

PROCLAMATION

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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As Attorneys We Always Have a Plan, Right!?!

As attorneys we are expected to have a plan and schedule in place. Most trial attorneys are required to schedule months out with the Court. The deadline driven nature of the rules of procedure require this, as they should. We then try and work our vacations, personal appointments, events and family time around those trials and deadlines set weeks or months in advance.

Attorneys are not the only one's subject to this. When I am just trying to meet a friend for lunch, we both pull out our calendars and coordinate what works for everyone's schedule. It can become a daunting task at times. While I will be the first to admit I like having a plan, sometimes it does not go as planned.

I experienced this firsthand in August. My wife and I were expecting the birth of our first baby at the end of August. As any responsible soon-to-be parent/attorney would do, I tried to limit setting any trials and mandatory court appointments a couple weeks before and after the due date. This way I could enjoy the birth of my child and not have to employ my own services due to missing my son's birth. I seemed to have good success at first. In May I set one divorce hearing for August 14th thinking there was plenty of time before the end of August to handle this hearing. Then came in more dates: a contempt advisement is set for the week before the due date. No problem here. I can file a waiver of advisement. Then an initial status conference is set the week before the due date. I think to myself: I can sneak away for an hour to handle that or have it covered easily.

Despite all my meticulous scheduling, this became my first experience of my child having an independent mind of his own. On August 13th I was in the middle of last-minute negotiations on a final agreement to get the August 14th hearing vacated. After sending over proposals that afternoon, I returned home for the evening hoping an agreement would be signed, and I would only appear for a non-contested hearing the next morning. However, as I pulled into my garage my wife met me and informed me "it was go time!"

As an attorney I had a plan, right? Not at all. This was more than two weeks before the due date! While my wife and I packed (which admittedly should have been done previously) I obsessively checked my emails to see if the agreement had been signed and filed. While waiting in the triage room and confirming it was not a false alarm, I began calling other attorneys in my office to find coverage for the hearing. Keeping my fingers crossed the proposals would be signed and it would not be a contested hearing. Shortly after the nurses confirmed a baby was coming, I noticed the final signed paperwork was filed and emails sent to the clerk to vacate the hearing. I suppose then I could finally relax a little. Well maybe not considering.

As forecasted, we spent the night in the labor and delivery room surrounded with doctors and nurses, and welcomed our baby boy at 9:48 a.m. A mere 12 minutes before I was supposed to be in Court. I was lucky this time with the case settling last minute and the Court vacating the hearing based on the signed filings. However, I am sure this will not be the last time I have an unexpected event impact a deadline or hearing. While I commend attorneys and the Courts for keeping a tight schedule, let this serve as a reminder there are times we have to be flexible or agree to an extension as a professional courtesy. I think it is always worth remembering while we are all attorneys who try to have a plan, we still have lives and families outside of the legal profession that can change those plans.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

STILL Looking for a great office?

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1st JD BAR ASSOCIATION
CLE LUNCHEON
Tuesday, November 12

DECISION MAKING IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

*Presented by Judge Rebecca R. Freyre,
Colorado Court of Appeals
& Liaison to the 1st Judicial District*

12:00-1:00 p.m.
Lookout Mtn. Room
Jeffco Courthouse,
CLE & Lunch: Members \$20
CLE & Lunch: Non Members \$25
No Lunch \$10

Register at:

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CLE Credit pending



UPCOMING CLE'S

**December 10, 2019
FAMILY LAW**

**January 14, 2020
CBA PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING
Kathleen Hearn Croshal**

MOCK TRIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's Mock Trial was a huge success and Mock Trial Chairs Judge Jennifer Melton and Jenna Reulbach Kruszka are already planning for next year. They will need more than **120** volunteer judges and behind the scene workers in late January and early February. Specific dates have not been finalized but Judge Melton can take your names now and contact you when they are set.

CONSIDER

You do not need any legal knowledge to be a judge. Clerks, secretaries, teachers, parents, members of the police department and fire department, attorneys, paralegals, librarians, etc. – all are encouraged to volunteer

Contact Judge Jennifer Melton at jennifer.melton@judicial.state.co.us

2019 1st JD Bar Association Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Hiwan Golf Club

The 1st JD Bar Association Golf Committee would like to thank the following volunteers who, along with a cooperative Mother Nature, helped make the 2019 Golf Tournament a success:

Robin Beattie
Erick Hohenegger
Joe Lusk
Leah Varnell

Andy Hart
Nick Jonson
Joseph Maher
Jennie Wray

Kathy Hartman
Samantha Lillihoff
Katie Smith



Jennie Wray and Robin Beattie



Having successfully made a hole-in-one, the Elk greets his fans."



Samantha Lillihoff & Joe Lusk



The Elk enjoy a day of 1st JD Golf."

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The following 1st JD Bar Association committees are open to additional volunteers. If you are interested, respond to admin@1stJD.org.

AWARDS	Reviews nominees and chooses recipients for the annual awards,
BANQUET	Plans and coordinates the annual Judges and Awards Banquet,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS	Develops and coordinates various events designed to promote the goals of the Bar Association.
PROFESSIONALISM	Plans and organizes professionalism programs for the membership

SEEKING WRITERS FOR THE PROCLAMATION

Are you a budding poet?
Do you have a short story about your travels?
Have an interesting legal topic to address?
Nearly finished writing the next Great American Novel?

Send your musings to admin@1stjd.org. AND THE REWARD IS-For each published article, you can choose to attend one free CLE with lunch or one month's business card size ad.

"One day I will find the right words, and they will be simple."

--Jack Kerouac, The Dharma Bums

Questions for 1st JD Bar Association members



What topics would you like to see covered in future CLE sessions?

What can the bar association do for you?

What type of social events would you attend?

We want your input. If you have ANY suggestions or comments, send them to admin@1stjd.org. Thank you.

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION JUDGES & AWARDS BANQUET



Judge Tamara Russell



Joe Cremons, Lisa Harness
Memorial Award winner and
2018 winner Judy Servis



Doris Water, Linda T. Palmieri
Award winner and Gina Bischofs



Fred Bibik, Maureen O'Brien and
Award of Merit winner, Dave Thomas



Kim Sparks, Mark McIntosh, Claudia D. Miller
Liberty Bell Award winner, and Kathy Gans

For more pictures go to the 1st JD Bar Facebook page.

This year's banquet was blessed with great weather and a full house. **Doris Waters** celebrated winning the Linda T. Palmieri Award with several tables of family, friends and colleagues. **Dave Thomas**, the Award of Merit recipient, was presented with a Proclamation for his service that will be placed in the Congressional Record. We enjoyed hearing that **Hannah Westmont**, the George Holley Outstanding Young Lawyer was an internationally competitive figure skater before becoming an attorney. **Joe Cremons** received the Lisa Harness Memorial Award along with accolades from the judicial bench, and we learned how much difference just one person can make when **Mark McIntosh**, the winner of the Claudia D. Miller Liberty Bell Award was introduced. And finally it was clear that **Christopher O'Dell** the Frederick J. Myers Professionalism Award recipient truly epitomizes the word Professional.

Along with the award winners, we welcomed incoming Judges Robert Lochary, Corinne Magid, Jennifer Melton and Magistrate Pax Moultrie. Thank you to the outgoing judges who attended—Judges Susan Fisch, Ryan Stuart, and Magistrate Shelly Rodriguez. Judge Dennis Hall was unable to attend but sent his good wishes.