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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Andrew Hart

I am sure you all are surprised to learn that October is professionalism month (please excuse the sarcasm). I think most of the months have some sort professional, lawyerly, designation to them. The only month I know with any certainty though is October, "Legal Professionalism Month."

Professionalism is frequently discussed, addressed, or taught in several different ways: sometimes through review of the rules of professionalism; sometimes through recitation of the law and ethics opinions; and sometimes through esoteric examination of ethical principles.

There are one thousand and one ways to approach professionalism. To me though the finer points of professionalism though are not taught and not formally discussed. The finer points come from our colleagues and from our mentors. Mentors teach us the things not easily broken down into digestible rules. They teach us the things that are not in the rules. They teach us how to be lawyers.

In my career I have had countless mentors. Some for a while, others for just a short period of time. Three mentors though stand out and have unique impacts on my legal career. They are Jerry Hart, Dianne Van Voorhees, and Chris Radeff.

In case it is not obvious from the surname similarity, Jerry Hart is my dad. He is also a lawyer and is the first lawyer I worked for – I clerked with him during my first year of law school. It was a fantastic experience and, if I would have stayed in Oregon (where he had a small general practice), I would have continued to work with him until his retirement.

Dianne was the director of Metro Volunteer Lawyers where I gained my first employment out of law school as the Family Law Court Program Coordinator. She gave me my first shot, and I can clearly trace my career arc back to my work with Metro Volunteer Lawyers.

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Finally, I have worked with Chris for the last ten plus years. First as an associate and now as her law partner. I continue to learn and grow with her guidance.

As I mentioned at the outset, the professionalism mentors teach is subtle. For the life of me, I could not put a finger on any particular attribute or lesson that any of my mentors bestowed upon me. I can identify some of the general principles though that I have learned from these mentors. Jerry, my dad, showed me to importance of relationships in the practice of law. Dianne gave me the confidence necessary to practice law. Chris stressed (and still stresses) the importance of "wearing the white" hat – of always taking the moral high ground. A relationship is really the only way I could have learned these principles in any meaningful way. Again, it could not have come from a book, a course, or a cle.

Mentorship can come from many different sources and can come in many different ways. This profession grows and prospers when we listen to and learn from those around us. Who are your mentors? What have they taught you? Who is watching you? What can you teach them? I encourage you to think of the subtle ways you can maintain and improve the practice of law. For me, I will simply start by thanking my many mentors and doing what I can to pay their principles forward.

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October 26, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00
Members and Non
Members \$10

November 9, 2021
12:00 pm – 1:00
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>

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1 Ethics Credit

**JURY SELECTION;
CHOOSE WISELY**

Presented by

Kelly K. Schulten
Senior Attorney
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<https://1stjd.org/events/#!/event/2021/11/9/jury-selection-choose-wisely-presented-by-kelly-k-schulten-senior-attorney-haddon-morgan-foreman>

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CLE Credit requested

OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
4:00 - 7:00

Sponsored By
Pickard Law PC

12712 W Ken Caryl Ave, Littleton,
CO 80127

Serving beer, wine, soft beverages
and water along with hors d'oeuvres.

The Open House will be hosted in
compliance with the governor and
local mandates regarding
masks and/or social distancing.

Mark your calendars.

Register at

[https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2021/11/10/open-house-
sponsored-by-pickard-law-pc](https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2021/11/10/open-house-sponsored-by-pickard-law-pc)

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 ap-
proximately 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 after-
noon 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 dis-
tributed in February.

Please contact LaQunya Baker at
laqunya@bakersimpsonlaw.com **to**
volunteer.



COLORADO SUPREME COURT TO
HEAR ARGUMENTS AT POMONA
HIGH SCHOOL IN ARVADA
ON OCT. 26, 2021

For more information go to:

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Media/
release.cfm?id=1992](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Media/release.cfm?id=1992)

The 1st JD Bar
Association and
the Golf Committee
are pleased to announce
the contribution from the Golf
Tournament for
COURT SUPPORT is
\$5340.78.

Thank you to the players,
sponsors and volunteers for
a successful event.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

JUDGES AND AWARDS CELEBRATION

The Banquet Committee is now planning for an exciting in-person outdoor celebration in June of 2022. A lot depends on the pandemic status next year but they are hopeful that we can gather in a safe environment to honor the judicial officers and award winners. Watch for more information.

Also, please consider making a nomination for a deserving colleague. This has been a tough year and it is time to celebrate some of the successes we have witnessed.

BEFORE MAKING YOUR NOMINATION, CHECK THE CRITERIA FOR EACH AWARD. Ex: There is an age or years of service requirement for the George Holley Young Lawyer Award, and several awards require that the recipient be a member of the 1st JD Bar Association– You can send an email to admin@1stjd.org to get a confidential answer about membership or age status.

Award Nomination Form– Go to 1stjd.org, select the Award Nomination form on the bottom left of the first page.

Frederick J. Myers Professionalism Award– This award is to be bestowed upon a member of the First JD 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.

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.

George Holley Young Lawyer Award- 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 This award is given to an individual 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.

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.