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President's Column Chris Radeff

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU

Oh Argentina, don't you cry
But it's time for me to say goodbye
My term has come and almost gone
Hopefully it didn't seem too long!

It takes a village, and that's you
800 Bar members strong and true
Dedicated are the Trustees
The Governors and our Committees

There's many to thank for their time
And yes, I will do this all in rhyme
I did forewarn you of my jest
Sit back, relax, and I'll try my best

Joe Lusk thanks for serving as VP
Best of the best in the 1st JD
Ryan Hutton, thanks go to you
Our money is safe, tell me that's true!

Trustees: Magi Marianne Tims,
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This one is hard to find a rhyme
If only I had just a little more time
Samantha Lillehoff - oh dear
Incoming Treasurer for next year.

Our Board of Governors, so sharp
Thanks Katie Kurtz and Judge Randall Arp
Thanks to these gents I say gladly
That's Justin Ross and Jon Bradley

Committee Chairs, oh there's a lot!
A complete Bar without them, we are not
Steve Cook, Bob Hoban and Joe Lusk
Serving the Bar from dawn until dusk

Barry Meinster and George Bailey
A Wonderful Life almost daily!
Magi Tims and AnnMarie Spain
Someone get me off this rhyming train!

Jen Melton, Jenna Kruszka too
What would Law Day have been without
you? Thanks Jon Bradley and Judge Oeffler
And to Kim Sparks and Sherene Stenger

This Bar may not see tomorrow
But for our own Vicki Malara!
It's like herding a bunch of cats
Getting lawyers to do this and that

Hope you enjoyed this year long quest
Hands down this Bar is truly the best
Want to be more involved you say?
There's plenty of ways, sign up today!

So as I write this last refrain
I hope my articles entertained
See you around the Taj Mahal
Or for a drink, just give me a call!



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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, July 10, 2018: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Room
Jeffco Courthouse
Members Lunch & CLE \$20
Non Members Lunch & CLE \$25
No Lunch & CLE \$10

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Presented by Jeremy Schupbach

RSVP to:

<http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2018/7/10/legislative-updatejeremy-schupbach-legislative-director-for-the-cba-will-provide-an-update-of-the-2018-legislative-session>

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Friday, August 24, 2018: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse
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Metro Volunteer Lawyers: A Portrait

By Toni-Anne Dasent, MVL Director

Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL) is a program of the Denver Bar Association, funded in part by the Arapahoe, Douglas/Elbert, Adams and Jefferson County Bar Associations. MVL has been in existence for over 50 years and is filled with tradition and functionality. As the Director of Metro Volunteer Lawyers, I am often asked about the specific projects and programs we organize. In explaining the work of MVL, I implore you to ask yourself whether serving our entire population, and in particular, those most in need, is a worthwhile goal for your personal growth and the development of our community.

MVL, and the phenomenal volunteers who make our work possible, are often thought of as “poverty” lawyers. While there can be no argument that we serve a community that is impoverished, there are significant costs involved to effectively administer and facilitate a program as in-depth and expansive as ours. Pursuant to the Chief Justice Directives, MVL serves a population whose income does not exceed 200% of poverty level. The five programs we facilitate in five counties require significant resources: time, energy, enthusiasm and money. There is no possible way that the dedication and level of service demonstrated by MVL staff, DBA staff and our volunteers could be achieved without the funding support we receive from the Bar Associations, COLTAF, and the Denver Bar Foundation, as well as private donors such as the Rovira and Allegritti families. And while the actual funds received are critical, the real gift is given to us by our volunteers in their time and expertise.

While we would like nothing more than to be able to provide full pro bono representation to each and every client that walks through our doors, reality does not provide for such circumstances. We are so grateful for our on-going relationship with Colorado Legal Services, who provide not only volunteers to facilitate the intake process, but also exceptional staff who work with us to serve as many individuals as we can. Colorado Legal Services additionally donates office space to MVL, and as we are housed in the same building, our communication and relationship continues to grow, to the benefit of our community.

We would be remiss if we failed to discuss the support of the Denver Bar Association and its staff. MVL works integrally with the CBA and DBA to fulfill our mission. Serving those in need takes time, energy, enthusiasm and staffing. The staff at MVL are dedicated and hardworking; their leadership in each of the programs in addition to their individual commitment is exceptional and inspiring.

MVL served over 1300 clients in 2016 and over 1600 clients in 2017. MVL has five separate programs, but staff and volunteers support one another in each of the programs and work as a well-oiled machine — a true unit. Our Denver Indian Center is our only walk-in clinic. On the first Wednesday of every month, we host a clinic at the Denver Indian Center off Morrison Road. This clinic is nearly six years in the making and was established by one of our former Directors, Dianne Van Voorhees, who continues to volunteer. Although we specifically serve the Native American population in this clinic, anyone can attend. The legal issues that we encounter in this clinic are vast and unique.

Our Post Decree Program serves clients who are struggling with issues after divorce. We are proud to acknowledge that not only are we the only program in the Denver metro-area that provides this service (that we know of), but that we are giving multifaceted and critical advice. We are fortunate that our Post Decree Programs are sponsored by the Attorney General’s Office serving Arapahoe, Douglas and Adams Counties under the leadership of Leo Milan, Jr. (Senior Assistant Attorney General); and by three private firms: Pelegrin & Radeff, Polidori, Franklin, Monahan & Beattie and Smith & Cook in Jefferson County; and by Faegre Baker Daniels under the leadership of Candace Whittaker in Denver. Our post decree consultations have grown so expansively in the last two years that we now rely on the generosity of several private attorneys to host the additional Denver consultation clinics.

We also host a Family Law Court Program, allowing clients to receive our assistance through the entire pendency of their dissolution of marriage or allocation of parental responsibility cases. While our clients remain pro se, we meet with them at the beginning of the process and help them complete their necessary paperwork. MVL then keeps the files and ensures process of service where appropriate. The client then meets with MVL for Permanent Orders where an attorney represents them in court for their final hearing. We are repeatedly informed by our clients that appearing in court before a Judge without representation is an overwhelming task, and they are grateful for our presence. As a side note, the judiciary has also expressed their appreciation for our presence in the courtroom to assist these parties who would otherwise appear unrepresented. Our Family Law Court Program is a phenomenal way for attorneys who do not otherwise appear in court to receive experience and exposure to the courtroom with the gratitude of the judiciary and the support of MVL.

While a substantial part of our work is in the family law/domestic relations area, we also serve the elderly community through our Power of Attorney Workshops. Unlike most of our programs, due to the difficulties of mobility of our elderly in senior center facilities, MVL and its volunteers take the workshop to the seniors. The Power of Attorney Workshops follow a two-step process. Once we have coordinated with a senior center, MVL staff and volunteers attend the center and provide a presentation regarding end of life documents and answer questions. We then return to the center a week later and complete specific power of attorney documents for these seniors. This program is crucial in assisting a vulnerable population.

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Our fifth program may be last on the list, but is certainly not the least. Through the referral program we assist clients with full pro bono representation through volunteer attorneys. The clients that we assist through our referral program often have more complicated circumstances or do not otherwise fit within our other programs. Through our referral program clients are helped with bankruptcy, landlord and tenant, social security, wills and probate, collections, and family law issues. Volunteering for this program requires more of a time commitment but inevitably is also most rewarding. We understand that some attorneys may be hesitant to assist with full representation, but we want to reassure everyone that we provide staff support, guidance, follow-up and mentoring assistance.

To conclude, there is no better calling than to help our fellow man (or woman), and as attorneys it is not only our ethical obligation but our personal duty to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. On a practical note, we provide networking, training, malpractice insurance, support, judicial support, mentors and continuing legal education credit. On a private note, there is no better personal reward or satisfaction than to use your skills and expertise to help those incapable of assisting themselves. Every penny spent to operate this program is well spent. Our programs allow for many opportunities for you to give a small amount of time through micro-volunteering, or should you be so called, to provide full pro bono representation. Please visit our website at dba.org/mvl or our Facebook or e-mail me directly at tdasent@denbar.org.

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Writing is its own reward.

-Henry Miller

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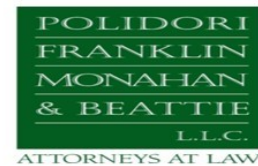


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