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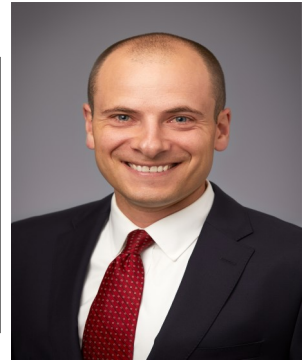
Thank you to each and every one of you, our members of the First JD Bar Association! Without you, we could not do the great events and programs for which our organization is known. Last month we highlighted the outgoing Board members, and this month we want to help you get to know the current Board of Directors and Board of Governors members.

This is a great team of leaders in our legal community But we need more! We will soon be soliciting participation in our various Committees, and encourage you to join us in the various events and programs for the coming year. If you are available and interested, please contact Vicki Malara, our longtime Executive Director (303-279-0753 or admin@1stjd.org).

Preston Branaugh, President ('22-'23)
First Judicial District Bar Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Andrew Hart Andy is a partner at Radeff & Hart Family Law. PC, a Jefferson County law firm practicing exclusively in family law. Andy is also very involved with MVL and is currently an MVL board member.



Samantha Lillehoff Samantha joined McGeady Becher as a special district attorney in 2018. Prior to joining the firm, she clerked for the Honorable Terry Fox in the Colorado Court of Appeals.



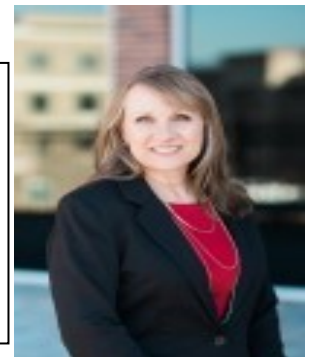
President -Preston Branaugh – Preston has a small law firm near Olde Town Arvada, where they practice in Estate Planning, Probate, Non-profit Law, and dispute Resolution.



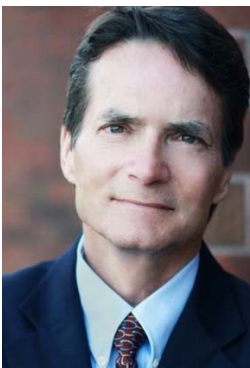
President-Elect - Jennifer Kilpatrick, Director of Conviction Integrity and Equity at the 1st JD Attorney's Office. Jenn leads the Conviction Integrity Unit, which serves Gilpin and Jefferson Counties.



Kim Sparks I specialize in estate planning, working with clients both beginning their family and those who are planning their legacy. Creating an estate plan which suits the needs of each client and their family is my ultimate goal.



Secretary Treasurer Alan Hendrix– Secretary Treasurer. Last surviving general practice litigator in Jefferson county. Only half joking. No longer accepting any maritime cases.



Judge Chris Zenisek presides over a mixed docket of civil, criminal, and family law matters. He was appointed to the bench in December 2011 and presently serves on the Supreme Court's Civil Rules Committee and Appellate Rules Committee.

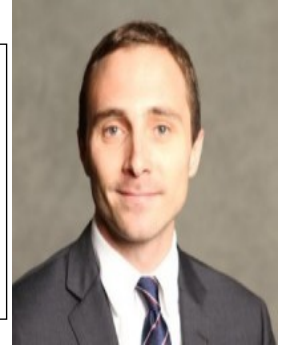


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Aly Brady Ali has been with the 1st JD District Attorney's office for eight years.

Nichols Campbell is a Staff Attorney for the Colorado Education Association. He represents educators in a variety of ways including criminal defense, wrongful termination, licensing, discrimination suits and assists CEA in policy, bargaining and other legal work.



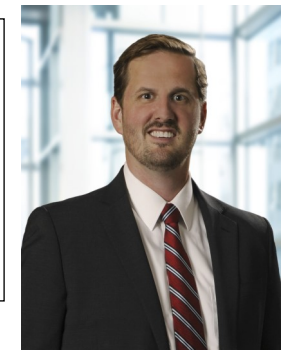
Matthew Durkin joined Fucci and Lee, P.C., in January 2021. Matthew helps clients, who have been injured build their case, and if necessary litigate, so they can focus on healing. With 25 years of experience, Durkin has proven to be a knowledgeable and formidable opponent in the courtroom.

Adam Hepp-Senior Deputy District Attorney-- Elder Abuse Unit, Office of the District Attorney, 1st Judicial District, Colorado. Prosecutes complete range of Felony Crimes, focusing on crime against the "at-risk" elderly population in our community.



Judge Russell Klein. I serve as a District Court Judge in the First Judicial District where I handle a mixed docket of civil, criminal, and domestic cases. Judge Klein

Joseph Maher Joe is a shareholder with Griffiths Law PC and practices exclusively family law. Joe serves as one of the representatives for the 1st JD on the board of Metro Volunteer Lawyers. He lives in Jefferson County with his wife and children.



Andrew McLetchie Andrew R. McLetchie is a partner with Fowler | Schimberg | Flanagan | McLetchie, P.C. Andy joined the firm in 2003. In addition to trying cases throughout Colorado, Andy arbitrates construction cases under AAA Construction Industry Rules.

Kelci Sundahl Kelci L. Sundahl joined Bradley, Devitt, Haas & Watkins, P.C. in February 2018 and is now a partner at the firm. She has experience primarily in civil litigation and research, and seeks to expand the firm's expertise into other areas of law.



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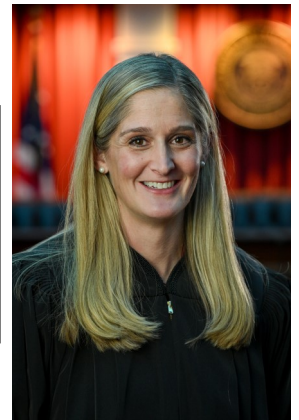
Judge David Taylor on the right at his first structure fire - also in the picture is district judge Russell Granger. I graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2005. I worked as a law clerk for a year in Maryland. I then moved to Colorado, and began working for Judge Granger as a law clerk. I stayed on with the 5th Judicial District as a staff attorney, and also did some private practice. I also spent some time in the fire service, Judge Taylor is a Gilpin County Judge.

Rebecca Taylor I am an Assistant County Attorney with Arapahoe County and defend the County in a wide range of civil litigation, with a focus on civil rights cases in federal and state courts. Although I work for Arapahoe County, I have lived in Jefferson County since 2010, clerked for a district court judge in the First Judicial District, and want to become more involved in the legal community where I live.



Catherine Tieman-Catherine has been licensed to practice law in Colorado since 2005 and maintains her licenses in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire, where she began practicing in 1990 and 1995. Catherine is *Of Counsel* with Bradley Devitt Haas & Watkins, P.C. in Golden, CO and focuses her practice on mediation and arbitration of family law disputes, including divorce, allocation of parental rights, post-decree modifications, relocation, and grandparent rights. She also actively represents clients in all areas of family law matters as well as guardianship and conservatorship matters.

Judge Lindsay VanGilder took the bench in January 2020 and presides over a mixed docket of criminal, civil, and domestic relations matters.



REGIONAL MOCK TRIAL

February 10 & 11, 2023
Jefferson County Courthouse
In Person

Morning Round 9:00 AM each day
Afternoon Round 1:00 PM each day

Volunteers must check into Courtroom #130 thirty minutes before each round for snacks, orientation and final court room assignments. If you are interested in volunteering to judge contact one of the judges below. You must specify which days and rounds you are volunteering for.

Judge Wheeler kristan.wheeler@judicial.state.co.us
or
Judge Peper graham.peper@judicial.state.co.us

1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Changes are coming to some of our standing committees. Please watch for an updated list of the 1st JD Committees and consider volunteering if you see a committee that interests you.

NEUTRALS YOU KNOW, PROFESSIONALS YOU CAN TRUST.

Samuel Gordon, Esq.
Elaine Wholner, Esq.
Hon. Jim S. Miller
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FEEDBACK.....

What would you like to see
more of this year?

**EDUCATIONAL CLE'S
SOCIAL EVENTS
GRANTS
COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

We want to hear from you.
Email or call with your
suggestions.

Message line 303-279-0753
Email admin@1stjd.org.

OFFICE FOR LEASE

Office for lease at 7400 Wadsworth Blvd., #101 with conference room with pantry. Best for one lawyer but room for two and secretary plus 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,
bob-frie@frieardt.com



1st JD Bar Association

In Person /Virtual CLE
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Jeffco County Courthouse
Faye Griffith Meeting Room

Staying Off the OARC Radar

Navigating the Waters
of the Regulation Process

Presented by
Janie Cox, Esq.
Shareholder Burns,
Figa & Will

In Person/boxed lunch \$25
Virtual \$10

Register at
<https://1stjd.org/events/#!/event/2022/10/11/staying-off-the-oarc-radar-navigating-the-waters-of-the-regulation-process-with-janie-cox-esq>

Information regarding
attendance procedures will be
provided after registration

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1st JD Bar Association

In Person /Virtual CLE
Monday, November 7, 2022
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Jeffco County Courthouse
Faye Griffith Meeting Room

Sealing Criminal Records in Colorado

Presented by
Ellen Giarratana,
Managing Attorney,
Colorado Center
on Law & Policy

Abbey Moffitt,
A. Moffitt Law,
Co-Founder,
Expunge Colorado

Jennifer Kilpatrick,
Director of Division of
Conviction Integrity & Equity,
1st JD District Attorneys Office

In Person/boxed lunch \$25
Virtual \$10

Register at
<https://1stjd.org/events/#!/event/2022/11/7/sealing-criminal-records-in-colorado-with-ellen-giarratana-abbey-moffitt-and-jennifer-kilpatrick>

Information regarding attendance
procedures will be provided after
registration

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METRO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Do you have a few hours of time to assist an individual or family in need of legal assistance? Volunteer with Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL) to help bridge the gap in access to justice to those who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues.

Family Law Court Program Assist pro se parties with uncomplicated divorce or parental responsibilities cases. No experience necessary. Contact Liz Jones to volunteer.

Tuesday, October 4 1:00–4:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Denver City & County Building

Friday, October 14 1:00–4:00PM (Client Meetings) | Jefferson Combined Court

Thursday, October 20 8:00 AM–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Adams County Justice Center

Thursday, October 20 1:30–4:30 PM (Client Meetings) | Adams County Justice Center

Friday, October 21 9:00 AM–1:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Douglas County Courthouse

Tuesday, October 25 8:00 AM–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Denver City & County Building

Friday, October 28 8:00 AM–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Arapahoe County Justice Center

Friday, October 28 1:00–4:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Arapahoe County Justice Center

Family Law Unbundled Family law practitioners needed to provide unbundled legal services to pro se parties with divorce or parental responsibilities cases by focusing on early resolution and problem-solving. Contact Anthony Pereira to volunteer.

Tuesday, October 4 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Denver City & County Building

Thursday, October 13 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Adams County Justice Center

Wednesday, October 19 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Virtual—Staffed by Modern Family Law & Additional Volunteers

Friday, October 21 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Douglas County Courthouse

Monday, October 24 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Virtual

Thursday, October 27 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Arapahoe County Justice Center

Post-Decree Consultation Program Family law practitioners needed to provide unbundled legal services to pro se parties needing assistance with modifying or enforcing parenting time, decision making authority, child support, and/or maintenance matters. Contact Jody Davis to volunteer.

Tuesday, October 4 1 PM-4 PM | Denver City & County Building

Thursday, October 6 1:00–4:00 PM | Arapahoe County Justice Center—Staffed by Volunteers from the Colorado Department of Law

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Post-Decree Consultation Program Continued

Friday, October 14 9:00 AM–Noon | Jefferson Combined Court—Staffed by Volunteers from Radeff & Hart, P.C.

Friday, October 21 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Douglas County Courthouse

Power of Attorney Program Assist seniors in completing various advance planning documents, including medical and financial powers of attorney and advance health care directives at low-income senior centers in the Denver Metro Area. No experience necessary. Contact [Anne Zogg](#) to volunteer.

Thursday, October 11 1:00–4:00 PM | Kappa Tower, Denver—Staffed by Members of the Sam Cary Bar Association

Thursday, October 20 8:00–11:00 AM | Marian Plaza, Denver

Friday, October 21 9:00 AM–Noon | Corona Residences, Denver

Monday, October 24 1:00–4:00 PM | Metro Village, Denver—Staffed by Members of the Colorado Women's Bar Association

Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center Provide legal resources and information to the local Native American community at MVL's monthly walk-in clinic. Contact [Ivonne Esparza](#) to volunteer.

Wednesday, October 5 6:00–8:00 PM | Denver Indian Center

Referral Program

Provide full pro bono representation for a variety of civil legal matters, including family law, probate, consumer/financial, and public benefits. Contact [Ivonne Esparza](#) to volunteer.

Mediation Program

Provide pro-bono mediation to applicants in one of MVL's other programs. Contact [Anne Zogg](#) to volunteer.

If you know someone who needs legal assistance through MVL's programs, please contact Colorado Legal Services at 303-837-1313 or [online](#). The Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center is our only walk-in clinic.

MVL is the pro bono program of the Denver Bar Association, in collaboration with the Adams/Broomfield, Arapahoe, Douglas/Elbert and First Judicial District bar associations. Eligibility is limited to applicants at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Malpractice insurance is provided for pro bono legal services conferred through DBA MVL.

**The Banquet Committee is gearing up for a great
Judges and Awards Banquet early next year.**

**Please take a moment to nominate one of your deserving colleagues. Check
the qualifications below to assure your nominee meets the qualifications.
Questions? Email to admin@1st.org.**

Nominate at: <https://1stjd.org/awards/#!event-list>

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.

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.**

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.

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.