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Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Here are some fun facts about the November holiday to discuss with your friends and family at the dinner table.

Archeologists discovered that turkeys were raised domestically as early as 800 B.C. right here in Colorado. The birds were not raised for meat, but were domesticated for their decorative plumage.

The “first” Thanksgiving was celebrated in November 1629 by the Puritans of Massachusetts and the Wampanoag, who taught the Puritans farming techniques attributed to the survival of roughly half of those who sailed on the Mayflower to the new land.

The Continental Congress declared the first national Thanksgiving holiday in 1777.

In a 1784 letter to his daughter, Benjamin Franklin opined that the turkey would be a better choice for a national bird than the eagle. He thought the eagle was “bird of bad moral character”.

Thanksgiving was celebrated in the first year of George Washington’s presidency pursuant to his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789. The holiday took place on Thursday November 26 of that year. President Jefferson did not renew the celebration.

President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November 1863 as a national day of Thanksgiving. Lincoln’s Proclamation cites to “blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies . . . [i]n the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity . . . .”

The Thanksgiving holiday was celebrated intermittently on the fourth Thursday of November until 1939, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to the third Thursday of November, in an attempt to extend the Christmas shopping season. This resulted in two Thanksgiving dates for many Americans, the earlier of which was referred to as “Franksgiving”.

Although prior presidents sent Thanksgiving birds to green pastures, George H. W. Bush was the first president to “pardon” a turkey.
OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 6, 2018
12600 W. Colfax Avenue STE C-400
Lakewood, CO 80215
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Your hosts are:
O’Brien Thomas & Bibik, LLC
Evan Lipstein
Decker & Jones PC-George Bailey
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The Hickey Law Firm LLC
Law Office Of Mike Levy
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Enjoy drinks and the always outstanding appetizers while networking with the judicial bench and attorneys practicing in the 1st JD Judicial District

Register at http://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2018/12/6/open-house
OR admin@1stjd.org

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF

Pax Moultrie
DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE
1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018, AT 4:00 PM

Courtroom 1E
Jefferson County Court and Administration Building
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, Colorado 80401
(Reception to follow in the Jury Assembly Room)
CLE LUNCHEON
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
12:00-1:00 p.m.

MOTIONS TO RESTRICT IN JEFFCO
The law, best practices and Q&A

Co-Presented by:
Hannah Westmont and Ryan Hutton
along with
Magistrate Kolony Fields
Magistrate Andrew Fitzgerald
Magistrate Ryan P. Loewer

Jeffco Courthouse
Quad Combined 552AB/1565AB
CLE & Lunch: Members $20
CLE & Lunch: Non-Members $25
No Lunch $10

RSVP to:

OR
admin@1stjd.org
1 General Credit

LOST & FOUND
FOUND
1 Pair Women’s Shoes
Naturalizer-Black

Found in the now closed Attorney Lounge
Email to admin@1stjd.org if you are the owner.

CORRECTION BANQUET PICTURES
The woman identified in the picture below was incorrectly identified as Debbie McNulty. We apologize for the error.

1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION GRANTS
The bar association is taking applications for non-profit grants.

Applications are due January 31, 2019 and will be disbursed by April 30, 2019.

You may access the grant application on the website at 1stjd.org under Grant Information at the bottom of the page. The forms should be available by November 30, 2018. If you would like to start your process now, you can obtain an application by sending an email to admin@1stjd.org.
INVERNESS OFFICE SPACE

We have 4 furnished/unfurnished offices available, $500-1000/month, month-to-month or long-term basis. Amenities include: Telephone answering, internet, 3-4 shared conference rooms, beautiful waiting area, full kitchen, ample free parking, private patio, locker room/showers, potential for staff workstations, and access to separately billed high speed copiers and postal machine. This is not an office suite, it is a deluxe, professional, high-profile firm environment located directly on the Inverness golf course.

Contact Sfitzke@sfhlaw.net for more information.

FULL TIME ASSOCIATE

Southwest Littleton firm is seeking a full time associate with two to five years of experience. We are a general litigation firm with the majority of our cases in family and juvenile law.

Please send resume to sherry@lawpickard.com.

FULL TIME ATTORNEY

Arvada firm is seeking a full time attorney with experience in litigation and family law. The position would also practice in the areas of real estate, business law and probate.

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Please send resume to bobfrie@friearndt.com.

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Happy Winter Holidays!
MOCK TRIAL

It's that time of year to mark your calendar for the 2019 First Judicial District High School Mock Trial Tournament.

The tournament will be held Tuesday through Friday, **February 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th**. 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 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** 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.
On October 24, 2018 the **First JD Law Day Committee** hosted another successful **Law Day** in the atrium at the Courthouse. Volunteer lawyers provided free 15 minute consultations for 221 pro se parties. This year we were excited to have the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department host an Ask a Sheriff table. Thank you to all of our volunteer attorneys:

- Jim Arndt
- Jon Bradley
- Steve Cook
- Elizabeth Davidson
- Jane Ebisch
- Eric Faddis
- Elizabeth Ford
- Lisa Frigo
- Andy Hart
- Alan Hendrix
- Erick Hohenegger
- Ryan Hutton
- Erica Jacobson
- Laurie Joe
- Joe Lusk
- Jen Melton
- Peter Menges
- Luis Monroy
- Gary Pulitzer
- AnnMarie Spain
- Stephanie Suzanne
- Nick Tootalian
- Alex Zhang

A thank you to the Committee Chair, Magistrate Marianne Tims, George Bailey and Chris Radeff

The Self-Help Center staff members Amy Hare, Andrew Schultz, Brigitte Smith and Melissa Walter

THANK YOU to the Bench for their support of this program.

If you are interested in assisting with the Law Day in May, 2019, please contact Brigitte at [Brigitte.smith@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:Brigitte.smith@judicial.state.co.us).

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**2019 ASK AN ATTORNEY CLINICS**

Looking for attorneys to volunteer

**FAMILY LAW & CIVIL LAW**

To volunteer for specific dates and times contact [brigitte.smith@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:brigitte.smith@judicial.state.co.us)
As with most things in my life, I learned early on from my father about the importance of helping others in need. As I have grown older, I am frequently confronted with the reality that in today's world it is all too easy to forget to help others along the way. After all, in the life of a litigator with billable hours to meet, court deadlines that are sacrosanct, and family obligations, do any of us really have time to volunteer our time? Of course we do — and we should. I have been volunteering with Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL) for a few years and I recently joined the board of directors to assist with recruiting efforts. I was hesitant the first time I volunteered through MVL, but I have fallen in love with the program ever since. Being able to help some of the most vulnerable people in the community reignited a deep burning desire for me that had long ago gone dormant and been nearly extinguished. After taking my first pro bono case with MVL, I remembered all the lofty ideals I had before entering law school and felt like I was doing something truly benevolent for the first time in a long time. After joining MVL's board, I have met some of the best and brightest attorneys Colorado has to offer who are all working together to take access to justice for the underprivileged from an aspiration to a reality.

Being tasked with recruitment duties affirmed my belief in MVL's purpose and mission as well. Predictably, I call attorneys who previously volunteered with MVL, and after a few minutes of exchanging pleasantries I must inevitably ask for the lawyer's most valuable commodity — his or her time. Fortunately, and seemingly without fail, just about every attorney gives me a resounding "yes" when I ask them to resume volunteering with MVL. Attorneys who have worked with MVL previously love the idea of coming back to the program to volunteer. If you have not had the honor of volunteering with MVL before, I can personally attest that the intrinsic reward is second to none, the experience is invaluable, and the judicial officers — just like elephants — never seem to forget the face of a lawyer performing pro bono publico.

Knowing that the idea of taking a case for free is admittedly daunting, MVL has mentors who are eager and available to help. The synergy and support from MVL mentors and board members is unparalleled, in my experience. With a network of skilled attorneys to support pro bono cases, typical obstacles to pro bono work, such as inexperience and unrestrained time commitment, go by the wayside. More than that, MVL offers malpractice insurance, mediation services, networking opportunities with counsel from various practice areas across the state, and support staff to help answer general questions and assist with facilitating the intake of prospective clients, which permits you to focus solely on the facts of the case.

And the hug or handshake at the conclusion of a case from an MVL client is worth it all in the end. Pro bono work allows you to change other's lives for the better, but it changes yours too, which at the end of the day is the privilege of performing philanthropy. Contact MVL Director Toni-Anne Dasent at tdasent@denbar.org to begin your journey with MVL today!

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