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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Andrew Hart

September has always been my favorite month. I get cranky when it is hot. Always have. I am more of a cool weather person. Always have been. September represents the end of the summer and welcomes in steadily declining daytime highs and nighttime lows. That transition will continue for the next few months. Though, and this is especially true in Colorado, there are sure to be fits and starts. We will have cold days following hot days and vice versa. Anyone remember last year when it went from over 90 degrees one day to snowing the next? I will never forget it. Sometimes the transition is quick; and sometimes it is slow. Sometimes the transition is long lasting; and sometimes it is over in a flash. The one truth, transition always happens. One of the best pieces of advice I received when I became a parent was to remember that, "it's only a phase." It has helped me appreciate the ups and get through the downs, of parenthood, the practice of law, life in general, and of course the weather.

If we have learned anything over the past year and a half, it is that even the best laid plans must change. There are things well beyond our control – a worldwide pandemic comes to mind. Our personal lives and our practices have both been upended in ways we could not previously have fathomed. In February of 2020, none of us thought that video hearings, video meetings, video mediations, or video anything for that matter would dominate and largely replace what were all previously in-person events. Nobody foresaw these changes, or at least they did not reasonably expect the transitions to occur with such haste.

Lawyers are generally a more conservative (this is not a political comment) group. Like an ocean liner, it can be difficult for us to change direction. Family law attorneys still occasionally talk about the disruption that was the addition of Rule 16.2 to the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure. The transition to more mandatory and upfront disclosures was difficult and forced a change in the way in which people practiced. The same has been true during the last eighteen months, except that the transitions have had more fits and starts and have been more wide ranging. As laws and rules change, we must adapt.

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Sometimes freak storms develop mandating quick and unforeseen course corrections. In Jeffco we first received an Order related to COVID on March 16, 2020. That Order essentially put the brakes on everything. Subsequently we received numerous follow-up Chief Judge Orders tweaking or wholesale changing previous Orders. Each of these Orders was necessary to address the quickly changing landscape COVID caused. Just as it was with administration of the courthouse and the First Judicial District, our lives and our profession were subject to ever changing rules. One necessary transition begat another and morphed into another still. The pandemic accelerated transitions that usually occur at a much less frenetic pace. What will stick? What will not? Only time will tell, but the transitions are sure to occur.

Like clockwork, sometime around March, maybe April, I will have had enough of the cold. I will complain about shoveling the snow that is forecasted and will pine for warmer summer days. The transition never stops. Sometime it is cyclical; and sometimes it is linear. It is nearly always temporary. "It's only a phase." You can choose how you approach it. For my part, I intend to dial down the crankiness, keep an open mind, and welcome the changes that are for the better and fight against those that need fighting against with the goal of charting our inevitable transition on the best course possible.

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UPCOMING CLE'S FOR 2021

November 9 Jury Selection

December 14 Family Law

COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CLE Committee is open to additional volunteers. If you are interested, respond to admin@1stjd.org.

This committee is responsible for planning and coordinating continuing legal education programs for members of the 1st JD Bar Association

Looking for a Will

Floyd Milton Kiel (a.k.a. "Floyd Kiel") passed away in 2018. Family members have been unable to locate a copy of Mr. Kiel's will. If you assisted Mr. Kiel in drafting his will, please contact Benjamin Wilson or Mishal Ayaz at Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti, LLP. Any assistance in locating Mr. Kiel's will is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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MOCK TRIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2022 First Judicial District Mock Trial Competition will take place on **February 18, 2022, and February 19, 2022**. This is the largest mock trial competition in Colorado, and in the past we've needed approximately 120 volunteers to fill the role of either a presiding or scoring judge. **There will be two rounds each day, a morning round (9 AM to 11 AM) and an afternoon round (1 PM to 3 PM)**. Check-in and orientation will be 30 minutes prior to the round beginning in the jury commissioner's room. Optional reading materials will be distributed in February. **Please contact LaQunya Baker at laqunya@bakersimpsonlaw.com to volunteer.**

FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION
Virtual CLE

Tuesday, October 26, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Members and Non-Members \$10



CHEEZO: AGED TO PERFECTION
(The Joy of Pretext Under Rule 8.4(c))

Presented by Charles F. Luce, Jr., Esq.

Register at

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2021/10/26/cheezo-aged-to-perfection-the-joy-of-pretext-under-rule-8-4-c-presented-by-charles-f-luce-jr-esq>

OR

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Information regarding attendance procedures will be provided after registration.

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Magistrate Fitzgerald and Judge Zenisek with Court Support Board member



“Hanging out on the back nine”

It was a great day at Hiwan on September 23 for the 2021 Golf Tournament to benefit Jeffco Court Support. Perfect weather, lots of golfers and challenging games. Thank you to all the sponsors who made it all possible. See all the Sponsors on page 7.

2021 Golf Tournament Sponsor



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