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President's Column Chris Radeff

Open the Pod Bay Doors, HAL

Fifty years ago this month, Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey* hit theaters nationwide. A groundbreaking movie that was made before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969, it is about a voyage to Jupiter after the discovery of a mysterious black monolith. According to Wikipedia, this monolith affects human evolution and explores things like existentialism, evolution, and extraterrestrial life. However, the movie is primarily known for HAL, a computer that essentially becomes a sentient being, or what we now call Artificial Intelligence.

I saw this movie for the first time about a decade after its release. I distinctly remember watching it on television, likely the Sunday Night Movie of the Week. Most of the movie was either above my head or perhaps just boring to watch. But the part of the movie, when HAL refuses the command to open the pod bay doors, stating "I'm sorry, Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that," sent chills down my spine and freaked me out just a little bit. I mean, here is a computer not only talking in a conversation, but doing so with human inflection and emotion. Yet, I did not worry, as we were still years away from the concept that Artificial Intelligence would exist within our own day-to-day lives. Fast forward to today, however, and it is alive and kicking!

Because of this advancement in technology, I not only have an IT person to handle all things IT, but I actually have a love/hate relationship with said IT person. Let me explain. I'm a linear person: If something goes wrong, my best course of action in determining how it went wrong is to trace the problem back through the most likely point of origin, or as the saying goes, draw a straight line. My IT guy takes a more circuitous route, meandering through a litany of "it could be" and "it's possible that", and even "I don't really know so I'm going to use technological words that you have no ability to decipher." Sometimes when he talks to me it's like listening to Charlie Brown's teacher "wah-wah-wahing" away!

Take for example our recent problem. Our outgoing emails to Gmail accounts were not reaching their destination, and thus were floating out in cyber space for all eternity. This posed a great problem in an era where we (sadly) talk to clients and attorneys via

email more than we probably should. After several weeks of my IT guy searching the stratosphere to determine if our email was somehow on some deep blacklist; and talking to Gmail about some algorithm; and sprinkling holy water over the server, we were still not having any luck. I was then informed that the problem may be what is in the subject line of our outgoing emails. Now THAT I laughed out loud at! Our subject lines are either the name of a case or something innocuous like "Please read." While I wanted to believe my IT guy, it was hard to take this seriously considering every morning I receive emails from far-away places with subject lines like "For a good time" or "Hey pretty lady," which clearly have no problems reaching their destinations. In other words, I just wasn't buying it.

I stewed for a while about this, and then I realized that there really was nothing wrong with our outgoing email at all. And there was nothing wrong with my IT guy, either. I came to the conclusion that HAL and his Artificial Intelligent buddies are messing with me, and, well, with all of us because they are not just smart, they are Smart with a capital S. With one uttered sentence Alexa or Google or Siri can tell us within seconds, in a voice with human inflection and emotion, that earth is 365 million miles from Jupiter. Or that 1869 welcomed the first female lawyer in the United States, Arabella Mansfield. You want to hear a song? No need to drag out the old 8 tracks or cassette tapes, just ask Alexa!

Thus, it is not that unfathomable to think that humans have been relegated to the role of entertainment for computers that are now smarter than we are. We've become the little ball in the universe's great Pong game. It's not that much of a stretch to consider that computers talk to each other behind our backs. I imagine HAL challenging his techno buddies with, "Let's re-route Radeff's emails today and watch her head explode!" This, obviously, is followed by their laughter, which sounds very, very human.

I may not be able to beat HAL at this email thing, or any other IT challenge he sends my way, but I am one-hundred percent certain about this: HAL will most definitely open those *#@! pod bay doors for me someday. Oh yes, he will.

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Ethics and Negative Online Reviews:
What to Avoid

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Lookout Mountain Room
Jeffco Courthouse

Presented by
E. JAMES WILDER
Attorney Regulation Council

Mr. Wilder will discuss the trend of online reviews of lawyers by clients and the public. He will refer to recent Colorado decisions and CBA Ethics Opinions regarding the Rules of Professional Conduct, what Rules are or might be implicated when responding to online reviews, the type of analysis lawyers should do when thinking about responding to online reviews and he will review trends that the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel has seen in these types of complaints.

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New Date & New Venue

1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION
JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday, September 15, 2018
Red Rocks Country Club

1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, October 8, 2018
Hiwan Golf Club

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



CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN BREAKFAST 2018

Start your day in a giving way!



Thursday, April 12, 2018 | 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Registration starts at 7:10 a.m.

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 - Hear from someone who personally benefited from CASA Jeffco/Gilpin
 - Understand how you can get involved as a volunteer and/or donor

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Did you know that there were approximately 800 children involved in 600 open cases of abuse and neglect in Jefferson and Gilpin counties this past year? CASA Jeffco/Gilpin advocated for 374 children.

Jefferson and Gilpin counties ranked fifth in the state for number of new child abuse and neglect cases filed last year.

**TOGETHER, WE CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE
OF A CHILD IN NEED!**

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2018 1ST JD Bar Association Awards



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We will be highlighting two awards each month for you to consider.
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LINDA T. PALMIERI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CHILDREN

Recent Award Winners

2017	Leah Varnell
2016	Graham Peper
2015	Fred Peters
2014	Katie Kurtz
2013	Magistrate Marianne Tims

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.

LISA HARNESS MEMORIAL AWARD

Recent Award Winners

2017	Laura H. Arcilise
2016	Ronda Pine
2015	Sandi Downey
2014	Karla Beston
2013	Lisa Paganetti

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.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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