direction – down – so nothing bad can happen. Or perhaps it's just I don't care anymore, having had a few inflight "beverages."

While having those beverages I take note that over the last 10 years the "roominess" of planes has shrunk. It's true (at least according to Google). In 1985 the average seat width was 19-20 inches. In 2014 they were 17-18 inches. The "pitch", or what we call leg room, in the same time period has changed from the most at 36 inches to the most at 33 inches. Now you get why I want an aisle seat?

After a long flight we land (as I knew we would!) and begin the de-boarding process. Remember the Mini Cooper and guitar? They have to be taken down from that overhead bin, along with all the other luggage, and so you sit or stand and wait for the slow crawl down the center aisle to begin your vacation, or to return home.

The best part about flying is that, until you do it again, you forget all the inconveniences and annoyances. The ability to get half-way across the country to see loved ones in less than four hours is still pretty amazing. Not as amazing as it is to eventually locate your car in the economy lot, or finding the A Train working, but pretty darn close! Travel safe my friends.

## **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

### **Speakers Needed**

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute ("OLLI") is seeking one or more speakers to present on current legal issues of interest to an educated audience of seniors (50+). Presentations are two hours, including time for Questions and Answers and a 15-minute break, on the morning of either February 16 or March 9. If more than one person volunteers, the two-hours would be divided into shorter presentations.

The topics are to be chosen by presenter. Those that have been suggested include legal issues associated with marijuana, Immigration, gun usage, oil and gas, and tort reform. However, other issues are welcome.

The presentation is part of a series of talks on various subjects given to students at OLLI West in Applewood. OLLI is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute which is managed in this area by the University of Denver.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Tom Hughes at [eth5530@cs.com](mailto:eth5530@cs.com).

### **1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION GRANTS**

The bar association is taking applications for non-profit grants.

Applications are due  
January 31, 2018  
and will be disbursed by  
April 30, 2018.

You may access the grant application on the website at [1stjd.org](http://1stjd.org) under Grant Information at the bottom of the page. .

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-Henry Miller

Are you a budding poet?

Do you have a short story about your travels?

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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



### Application Period for Magistrate Judge Vacancy Opens January 2, 2018

This announcement seeks applicants for the U.S. Magistrate Judge position opening that will be available upon the retirement of U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Watanabe, eff. July 1, 2018.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado. The magistrate judge application period is open from January 2, 2018 to February 1, 2018. The current annual salary of the position is \$188,692. The term of office is eight (8) years.

A full public notice for the magistrate judge position is posted in the office of the clerk of the district court, located in the Alfred A. Arraj U.S. Courthouse, 901 19th Street, Room A-105, Denver, CO 80294. The notice and application form are also available here: <https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/HR/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>.

Interested persons may contact Mrs. Louise Wilson, Director, Human Resources Division, at 303-335-2490 for additional information.

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3	720-772-2615	Linda Ruth	PILKINGTON	4 - F
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5	720-772-2623	Ronda	HALL	4 - E
6	720-772-2627	Eileen	ZENISEK	5 - B
7	720-772-2631	Ashley	TIGHE	4 - A
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10	720-772-2643	Bridgette	MEINSTER	4 - C
11	720-772-2647	Francine	VRIESMAN	4 - B
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B	720-772-2430	Mel	FISCH	3 - B
C	720-772-2440	Cindy	BURBACK	3 - C
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E	720-772-2460	Yvette	CARPENTER	3 - G
F	720-772-2470	Monique	MOORE	3 - A
G	720-772-2480	Brenda	RANDALL	3 - F
H	720-772-2426	Tami	VANCE	1 - C
J	720-772-2490	Devin	WOODFORD	3 - E
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R	720-772-2703	Sheila	TIMS	2 - F
S	720-772-2705	Carla	FIELDS	2 - D
U	720-772-2707	Toni	RODRIGUEZ	2 - K
V	720-772-2709	Dylan	GOEKE	2 - C
Y	720-772-2446	Debbie	ALABISO	1 - A
T	720-772-2463	Denise	SCHAEFER	1 - A
L Small Claims	720-772-2468	Deb	SCHAEFER	1 - B

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**MOCK TRIAL**  
**URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**It's that time of year again  
to mark your calendar for the  
2018 First Judicial District  
High School Mock Trial Tournament.**

The tournament will be held Tuesday through Friday, **February 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 2018**. Each day, one round of competition will be held, starting at 3:00 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. Judges need to arrive by 2:30 p.m. All trials will be held at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, Colorado. We will likely need 25 to 28 judges for every day of the competition. We have six to seven teams participating this year and will hold six rounds and a practice round every day of the competition. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping out, please pass along this email.

If you can help, please reply to [jenmelton99@yahoo.com](mailto:jenmelton99@yahoo.com) and let me know which date or dates you are available and willing to judge. When you reply, also let me know if you are willing to act as the presiding judge, if you have any potential conflicts with any of the high schools, and whether you'd like to be assigned to the same panel with a specific colleague. We will do our best to accommodate your requests. I will send you a confirmation email letting you know which date or dates you have been assigned to and I will provide you with more information about the event. We have been fortunate in the past to have a few volunteers who are willing to volunteer for more than one day of competition, so if you send me two or more dates, I will assume that you are willing to judge on each of those days.

As always, thanks in advance for your assistance. We could not host this competition without the help of numerous people.