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President  
Jennifer Kilpatrick



During this busy time, I wish you well  
as you celebrate the wonderful and  
joyous holiday season.  
From my family to yours,  
Happy Holidays.

Jenn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



is pleased to announce the expansion of its practice.

**Mediation:** Andy Hart is an experienced attorney who has practiced exclusively in family law, both at the District Court and Appellate Court level, for the past 16 years. Andy is able to use his expertise to guide parties to settlement through creative solutions. Having honed his craft mediating disputes between his two children, Andy now is ready to turn his attention to the relatively easier task of helping resolve family law cases. His mediation rate is \$250 per hour, however, he will match ODR rates if the parties qualify. Both Zoom and in person mediation is available.

**Arbitration:** Chris Radeff has practiced exclusively in family law for the past 28 years. Chris is a natural to serve as an arbiter as she really likes to tell people what to do. More importantly, utilizing alternative forms of resolution in an already crowded judicial system helps parties move forward at their pace. Her hourly rate for arbitration is \$300, with consideration for a reduced rate where needed. Arbitration is conducted in person either at Radeff & Hart, P.C., or counsel's office. Offices located in the metro area will not be charged for Chris' travel time.

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Legal aid has the power to transform the lives of individuals and families, and the **Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC)** is proud to be a catalyst for positive change in the metro Denver area. Whether it's assisting a survivor of domestic abuse in pursuing divorce and gaining custody of their children or aiding an immigrant in completing vital paperwork for legal status or a work permit, JAMLAC's work may seem like routine tasks, but they open up a world of possibilities for clients and their families.

One of JAMLAC's dedicated staff members beautifully encapsulated this sentiment when they shared, 'In these cases, it's not just about paperwork; it's about unlocking the door to a brighter future and fresh opportunities. Serving as a bridge between our clients and legal status is both a blessing and an incredibly fulfilling role because we witness them daring to dream bigger and reaching for new horizons. It's inspiring to us, but for our clients, it's nothing short of life-changing.'



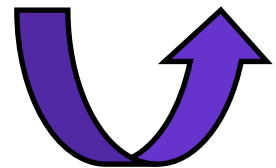
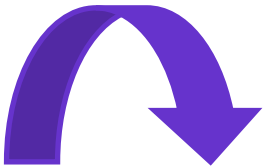
**Marlene Bedoya**  
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## 2023 LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY FOR PRO SE PARTIES WITH LOW OR MODERATE INCOME

The 1st Judicial District Access to Justice Committee, in conjunction with the First Judicial District Bar Association, has assembled a Legal Directory of attorneys willing to assist pro se parties and parties with low or modest means who need legal services. These attorneys will consider a person's financial situation when they assess legal fees for a particular service case. This list is updated on a quarterly basis. The purpose of this Directory is to provide attorney names to potential clients who have low or moderate means or who have chosen to self-represent, yet are in need of limited legal counsel.

*We are looking for additional attorneys who are interested in adding their names to this list. Please email to [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org) with all the pertinent information if you are interested. See the current list at the link below.*

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court\\_Probation/01st Judicial District/Jefferson/Court%20Business%20Resources/Legal%20Help/2023%20Attorney%20list.pdf](https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court_Probation/01st_Judicial_District/Jefferson/Court%20Business%20Resources/Legal%20Help/2023%20Attorney%20list.pdf)



## CO Access to Justice Commission Connection

**Here is a link to the Commission's quarterly update sharing highlights of access to justice work, news, and opportunities for engagement.**

[https://www.coloradoaccesstojustice.org/\\_files/ugd/c659b2\\_8d25d5501cb044a5a3a54bcae3c1f7a1.pdf](https://www.coloradoaccesstojustice.org/_files/ugd/c659b2_8d25d5501cb044a5a3a54bcae3c1f7a1.pdf)

**ON THE WEBSITE, YOU CAN WATCH: A PANEL ON WHETHER CHATGPT SHOULD BE EMBRACED AS AN ACCESS-TO-JUSTICE SOLUTION**

## LAW DAY MAY 2023 AND PRO BONO DAY OCTOBER 2023

Interesting statistics:

- ♦ **First Law Day** April 2013 and continued twice a year for 9 years except 2020 and 2021 during Covid.
- ♦ **178** different lawyers have volunteered
- ♦ **918** hours have been donated (at \$300/hour that's more than \$275,400 as the average hourly rate is certainly more than \$300)
- ♦ A total of **3070** people served
- ♦ **Statistics for May 2023** -22 lawyers and 189 people
- ♦ **Statistics for October 2023**—22 lawyers, 209 people

### Thank you to the lawyers who volunteered on October 2023

Erick Apjoke  
Meredith Callan  
Marie Drake  
Joe Lusk  
Dennis Polk  
Louis Underbakke

Arlene Barringer  
Robertson Cohen  
Alan Hendrix  
Kevin Massaro  
Michael Sutch  
Heather White

Jon Bradley  
Stephen Cook  
Ryan Hutton  
Kayla Nelson  
Catherine Tieman  
Lucas Wirth

William Burns  
James Delman  
Nick Jonson  
Shawn Pearman

## MOCK TRIAL 2024

February 23, 2024 & February 24, 2024

Jefferson County Courthouse

Morning rounds start at 9 am with a 8:30 check in

Afternoon rounds start at 1pm with a 12:30 check in

Volunteers that are interested please contact:

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT TARIQ SHEIKH

My wife Rachel and I moved to Colorado in 2011 after spending our lives on the east coast. It's been an amazing experience. Colorado is everything we hoped it would be, now complete with a 10-year-old daughter and an 80 pound tank of a boxer named Buster. Rachel operates an estate planning practice in Jefferson County, and I joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney's office in 2021 as a Senior Chief Deputy District Attorney. I have served my community as a prosecutor for 18 years. Prosecuting in three very different jurisdictions, Philadelphia, the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (serving Adams and Broomfield County) and now the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District has been a special career path. As a Jefferson County resident, I am happy to be working in my own county and place a special focus on building community, specifically in working with children.

In Jefferson County, we have many dedicated community organizations to work with children. I have been fortunate to learn about and work with our wonderful school district, Ralston House, the Gold Crown Foundation, a fantastic Juvenile Assessment Center, and many others. I also was very thankful for the opportunity to help redevelop the Pathways diversion program for our office. In every aspect of my job and as an attorney I attempt to use my voice as a prosecutor to support the organizations that provide opportunities and resources to children. Despite my job, my goal is always to keep kids out of the juvenile system whenever possible. No matter what aspect of the law you are in, I think it is important to understand what community resources can help benefit the people we serve.



Tariq and Rachel

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Mentorship is also a wonderful way to build community. I've had the privilege of working with over 40 prosecutors in the world of juvenile law and many others in other aspects. I truly love helping other attorneys reach their potential. As most of us who have been around a while know, the attorneys entering the profession today are experiencing the job very differently than I did. Simply talking at them and telling war stories doesn't accomplish much (though I'm guilty of doing that too). My strategy is to learn how they see the job and see their role in it, then try to use my experience to help them grow in a way that is organic to them. I also love to learn from the attorneys I work with, and they help shape my leadership in the same way I hope to shape their growth.

In the space of developing community, I joined the board of the Jefferson County Bar Association this year to connect further with attorneys in different areas of practice. I am impressed with the dedication the board in wanting to offer more value and connection with our members. I would love to hear any of your questions and ideas to help us improve.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### TARIQ SHEIKH



Tariq and daughter



Buster the Boxer



## JOB POSTINGS

**Erin Collard** (she/her)

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We have the following job posting we'd like to share with your membership. It will be open through **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

[https://jefferson.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Golden/District-Court-Deputy-District-Attorney---Gilpin-County\\_R-6440](https://jefferson.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Golden/District-Court-Deputy-District-Attorney---Gilpin-County_R-6440)

Jefferson County Court is recruiting for a full time Magistrate position. Click on the link below to see job posting. Closes 12/11/23.

<https://coloradojudicial.recruitmentplatform.com/details.html?jobId=5358&jobTitle=Magistrate>



## FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION

In Person CLE  
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