



# PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association NOVEMBER 2022

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## **Presidents Column**

### **Preston Branaugh**

Happy Thanksgiving

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. It was for me and my family. We have a number of things to be thankful for, even if this year has had challenges and unexpected twists and turns along the way.

There is one thing here in the First Judicial District that we can all be thankful for. And some of you may not even know of this, primarily because the person I am thinking of tends to do so much of her contributions behind the scenes.

Vicki Malara has worked for the First Judicial District Bar Association for the past 17 years. She seamlessly handles so many of the activities of our Bar Association. She helps manage the membership of our group, coordinates the CLE registrations throughout the year, collects the information toward our financial support to other nonprofit organizations in our community, and she helps account for the numerous financial activities of the Bar Association. She makes us all look better.

We are thankful for Vicki and her unmeasurable contribution to our legal community.

With thanksgiving,  
Preston Branaugh



## **1st JD Bar Association**

FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION  
In Person /Virtual CLE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Jeffco County Courthouse  
Faye Griffith Meeting Room

### **WHAT THE HECK IS A CLR AND WHY WOULD I WANT ONE IN MY DR CASE**

presented by  
**Rebekah Brown**  
**Radeff & Hart PC.**

Register at:

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2022/12/13/what-the-heck-is-a-clr-and-why-would-i-want-one-in-my-dr-case-quot-with-rebekah-brown>

Information regarding  
attendance procedures will be  
provided after registration

\*CLE Credit Requested

### **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)

## 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@frieardt.com](mailto:bob-frie@frieardt.com)

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# December volunteer opportunities with 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, December 6**

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

### **Friday, December 9**

1:00–4:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Jefferson County Courthouse

### **Tuesday, December 13**

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

### **Thursday, December 15**

8:00 AM–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Adams County Courthouse

### **Thursday, December 15**

1:30–4:30 PM (Client Meetings) | Adams County Courthouse

### **Friday, December 16**

8:00 AM–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Arapahoe County Justice Center

### **Friday, December 16**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Douglas County Courthouse

### **Friday, December 16**

1:00 AM–4:00 PM (Client Meetings) | Arapahoe County Justice Center

## December volunteer opportunities with MVL

### 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.

**Friday, December 2**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Jefferson County Courthouse

**Tuesday, December 6**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Denver City & County Building

**Thursday, December 8**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Adams County Courthouse

**Wednesday, December 14**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Virtual

**Thursday, December 15**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Arapahoe County Justice Center

**Friday, December 16**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Douglas County Courthouse

### 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.

**Thursday, December 1**

1:00–4:00 PM | Virtual

*Staffed by Volunteers from the Colorado Department of Law*

**Friday, December 9**

9:00 AM–Noon | Jefferson County Courthouse

**Friday, December 16**

9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Douglas County Courthouse

**Tuesday, December 20**

1:00–4:00 PM | Denver City & County Building

# December volunteer opportunities with MVL

## 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, December 15

1:00–4:00 PM | Holy Family Plaza, Denver

### Monday, December 19

9:00 AM–Noon | The Audrey, Highlands Ranch

## 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, December 7

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](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.