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I hope that you were able to spend time with your family and friends during the holiday season. As we begin the new year, I hope to see you at a 1st JD bar association event or CLE.

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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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. . **See the current list at the link below.**

We are looking for additional attorneys who are interested in adding their names to this list. Please email to admin@1stjd.org with all the pertinent information if you are interested.

[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)

Bench Bar Committee Meeting for Civil practitioners

Judge Meegan Miloud has moved into the Chair position for the Bench Bar Committee from retired Judge Oeffler. This meeting will be one of several designed to share and discuss matters of interest to bar members.

*The First Judicial District Bar Association Bench/Bar Committee will be holding a meeting on **January 19, 2024, at noon**. The meeting is scheduled for 1 hour. The Committee will be discussing matters of interest to **Civil practitioners**.*

Criminal and Domestic Bench/Bar issues will be the subject of later meetings. Any member of the First JD Bar Association with interest may attend, either in person, in Courtroom 430, or via WebEx:

*WebEx will be available: <https://judicial.webex.com/meet/meegan.miloud>
(access code): 145 097 4830*

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LAW DAY COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Magistrate Marianne Tims and Chris Radeff have decided to move on to other challenges so, although their replacement will have big shoes to fill we are looking for a new Committee Chair and a few committee members.

In addition to attorney volunteers to meet with clients, there is a need for four or five volunteers to assist with the event which involves arranging for refreshments (all purchases fully reimbursed), corralling attendees, assisting with attracting volunteer attorneys and helping attorneys to claim credit hours for volunteering.

If you are interested in the Committee Chair position or joining the committee, contact Vicki at admin@1stjd.org for more information.

NEWS FROM THE COURT

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

JUDGE JENNIFER MELTON

For some background, I grew up in DeSoto, Texas. After high school graduation, I attended Texas A&M University on an athletic scholarship for swimming. While at Texas A&M, I was also involved in student government and a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. I received an academic scholarship to the Texas Tech University School of Law. After law school, I clerked for the Texas Court of Appeals in El Paso, Texas.

In 1998, I became an associate at the law firm of Stiner, Beck and Jonson which later became Beck, Jonson and Nolan. I handled a mixed docket of child welfare, criminal and domestic cases. I was also pro bono counsel for Rocky Mountain Animal Defense an animal rights organization located in Boulder, Colorado.

In 2008, I opened a solo practice in Golden, Colorado. My caseload consisted mostly of court appointed cases as Alternate Defense Counsel (ADC) and for the Office of Respondent Parent Counsel (ORPC) for Jefferson and Gilpin Counties. During my time as a solo-practitioner, I was Co-Chair for the Public Relations Committee for the 1st JD. My committee hosted "Counselors for Critters", a metro wide adoption event for homeless animals. Over the five years that this event was held, nearly two thousand animals found new homes. In 2018, I became Co-Chair of the 1st JD High School Mock Trial Competition, a position which I hold to this day. And by the way, WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO JUDGE AND SCORE THE 2024 TOURNAMENT!

In June of 2019 Governor Polis appointed me as a Jefferson County Court Judge. I handle a criminal misdemeanor docket. If you are ever in the Courthouse, come by Division B and say hi.

I currently live in the mountains with Alex, my 19-year-old college student who is majoring in art and theatre. However, Alex is leaning towards law school after an exciting experience in jury selection in front of Judge Klein last fall.

Outside of the legal world, I am a former board member and still active member of the Southern Plains Trust (SPLT) which is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the wildlife and habitat of the short grass prairie. SPLT has thus far preserved 50,000 acres of short grass prairie in southeast Colorado. I also enjoy yoga, swimming, hiking with the dog pack in the mountains, going to the theatre and travel when I get the chance.



JOB POSTINGS

Metro Volunteer Lawyers is thrilled to announce the expansion of its programming as we enhance our Power of Attorney Program, transforming it into a comprehensive Wills Clinic.

This exciting development necessitates the recruitment of additional staff to effectively manage and foster the growth of this newly evolved program. We are actively seeking a dedicated part-time staff member to lead and oversee the operations of the Wills Clinic, playing a key role in the successful implementation and expansion of this vital initiative. A full job description can be found at

<https://cobar.informz.net/cobar/data/images/Program%20Coordinator%20Job%20Description.pdf>

You can also find the job posted on the Bar Association Job's Board <https://www.cobar.org/Jobs-Board>

If interested, email a Cover Letter and Resume to **Anthony** at apereira@denbar.org.

County Court DDA position closes February 11, 2024

https://jefferson.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/Golden/County-Court-DDA_R-6500

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