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First Judicial District Bar Association

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President's Column

Chris Radeff

I am not a fan of snakes. Let me try that again. I have an unnatural, unfounded and irrational fear of snakes. I have never really encountered one that posed a threat to me. In elementary school I remember our cool substitute teacher brought his Boa for some sick-o show and tell and I did not freak out. But somewhere along the line I developed this paralyzing fear that has gotten worse the older I have become – kind of like my fear of take-offs (See January President's Column).

So it was with consternation that I discovered last spring that the little garden snake that had been happily living in my crawl space – a place I have never stepped foot into – decided to take up residence on my front stoop and surrounding garden. My discovery was after a long walk with my dog and we were headed back into the house. As I stepped upon my door mat, said snake slithered out and dropped down to the garden. My scream reached decibels that only animals could hear. Well, except my dog, who seemed unfazed by my fear and this reptile from hell. I quickly opened my front door and ushered my dog and I inside, keeping my eye on the creature to ensure it did not jump up over the threshold.

Over the next few days I noted that this garden snake – now doubling in size every day – had begun sunbathing on the stoop, a tiny margarita by his side, an 8 track tape playing "Cheeseburger in Paradise." I had my front door open but the heavy duty glass storm door was firmly in place to keep him out, and I swear I saw that little cretin lift its head up and peer into the house, as if sizing up the square footage he and his other slithering friends could inhabit. Not on my watch!

I began to research who could help me not only get rid of this snake, but all those other snakes within 100 feet of my house. During this time my dog still needed his walk, so to avoid the inevitable heart attack should I step outside where it could try to kill me, we started going in and out through the garage door. More on that later.

About two days later it was slightly raining and I came home and was very excited to see the Amazon box on the side of my stoop, just waiting for me to find the treasures inside. Not wanting the stoop snake to find an opportunity to come in from the rain, I went out my garage door and around to the front yard, where I retrieved the box. As I lifted the box, there was the snake, coiled under the box! It lifted its head, stared me straight in the eyes and started to move towards me. I literally threw the box across the yard, ran to the driveway and tried not to pass out. The snake had quadrupled in size, I am sure of it. In fact, I am pretty sure it was 10 feet long and at least 5 inches in diameter. Okay, maybe I exaggerate.

The next day I hired the Snake Eradication Company. Well, that's not exactly what they were called, but you get the idea. They pride themselves in "retrieval and relocation" of snakes. I pretended I supported that philosophy, when really I fantasized about the snake's demise and not some all-expense paid trip to someone else's yard.

While I was waiting for the "relocation" of this snake, I avoided my front stoop. Unfortunately, during that time period I had two or three more deliveries coming to my home, before I got smart and started having everything delivered to my office. So if you were one of my neighbors you would have seen the following upon my return home from work, and potentially think about calling Adult Protective Services on my behalf:

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- I exit the home through the garage.
- I pick up the box and immediately throw it onto the lawn, just in case the snake has found its way into the box through any of the flaps, no matter how much tape there is.
- I open the box and remove whatever is inside and throw that on the lawn.
- If there is plastic wrapping around said item, I rip that off, and yes, throw that on the lawn.
- If whatever I purchased is in an interior box, well, you get it.
- I then place all discarded items in my trash barrel and take my snake-free item into my home.

I'd like to be able to report that once the snake was removed I freely returned to using my front door and opening packages inside my house. Well, I'd like to, but I can't. However, the good news is, today I am allegedly snake free! Although now I seem to have a pretty big uptick in spiders. Hmmm.

1st Judicial District Bar Association Board Election

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018-2019 Board.
Their terms will begin July 1, 2018

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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.*
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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.

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.

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.

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.



Tuesday, June 12, 2018: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Room
Jeffco Courthouse
Members Lunch & CLE \$20
Non Members Lunch & CLE \$25
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The Court has received numerous complaints concerning the conduct of attorneys in our courtrooms, including reports of harassing behavior between attorneys. I would like to encourage all attorneys to treat everyone in the courtroom with dignity and respect. This includes the treatment of opposing counsel, parties to the cases, the general public, and court staff. As we have seen the numbers of complaints of harassment and inappropriate conduct increase over the last year, I would like to remind attorneys of their responsibilities.

Judicial Canon 2.3 (C) demands a judge to require lawyers in proceedings before the court to refrain from manifesting bias or prejudice, or engaging in harassment, based upon attributes including, but not limited to race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation, against parties, witnesses, lawyers, or others. Often, the mistreatment or harassment of individuals in the courtroom occurs when the judge is not present in the Courtroom. It is the duty and responsibility of the lawyers in the courtroom to assure this behavior is not occurring even when court is not in session.

The Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct Preamble states, “[1] A lawyer, as a member of the legal profession, is a representative of clients, an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice.” Each of us, as a member of the bar, has a responsibility to assure that justice is achieved in the courtroom and that we are acting in a manner that respects our fellow attorneys and respects the quality of justice in the courtroom. The Preamble further states, “[7]I. . . a lawyer is also guided by personal conscience and the approbation of professional peers. A lawyer should strive to attain the highest level of skill, to improve the law and the legal profession and to exemplify the legal profession’s ideals of public service.”

In order for our courtrooms to be managed in a manner that instills trust in the public and fair access to justice, we must assure that all conduct in the courtroom is professional and that any unprofessional conduct is reported and handled immediately. The Supreme Court of the State of Colorado, in its Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Policy for the Colorado Judicial Department (Chief Justice Directive:08:06) defines Harassment as, “any unwelcome or offensive conduct, verbal or physical, based on a person’s race, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation gender identity, religion,

socioeconomic status or disability if such conduct adversely affects that person's work performance or employment status, or otherwise creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment." Examples of this conduct includes derogatory comments, remarks, gestures, or jokes, relating to a person's race, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, socioeconomic status or disability, racial or ethnic slurs and negative epithets.

It is important to remember that as an attorney you are always representing the legal system. It is your responsibility as an attorney to think before making comments and be aware of how these comments may be perceived by both the individual to whom the comment is directed and to those that can hear these comments. When in a courtroom with a crowded docket, many individuals are going to hear comments that are made whether or not they are the intended recipient of the comments. What may seem to be a joke to one person can easily be perceived as harassing comments by someone else. We must, as attorneys, model professional behavior to all those in the courtroom. If attorneys are allowed to act in an unprofessional manner or engage in harassing behavior, the entire atmosphere of the courtroom is affected as this models to others in the court room how to behave.

The First Judicial District has a statewide reputation as an excellent place to practice law. We must protect this reputation by holding each other accountable, thinking before we speak and consistently honoring the professional responsibilities of attorneys in Colorado.

PHILIP J. MCNULTY
Chief Judge, First Judicial District

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