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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Andrew Hart

Whispers of a mysterious illness started popping up a little over two years ago, and then, on January 20, 2020, the first reported case of COVID-19 appeared in the United States. In my life, I had never experienced anything like it. I can honestly say that yesterday, or two years ago before this mess began, my troubles seemed so far away. Now with Omicron, I fear that it looks like they're here to stay. At this point, I'm so tired. All I want to do is go back to normal life and act naturally. However, there is reason for hope. There are murmurings that things might be getting better.

Now, just over two years after the first reported case of COVID-19 in the United States, the talking heads have been opining that we are now, or may be in the very near future, transitioning from a "pandemic" to an "endemic" meaning this current Omicron wave represents the beginning of the end of COVID dominating our lives. Alternatively, it could be that we continue on this road to nowhere and everything will be the same as it ever was, or at least as it has been over the past two years.

Who knows what will come next? It has become abundantly clear over the past two years, that this virus has kept scientists on their toes. Who am I, and who are you to guess the next twist and next turn? Hopefully we won't get fooled again. That being said, I can't explain what will happen next. All I know is that it's hard, I have had enough, and I cannot wait until I am free of the stress, worry, and general inconvenience of COVID.

Hopefully these strange days are over and we do not need to be riders on this storm for too much longer. Hopefully we can break on through to the other side, from pandemic to endemic. Hopefully this is the end.

Credit: The Beatles; Talking Heads; The Who; and The Doors

STILL Looking for a great office?

Golden Hill Law Offices has inexpensive office space available November 1. We are a suite of ten 1st JD lawyers with practices in civil litigation, real estate, criminal law, elder law and estate planning, located at 12600 W. Colfax Avenue in Lakewood. We are close to I-70, West Sixth Avenue and the Jeffco Courthouse. An office in our suite includes use of three conference rooms, a kitchen area, a digital copier/scanner/fax, full time receptionist, ample parking, an exercise facility, a coffee shop and unbeatable opportunities for interaction with experienced practitioners.

Interested? Call Evan Lipstein at 303 232-5151
or Maureen O'Brien at 303-238-0648

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Office for lease at 7400 Wadsworth Blvd., #101 with conference room + pantry. Best for one lawyer but room for two + secretary + file room. A solo lawyer is retiring and his entire office contents are available. You may lease a fully furnished law office with high quality desk, credenza, file cabinets and bookcases. Or, you may wish to purchase those items without leasing the office space.

Call or email Bob Frie, 303 420 1234, bobfrie@frieardt.com.

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022
ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND
CONSERVATORSHIP PETITIONS**

Effective January 1, 2022, adult guardianship and conservatorship petitions are required to be accompanied by a Colorado Adult Protective Services (CAPS) authorization form. This applies to all cases for an at-risk adult including permanent, emergency, and successor appointments.

The CAPS authorization form can be found at [Home | CAPS Check Unit \(colorado.gov\)](#). Please make sure that it is filled out completely before it is e-filed. For example, the nominated guardian or conservator must provide the exact month, date, and year associated with their residential addresses for the last five years.

For more background information, please see [CAPS Checks For Substantiated Mistreatment Of Adult | Colorado General Assembly](#).

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We can be reached by email at 01ProbateInfo@judicial.state.co.us and or by phone at 720-772-2540.

**MOCK TRIAL VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

February 18 and 19, 2022

The First Judicial Bar Association will be holding their annual Mock Trial on February 18th and 19th. We are looking for volunteers to be presiding and scoring judges. This is the largest mock trial competition in the state, and we will need as many volunteers as possible. The competition will be held in person at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Golden.

Please contact LaQunya Baker a laqunya@boslawcolorado.com to sign up no later than February 1st.

Looking for anyone who has knowledge of a Will

Billy J. Giunta
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Call Louie Giunta
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1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL CLE

**STATE OF THE JUDICIARY
1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

with

Chief Judge Jeffrey Pilkington

**Judge Ann Meinster-Juvenile and
Magistrate Division Update**

Judge Todd Vriesman-Probate Update

Judge K. J. Moore-County Court Update

Court Executive Gail Pickarts-Administration Update

Chief Probation Officer Leslie Schaefer-Probation Update

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

12:00 pm—1:00 pm

\$10.00

Sign in information will be
sent to you after registration.

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2022/2/22/state-of-the-judiciary-1st-judicial-district-with-chief-judge-jeffrey-pilkington-along-with-additional-judicial-officers-and-court-staff>

CLE credit requested

JUDGES AND AWARDS CELEBRATION

The Banquet Committee is working on an event, hopefully for this year. A lot depends on the pandemic status but they are hopeful that we can gather in a safe environment to honor the judicial officers and award winners.
Watch for more information.

Please consider making a nomination for a deserving colleague. Everyone has been through 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.