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First Judicial District Bar Association Board of Directors

***Join the Board of Directors** and get involved
in the 1st JD Bar Association*

- ♦ *Expand your networking opportunities*
- ♦ *Share your experience and expertise with the board*
- ♦ *Time commitment—1 hour monthly in-person/virtual meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm*
- ♦ *Term commitment—2 year term with option to extend*

*We are looking for interested people to get more involved in the organization! Being involved in the bar association is a great way to meet other lawyers along with the judicial bench. You will have the opportunity to expand your practice and your mind while serving your local community. The nominating committee meets in April to consider appointments. If you are interested in a position, please send a letter outlining your interest along with a resume to:
admin@1stjd.org*

Deadline April 1, 2024

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Free adds in the
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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 with all the pertinent information if you are interested.

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mock Trial

Friday and Saturday February 23 & 24, 2024

*State Mock Trial

Friday and Saturday March 8 and 9, 2024

*Golf Event –September TBD

*Judges & Awards Reception

Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Red Rocks Country Club

Also planning two Open House events coming up soon

The Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Program

The Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) is a Colorado pro bono program that delivers free monthly legal clinics by computer link at public libraries for folks who do not have an attorney. Volunteer attorneys spend 15-20 minutes meeting virtually with clinic patrons to answer questions and explain court procedures and processes in all areas of Colorado civil law. You're invited to be part of that effort, and we'll do everything we can to make it a positive, rewarding experience.

Speaking one-on-one with a knowledgeable volunteer attorney can make an enormous difference to pro se litigants by expanding access to legal support for underserved communities. We assist about 175-200 clinic patrons each month, all across Colorado.

Video-conferencing technology makes volunteering easier, and eliminates the travel time, costs, parking, and weather issues sometimes associated with volunteer opportunities. But it's not the technology that makes it work, it's the extraordinary talent of volunteer attorneys who help pro se litigants understand the process and procedure of the civil issue that brings them to court.

Our volunteer attorneys provide support from anywhere they have a webcam-equipped device and broadband access. At the other end of the computer link, VPC clinic patrons rely on existing public infrastructure with their local library's computers and broadband.

Now in our twelfth year, the VPC program supports monthly free legal clinics at 92 local libraries in fifty three Colorado counties (43 rural & 10 urban). You can see where all our VPC clinics are located at:

https://checkerboard.co/CB2/36_GMH/2024_VPC_Clinics_statewide_24Dec23_with_hyperlinks.pdf

Volunteer attorneys are asked to commit to at least three clinics per year (total of 9 hours over twelve months). All VPC clinics are from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on weekdays in the first half of each month. To help volunteer attorneys with the challenge of assisting with information on any Colorado civil issue, a new web site was created at www.checkerboard.co. It provides volunteer attorneys with one-click access to all the court forms, statutes, flow charts, court rules and instructions for over 100 different Colorado civil issues.

All volunteer attorneys receive one-on-one training via video-conference covering best practices guidance and ethical issues relating to pro se litigants. In each VPC clinic, an experienced attorney is available to assist as "second chair", until the new volunteer is comfortable with the format, resources, subject material, and the technology.

Finally, volunteer attorneys receive CLE credit (at rate of five-to-one) for their VPC pro bono volunteer time, to a maximum of nine general CLE credits per 3-year compliance period. Interested?

Please contact Ric Morgan at (303) 520-6088 or morgan@hayday.org

NEWS FROM THE COURT

First Judicial District announces District Court Vacancy. Commission sets date to select nominees

The vacancy will be created by the retirement of the Honorable Ann Meinster. The vacancy will occur on June 1, 2024

https://www.courts.state.co.us/Careers/Judge_Opportunities/Announcements/JD01%20-%20Meinster%20vacancy%20FINAL.pdf

1st JD Chief Judge Orders and Directives

Watch here for links to future Chief Judge Orders and Directives

MOCK TRIAL 2024

Friday, February 23 & Saturday, February 24

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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