



# PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association OCTOBER 2022

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## Presidents Column

### Preston Branaugh

The 1stJD bar wants YOU! As we move forward in our new fiscal year, we are looking for people to join our team in the work we are pursuing to serve the legal community, and larger community as a whole, here in Jefferson and Gilpin counties. Here are some of the committees that have been very active during the past year:

Continuing Legal Education – this committee has coordinated monthly 12 programs during the past 12 months (offering 14 hours of low-cost high-quality CLEs) including Staying off the OARC Radar, Judge’s Roundtable, State of the Judiciary, Status of the Colorado Legislative Session, and Jury Practice (just to name a few)!

- Law Day – facilitating Law Days twice per year over the past many years.
- Mock Trial – administers the Mock Trial for high school students in our area.
- Golf – hosts the annual tournament, that this past month raised \$3,773 to support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
- Banquet – plans the gatherings to honor incoming and outgoing judges, as well as other contributors in our legal community.

There are opportunities to join in these activities! Please see the note later in this edition of the Proclamation about places that you can participate right now.

By the way, if you have not already renewed your dues with the CBA by their October 15 deadline, you can renew directly with us! As your local bar association, we cannot accomplish our mission without the dues support of our legal community.

Preston Branaugh, President ('22'23)

First Judicial District Bar Association



**Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the bar association?**

A few of the committees are looking for volunteers. It's a great way to contribute and learn more about the bar. If you are interested, email to [admin@1st.org](mailto:admin@1st.org).

**COMMITTEES LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**BANQUET**

*Kim Sparks Chair*

Plans and coordinates the Judges and Awards Banquet

**CLE/PROFESSIONALISM**

*Steve Cook Chair*

Plans and coordinates continuing legal education, professionalism, equity, diversity, and inclusion programs for the membership.

**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](mailto:kristan.wheeler@judicial.state.co.us)  
or  
**Judge Peper** [graham.peper@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:graham.peper@judicial.state.co.us)

**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](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

**LETS CELEBRATE HOW WE SPEND OUR FREE TIME**

We would love to hear about how you spend your free time. Is it sports, cooking, hiking, marathons, reading, kicking back at home on the couch.....**tell us about it.**

Send us a short story about your passion.  
Approximate length anywhere between  
100-600 words.

## OFFICE FOR LEASE

Office for lease at 7400 Wadsworth Blvd., #101. 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@friearndt.com](mailto:bob-frie@friearndt.com)

## GOOD NEWS

Net proceeds from the 1st JD Bar Association Golf Event on September 22, 2022 in the amount of \$3,773 will be donated to CASA. Thank you to the Golf Committee and the volunteers who made this possible.

## HOLIDAY

### OFFICE CLOSING

The Courthouse and the District Attorney's office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving,  
Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

# NEUTRALS YOU KNOW, PROFESSIONALS YOU CAN TRUST.

Samuel Gordon, Esq.  
Elaine Wholner, Esq.  
Hon. Jim S. Miller  
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The 1st JD Golf Tournament benefitting CASA enjoyed a fabulous day at Hiwan Golf Club on September 22nd with a record number of golfers. The resident elk made a good showing as well. Please enjoy the photos and we hope to see you next year!

*Jon Bradley Andrew McLetchie Philip Geigle Jay Pickard Chris Radeff  
1st JD Golf Committee*



Judge Peper, Magistrate Fitzgerald, Judge Zenisek and Judge Pilkington.



The "Ladies" enjoying lunch.



The bull Elk playing the back nine.



Has anyone seen the ball?



Ken Hayes with his new clubs from sponsor Golf Father Golf.



The Kilpatrick boys relax after a round of golf.



1st JD Bar President Preston Branaugh, and 1st JD Bar Trustee Judge Lindsay VanGilder greet Happy Hour attendees.

## 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](mailto: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.