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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Andrew's column will return in March

Andrew Hart



## STILL Looking for a great office?

Golden Hill Law Offices has inexpensive office space available November 1. We are a suite of ten 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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@frieandtdt.com](mailto:bobfrie@frieandtdt.com).





## 1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION VIRTUAL CLE

### **Witness Prep – Finding and Rooting Their Truth.**

Presented by

**Jennifer O'Connell, Esq.  
Queener Law, LLC**

Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm  
\$10.00

[https://1stjd.org/events/#!/  
event/2022/3/22/witness-prep-  
8211-finding-and-rooting-their-  
truth-presented-by-jennifer-o-8217-  
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Sign in information will be  
sent to you after registration.

CLE credit requested

Looking for anyone  
who has knowledge  
of a Will

**Billy J. Giunta**  
Lakewood, Co

Call Louie Giunta  
720-375-1987

## 1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION GRANTS

The bar association is taking applications for non-profit grants. Applications are due March 15, 2022.

You may access the grant application on the website at [1stjd.org](http://1stjd.org) under Grant Application at the bottom of the page.

Note: If you have previously submitted a grant application, you need to provide only the current Annual Certificate of Good Standing and a summary of your request instead of the full form.

## **Would you like to serve on the 1st JD Bar Association Board of Directors**

We are looking for interested people to get more involved in the organization! Being involved in the bar association is a great way to meet other lawyers, expand your practice and your mind, and serve your local community.

**Please consider that serving on the board involves a small but very important time commitment which includes a monthly virtual or in-person board meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30. A regular term on the board is two years.**

The nominating committee meets in April to consider appointments. If you are interested in a position, please send a **letter outlining your interest along with a resume** to: [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

**Deadline April 1, 2020**

## **MAGISTRATE JUDGE PANEL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

In accordance with Volume 3, Chapter 4, § 420.30 of Judicial Conference Regulations, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado is accepting submissions from qualified professionals interested in serving on the court's merit selection panel. This solicitation is intended to supplement an existing merit selection panel, which must have no fewer than seven members, including the court-appointed chairperson. At least two of the members must be non-lawyers. The panel's responsibilities include evaluating and recommending to the district judges the best qualified applicants for appointment to the position of US magistrate judge. The panel may also evaluate the performance of an incumbent magistrate judge whose term is expiring and is up for reappointment. Interested persons should email a resume and letter of interest to [cod\\_magistratejudgepanel\\_2022@cod.uscourts.gov](mailto:cod_magistratejudgepanel_2022@cod.uscourts.gov) no later than **Friday, March 11th, at 5:00 pm MST.**

Questions please contact Linda Larsen or Louise Wilson at 303.335.2494.

**Jury Trial Practice: Almost Everything You Need to Know!**  
**Pinehurst County Club- 6255 W Quincy Ave, Denver, CO 80235**  
**April 01, 2022**

**CLE Accreditation Requested**  
**Cost: \$75**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This program is designed to encourage lawyers who have not yet had the experience of a jury trial (or during COVID times have not had one for a while). While jury trials are complex, basic jury trial skills can be learned and implemented, even by less experienced lawyers. This program is not designed to detail each and every one of these skills, but rather, is designed as an overview process for those who may be preparing for their first jury trial, or their first one in a while. The program is not designed to be specifically for criminal nor civil jury trials, but is instead, a comprehensive summary look at the jury trial process in general.

**Moderators/Presenters:**

Miller Leonard, President and Sole Practitioner  
Miller Leonard, PC

Joe Pickard, President and Senior Attorney  
Pickard Law, P.C.

N.B. The moderators/presenters may participate in all topics; others will present as indicated.

**Additional Special Presenters:**

Larry Pozner, Sole Practitioner  
Reilly Pozner LLC

Karen Steinhauser  
5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney

Jay Pickard, Partner and Attorney  
Pickard Law

John Tatum, Attorney  
John S. Tatum, P.C.

**\*\*The resumes and bios of each person will be included as part of the additional documents given to CLE participants**

To register go to:

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!/event/2022/4/1/jury-trial-practice-almost-everything-you-need-to-know-presented-by-joe-pickard-and-miller-leonard-speakers-larry-pozner-karen-steinhauser-john-tatum-jay-pickard>

**Agenda:**

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| 7:45 - 8:30:    | Morning Reception<br>Light breakfast provided by Pickard Law, P.C. & Miller Leonard, P.C.               |
| 8:30 - 8:45:    | Welcome remarks by Moderators<br>Presented by Joe Pickard and Miller Leonard                            |
| 8:45 - 9:00:    | The Trial Lawyer Persona<br>Presented by Jay Pickard, Joe Pickard and Miller Leonard                    |
| 9:00 - 9:15:    | Trial Logistics and TMO's   |
| 9:15 - 9:30:    | Pre-Trial Preparation   |
| 9:30 - 9:45:    | Trial Briefs<br>Presented by Miller Leonard   |
| 9:45 - 10:00:   | The Rules of Evidence and Objections at Jury Trial<br>Presented by Miller Leonard and Karen Steinhauser |
| 10:00 - 10:15:  | Break   |
| 10:15 - 10:30:  | Trial Notebooks   |
| 10:30 - 10:45:  | Witnesses   |
| 10:45 - 11:00:  | Exhibits  |
| 11:00 - 11:30:  | Jury Instructions<br>Presented by Miller Leonard  |
| 11:30 - 12:00:  | Voi Dire<br>Presented by John Tatum   |
| 12:00 - 1:00:   | Lunch<br>Food provided by Pickard Law, P.C. & Miller Leonard, P.C.                                      |
| 1:00 - 1:30:    | Opening Statement<br>Presented by Karen Steinhauser   |
| 1:30 - 2:00:    | Direct Examination<br>Presented by Karen Steinhauser  |
| 2:00 - 2:50:    | Cross Examination<br>Presented by Larry Pozner  |
| 2:50 - 3:05:    | Afternoon Break   |
| 3:05 - 3:10:    | Rebuttal evidence   |
| 3:10 - 3:40:    | Closing Argument<br>Presented by John Tatum   |
| 3:40 - 4:30:    | Case Evaluations and Questions  |
| 4:30 and after: | Evening Reception and Cash Bar  |

## 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](mailto:admin@1stjd.org) to get a confidential answer about membership or age status.*

Award Nomination Form– Go to [1stjd.org](http://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.