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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

RYAN HUTTON

### **I Bid You Adieu**

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be the president of the First Judicial District Bar Association. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role. I embarked in new adventures and met a number of engaging individuals all striving to improve justice in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. It has truly been an honor and an experience I will not soon forget. As I said nearly a year ago, the First Judicial District Bar Association is special to me and I feel it is comprised of some of the best Judicial Officers and attorneys around the state.

While we have certainly been met with unique challenges this year, the Bar Association continues to be in great shape. We hosted a raucous Judge's Banquet at the Red Rocks Country Club where we had 149 attendees and honored 8 Judicial officers. We teed off at Hiwan golf course where nearly 50 participants enjoyed a day in the sunshine; all while striking little white balls amongst the roaming Elk.

Our CLE program has never been stronger. We saw a great line-up of events happen monthly until we were forced to limit in-person CLEs after our March CLE due to the pandemic. We are currently looking at July to start the CLEs back up and will likely proceed remotely for the near future. The July CLE will be free so make sure to sign up for it and get your Legislative Update. The financial status of the Bar Association is also in great shape and we were honored to donate \$10,000 to local charities all benefitting the residents of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties.

As we enter our yearly transitions on the Board, I want to assure you that the Bar association is viable, has great leadership and is always looking for new ideas to assist its members and the community. I also would like to welcome Samantha Lillehoff as the incoming President. Samantha is a special district lawyer at McGeady Becher and also clerked for the Honorable Terry Fox in the Colorado Court of Appeals. The incoming Vice President is Andrew Hart. Andrew is a partner at Radeff & Hart. P.C. and is also a member of the Metro Volunteer Lawyers board of directors.

The Bar Association continues to look forward to building and fostering relationships amongst its members along with the Bench, and assisting the community in providing an integral service to the citizenry. I thank you all again for this experience and hope to see you all around soon.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR A FREE CLE  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
12:00 pm

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
ANDREW WHITE  
CBA Director Legislative Relations  
This will be an interactive virtual presentation

More information to come



Hey guys, did you hear? They're coming back to play golf.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**September 24, 2020**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**FOR THE BENEFIT OF**  
**COURT SUPPORT**  
**JEFFCO**  
**Hiwan Country Club**

**More information soon**

We regret to announce that the  
JUDGES AND AWARDS BANQUET  
scheduled for September 17, 2020  
is cancelled.

The 1st JD Bar Association board and the Banquet Committee will be rescheduling this great event sometime in 2021 when conditions allow for safe gathering. All award nominations submitted will be retained for the new banquet date. We look forward to seeing you next year.

## SADLY GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

### **Kenneth Eagle Barnhill Jr. May 26, 1928 ~ May 4, 2020**

Honorable Kenneth E. Barnhill Jr. passed away peacefully on Monday, May 4th, 2020 in Parker, Colorado.

Ken was married to his loving wife Carolyn, for 37 years. As a native of Colorado, he was an avid hunter of Big Game and Pheasant and enjoyed his own piece of heaven outside Bailey, Colorado at the family cabin. He served in the US Air Force as 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. As a Founding Member in establishing the land development, Ken paved the way for what now stands as the United States Air Force Academy.

Ken continued with his public service as a member of Holland and Hart Attorneys at Law in Denver, and he later went on to establish the Law Offices of Lohf and Barnhill. This firm dealt in the areas of natural resources, corporate, and domestic relations in law.

With his many accomplishments, Ken became the Director of Rocky Mountain Mineral Law, a member and Chairman of the Colorado Supreme Court Grievance Committee, and Chairman to the Colorado Supreme Court Rules of Conduct. He was also the recipient of the Denver Bar Association award of Merit in 1983. Ken was also appointed to the First Judicial District Court of Jefferson County in March of 1987; he was praised for this thoughtfulness and his display of understanding to all those in his courtroom.

A private Memorial Service will be held later date.

### **Richard D. Turelli May 30, 1935 ~ May 27, 2020**

Richard Daniel Turelli was born May 30, 1935 to Nicola and Mary Turelli of Denver and died in Westminster May 27, 2020 at the age of 84.

Richard is a graduate of Cathedral High School, Regis College, and the University of Denver Law School. He served as clerk of the state Supreme Court, district judge of the 18th judicial district, and founded The Turelli Foundation, which serves the well-being of children during the most complicated divorces. He was a board member on various outreaches and ministries, and with his wife Rosemary were very active at Christ Episcopal Church of Castle Rock. They were involved in the planning and performance of thousands of weddings. He spearheaded countless community projects and helped various organizations throughout the state. His loving impact on countless people is immeasurable. Most importantly, he was a wonderful and loving patriarch to his immediate and extended family. His joy, prayers, and celebration of life permeated his home and the hearts of all.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Turelli Foundation, [theturellifoundation.org](http://theturellifoundation.org) ; or Agape Hospice Foundation, 6041 South Syracuse Way, St. 220, Greenwood Village, CO 80111

### **Perricone, Gaspar November 30, 1928 - May 21, 2020 Retired Chief Judge of the 1st Judicial District**

Gaspar Franz Perricone passed away on May 21st from complications of COVID-19. Thanks to the compassion of nurses and doctors, his wife of 70 years was able to be at his side at the time of his passing. This is an astounding loss for his family, his friends, the legal community of Colorado and the state at large. Gaspar was born on Nov. 30th, 1928, in Pueblo, Colorado. Shortly thereafter, his family relocated to Denver where he attended South High School and excelled at sports, which garnered the attention of the Northwestern University football team where he enrolled in 1946.

During his tenure at Northwestern, he earned a bachelor's degree in Geology, played a pivotal role in the Wildcats 1949 Rose Bowl victory, and met the love of his life, Carol. Post-graduation, Perricone was called upon to serve his country where he rose to the ranks of Corporal in the Army Map Corps. After receiving his law degree from the Stur姆 College of Law Gaspar maintained a private practice until he was appointed to the Judicial bench in 1979 where he would serve for nearly 20 years until his retirement in 1997 as Chief Judge of the First Judicial District. Perricone earned the esteem of his colleagues and the legal community for his fair and impartial demeanor on the bench.

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A Memorial Celebration will be set for a date in the near future. Remembrances can be made to the Friends of Staunton State Park in Gaspar's name at <https://friendsofstauntonstatepark.org/donate/>