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IS PRE-DAWN SKINNING THE NEW BUSINESS LUNCH?

The weather is cold. So cold, in fact, that my client and I are concerned about our water freezing: he has filled his hydration bladder with hot water, and I store my room temperature water in an insulated vacuum bottle. The client says, “Ready?” I click my headlamp on and check my watch: 6:00 a.m. Sufficient time for a couple of laps before I head back to the office in Wheat Ridge for a 9:00 a.m. conference call. On the way up the mountain, we talk of ski trips, family, and business. We both agree we are blessed to live in Colorado, and are happy that the resort allows uphill travel during off-hours.

Perhaps the most enjoyable thing about practicing law is building relationships with our clients, coworkers, and other business contacts. I have found that when I get to know clients and others on a personal level, we are able to gain an understanding of mutual trust. That trust allows us to engage in frank discussions about the strengths and weaknesses of the matters in which we are engaged.

Many of us get to know clients and business contacts over lunch or cocktails. All of these are nice social activities to get to know folks in a relaxed, more personal atmosphere. However, sometimes these activities can seem mundane to the others involved.

In Colorado, we often deal with individuals who are outdoor enthusiasts. I have made great strides in building important relationships on chairlifts, and while fly fishing, trail running, and river surfing. I find that these activities foster a sense of “likeness” with those involved, and can strengthen a common sense of purpose in other, more business oriented activities.

Even if you, or your targeted contact, are not interested in outdoor activities, you can still try a less traditional relationship building venue. Maybe an art show or wine tasting event will work. Perhaps an evening at the theater or symphony (another favorite activity of mine) is appropriate.

Give it a try: think outside the box and select a fun, non-traditional venue to network with an important contact – you might be surprised at the bond you create. If nothing else, you’re sure to have fun.

At the top of the skin track, we stop to catch our breath and drink some water before we rip the skins from our skis and head down. My client skis first: he can’t help the loud “Whoop!” he makes in the 8 inches of fresh snowfall. We are blessed indeed.
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Attorney Professionalism & Success
Issues in Attorney Ethics and Regulation

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Jeffco Courthouse
Lookout Mountain Room
CLE & Lunch: Members $20
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SAVE THE DATE
OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, April 25, 2019
Pickard Law PC

JUDGES AND AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday, September 14, 2019
Red Rocks Country Club

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Hiwan Golf Club

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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.
-Barbara Kingsolver
Great News from the Golf Tournament Committee

Thank you to the following players and sponsors who generously donated their fees and sponsorship contributions after the Golf Tournament was cancelled due to weather. The 1st JD Bar Association and the 1st JD Bar Association Golf Committee are pleased to announce that Court Support Jeffco, the designated recipient of the Golf Tournament this year, received a donation of $4,281.70. The 1st JD Bar Association asks that you consider utilizing the services of these outstanding companies.

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Thank you to all the volunteers and students that made this 2019 Mock Trial successful.
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/awards/#!event-list

GEORGE HOLLEY YOUNG LAWYER AWARD

Recent Award Winners
2018  Samantha Lillehoff
2017  Joshua T. Keltner
2016  Ryan Hutton
2015  Paula Holt
2014  Jonathan Carlson

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

Recent Award Winners
2018  Jon Bradley
2017  Traci Worthan
2016  Erin Burns
2015  Carl Blesch
2014  Norm Brisson

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.

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 J.D. 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.

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.