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President's Column

Chris Radeff

I celebrated my birthday this month. I do not get all introspective about my life when I turn another year older, nor do I "take stock", whatever that means. No, I'm pretty happy with my life – pending a ruling from one particular District Court Judge, thank you very much – and figure it's worked out nicely. I am pretty much a "what you see is what you get" person, who just happens to have a few Rules in Life that have gotten me far, or perhaps on some watch list. Either way, let me share them with you:

- You cannot work for me if you have not seen Dirty Dancing, Footloose and Top Gun.
- Tacos should not contain fish. It is unnatural.
- You must have at least one "I can only tell you this" friend.
- Hearsay isn't for the truth of the matter asserted, but for the necessary lie of the moment.
- You must laugh at least once per day.
- Books should be made from paper, not megabits.
- Cake is one of the four food groups.
- If you liked the movie Interstellar you are dead to me.
- Whereas if you did not like The Big Chill you are also dead to me.
- The Rockies will win a World Series in my lifetime.
- Festivus really is for the rest of us.
- Rhyming makes everything more interesting.
- I assume that just about everything involves a conspiracy in some form or another (thus that watch list I mentioned).
- Second day hair is a fashion choice.
- All of us are just Six Degrees of Separation from Kevin Bacon
- All computer passwords should be "Password"
- Like Mick said, you really can't always get what you want.

Whatever your Rules of Life are, may they bring you happiness and joy and a REALLY good ruling from a particular District Court Judge*. Just saying.

*No judges were influenced by this article. All references to a District Court Judge is solely in the mind of the writer, which is a rather scary place to be, and does not reflect any actual decision pending before any actual Judge.

1st Judicial District Bar Association CLE



Civil Rights Litigation Basics for the Criminal Practitioner

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Room

Jeffco Courthouse

Presented by Faisal Salahuddin

Mr. Faisal is the founding partner at Frank & Salahuddin. He was recognized by Thomson Reuters as a Rising Star in Criminal Defense in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Faisal's practice includes civil rights, criminal defense, employment discrimination, constitutional law, and legislative policy

\$20 Member –CLE & Lunch
\$25 Non-Member CLE & Lunch
\$10 No Lunch
Register at:

<http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2018/3/13/civil-rights-litigation-basics-for-the-criminal-practitioner>

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2018 1ST JD Bar Association Awards



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT MAKING A NOMINATION FOR THE UPCOMING JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET

We will be highlighting two awards each month for you to consider.
You can make a nomination for any of the awards at any time.

Nomination is quick, easy and ONLINE

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

FREDERICK J. MYERS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

Last Year's Award Recipient 2017 Gary L. Polidori

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

Recent Award of Merit Recipients

2017 Joe Pickard

2016 Judge Anne Stavig

2015 Judge Stephen Munsinger

2014 Judge R. Brooke Jackson

2013 Victor Boog

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.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

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.

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 a 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.

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Because of technical issues with the website Grant Application form, the deadline for grant submission is extended to February 21.

We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, contact admin@1stjd.org

MEMBER BENEFIT

**The 1st JD Bar Association
Membership Committee
has arranged for a Member
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Committee Corner

Bench Bar

The Bench/Bar Committee is co-chaired by Judge Lily Oeffler and Tom Walsh.

This committee meets with members of the 1st Judicial District by practice area and with members of the bench approximately once per quarter to discuss practices and procedures in the 1st Judicial District.

Go to www.1stjd.org for more information, or email to admin@1stjd.org

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 1st JD in our Proclamation. If you would like to be a guest writer, please contact Vicki at 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



Committee Corner

Mock Trial

The Mock Trial Committee is co-chaired by Jennifer Melton and Jenna Reulbach Kruszka, and includes Magistrate Joel Schaefer on their committee.

This year's Mock Trial was a great success due to this committee's hard work and all the volunteer attorneys.

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