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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT COURTNEY BALDWIN

I grew up primarily in Saint Louis, Missouri. I have been practicing law since moving to Colorado with my husband in 2017 and have practiced primarily in the areas of domestic relations as well as estate planning and probate. I joined the law firm of Polidori, Franklin, Monahan & Beattie, LLC just over two years ago. While I have always represented clients in cases out of Jefferson County, my law practice is now heavily concentrated in the First Judicial District given that PFMB is located in Lakewood not far from the Jefferson County courthouse. I have had a great deal of exposure to the organizations and events that the 1st JD has to offer, thanks in large part to the partners at my firm, and I love how friendly and engaged the members of the Jefferson County Bar Association are. It is helpful to be able to form connections with colleagues outside of an adversarial context.

In October of 2022, I joined the 1st JD Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") Planning Committee and have remained an active member. We have organized CLEs on several interesting topics, and it is great to be able to connect with members of the Jefferson County Bar through these presentations, while also hearing different ideas and perspectives. I both organized and lectured at a CLE presentation "Admissibility of Evidence at Trial" for the 1st JD in May of 2023 and was able to solicit the help of several of Jefferson County's wonderful and knowledgeable judicial officers for this presentation. I also had the opportunity to present a lecture during the Family Law Institute in August of 2023 and during the Fall Family Law Update CLE in 2022.

I enjoy dedicating my time to the Jefferson County Bar through volunteering at the Ask-An-Attorney Clinics and Law Days held at the Jefferson County courthouse, which are always excellent ways to give back to the community while networking with fellow practitioners. I enjoy volunteering my time in other ways as well, including through the Law School Yes We Can mentorship program where I currently act as a mentor. I also enjoy writing and wrote an article for the Colorado Lawyer (Psychological Parents and Child Support; November, 2022) and for the 2023 Senior Law Handbook, and I am in the process of writing the family law section for the 2024 Senior Law Handbook as well. I am proud to have been selected as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers for 2024 and to have received the Avvo Client's Choice Award every year from 2018 through 2023.

Serving my clients and the legal community has always been important to me. When I am not practicing law, I love spending time with my husband and my son. We like to attend sporting events and to spend time outdoors with our Belgian Malinois, Storm.





FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION

In Person /Virtual CLE

Monday, April 1, 2024

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Jefferson County Courthouse,
Faye Griffith Meeting Room
1st Floor Administration Side**

**LANDLORD TENANT ISSUES
PRESENTED BY**

**JUDGE SARA GARRIDO,
COUNTY COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**KRISTI BUNGE, SPRINGMAN, BRADEN,
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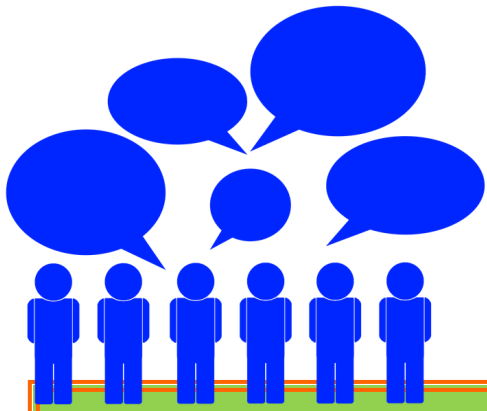
**JOSE VASQUEZ, SUPERVISING ATTORNEY
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**In Person attendance
includes boxed lunch \$25
Virtual attendance \$10**

**[https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/register/2024/4/1/
landlord-tenant-issues-with-judge-sara-garrido](https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/register/2024/4/1/landlord-tenant-issues-with-judge-sara-garrido)**

Information regarding attendance procedures
will be provided prior to event.

CLE credit requested



Join the First JD Board of Directors

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 to admin@1stjd.org

Deadline April 1, 2024

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IST JD BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

Free adds in the
Proclamation
for all members.

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JOB POSTINGS

Colorado Office of the Child's Representative Applications Open for New Contractors

Accepting applications throughout March, you can learn more and apply by visiting <https://coloradochildrep.org/contact/#get-involved>

The U.S. District Court, for the District Court of Colorado has an opening for a judicial law clerk in the chambers of Senior U.S. District Judge Christine M. Arguello. This position is expected to commence on or after October 1, 2024, and will be a career position.

<https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/hr/employmentopportunities.aspx?FileID=7464>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Golf Event –More information soon
- *Judges & Awards Reception Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Red Rocks Country Club
- *Three Open House events coming up in in April, May and June. More information soon.

PRO BONO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

MORE PRO BONO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TWO OPPORTUNITIES AT THE JEFFCO COURTHOUSE

Law Day Event here at the Jefferson County Courthouse on **Wednesday May 1st, 2024**. As usual, it will be held in the main atrium from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The volunteer attorney will answer questions from customers in-person for up to 15 minutes regarding **family law matters**. If you are interested and available, please let me know which time slot would work best for you and I can add you to the roster! Also - if you are skilled in other areas (or prefer a different area), please let me know that information in case we are looking for someone in a different case type.

Ask-An-Attorney family law telephone clinic. Most of you are already familiar with this clinic (and a big thank you to those who have volunteered!). These clinics are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9am to 11am. The clinic is simply a 15 minute phone calls with a litigant – limited to 7 spots. Only one volunteer per month is needed. We have the litigant fill out and sign a waiver the day before the clinic and then we email the waivers to you the morning of the clinic. At present, we are in need of attorneys for the following dates: **May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17.**

As always, if you know someone in your professional circle who may be interested in volunteering, please feel free to forward this email to them and have them reach out to me. If you cannot volunteer for either Law Day or the Clinic, please let me know so I don't pester you again.

Thank you for your time as always and I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Zac Foxx, J.D. Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator

1st Judicial District Court Resource Center – Jefferson & Gilpin Counties

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NEWS FROM THE COURT

1st JD Chief Judge Orders and Directives

Watch here for links to
future Chief Judge Orders and
Directives

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

2024 MOCK TRIAL

Thank you to all the volunteers
that made the MockTrial successful.

2024 MOCK TRIAL FINAL RESULTS

1. Forge Christian (4)
2. Chatfield A (2)
3. D'Evelyn B (7)
4. D'Evelyn A (1)
5. D'Evelyn C (14)
6. Lakewood B (11)
7. Chatfield B (13)
8. Warren Tech B (10)
9. Lakewood A (12)
10. Conifer (6)
11. Warren Tech A (8)
12. Jeffco Remote
Learning (5)
13. Lakewood C (9)

***CONIFER (6) WON
THE
PROFESSIONALISM
AWARD**

***RILEY MARTINEZ
WON BEST
COURTROOM SKETCH
ARTIST
FROM TEAM 5**

Allen	Bryce
Bagwell	Mackenzie
Baker	Margaret
Baker	Andrew
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Borowski	Janet
Brady	Alexandra
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Clark	Allison
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Cory	Karlynn
Curley	Kathleen
Denson	Courtney
Esparza-Ornela	Maritza
Evans	Madison
Evans	Grayson
Foust	Michelle
Garscin	Melissa
Gonya	Riley
Griffin	Colleen
Hall	Kelsey
Hepp	Adam
Humphries	Guy
Jenkins	Kate
Johnson	Sueanna
Johnson	Keifer
Johnson	Julia
Klein	Russ
Kollar	Carrie
Kyer	Libby
Labrador	Dalia
Loewer	Ryan
Martin	Whitney
Martinez	Courtney

Massaro	Kevin
McCarthy	Blair
Meredith	Terri
Miloud	Meegan
Montecino	Nicole
Mullenbach	Jennifer
Murtha	April
Nadeau	Gigetta
Nadeau	Aspen
Page	Angelina
Pereira	Anthony
Pisney	Michael
Poland	Andrew
Rodrigues	Desiree
Rogers	Cara
Rogers	Ellie
Ryan	Allison
Schlinsog	Melinda
Schulten	Kelly
Severn	Nicholas
Severn	Alicia
Sipe	Jacqueline
Snodgrass	Kelly
Spear	Alexander
Spease	Holly
Swihart	Stephanie
Wall	Sommer
Walsh	Thomas
Walsh	Beatrice
Ward	Joe
Wildeman	Kayla
Willihnganz	Rachael
Zenisek	Christopher

MVL April Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a few hours of time to assist an individual or family in need of legal assistance? Volunteer with MVL to help bridge the gap in access to justice for 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 [Patrick Marzolino](#) to volunteer.

Friday, April 12

1:00-4:00 p.m. (Client Meetings) | Jefferson County Courthouse

Thursday, April 18

8:00 a.m.–noon (Permanent Orders) | Adams County District Court

1:30–4:30 p.m. (Client Meetings) | Adams County District Court

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (Client Meetings) | Douglas County Courthouse

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 a.m.–Noon (Permanent Orders) | Denver City and County Building

1:00–4:00 p.m. (Client Meetings) | Denver City and County Building

Friday, April 26

8:00 a.m.–noon (Permanent Orders) | Arapahoe County District Court

1:00–4:00 p.m. (Client Meetings) | Arapahoe County District Court

Family Law Advice & Guidance

Family law practitioners needed to provide a single consultation to pro se parties with pre- or post- decree divorce or parental responsibilities cases by focusing on early resolution and problem-solving. Only a 1-hour commitment. Contact [Liz Jones](#) or [Joe O'Leary](#) to volunteer.

Thursday, April 4

1:00–4:00 p.m. | Arapahoe County Courthouse – Staffed by Volunteers from the Department of Law

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Denver Courthouse

Thursday, April 11

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Adams County District Court

Monday, April 15

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

MVL April Volunteer Opportunities Continued

Family Law Advice & Guidance Continued

Family law practitioners needed to provide a single consultation to pro se parties with pre- or post- decree divorce or parental responsibilities cases by focusing on early resolution and problem-solving. Only a 1-hour commitment. Contact [Liz Jones](#) or [Joe O'Leary](#) to volunteer.

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Douglas County Courthouse

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Friday, April 26

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jefferson County Courthouse—Staffed by Volunteers from Radeff and Hart and Additional Attorneys

Wills Clinic

Powered by [InterActive Legal](#). Assist seniors in completing various advance planning documents, including a last will and testament, medical and financial powers of attorney and advance health care directives in the Denver Metro Area. No experience is necessary. Contact [Liz Jones](#) to volunteer.

Monday, April 29

Noon–3:00 p.m. | Eaton Senior Communities | Lakewood, CO

Tuesday, April 30

1:00–4:00 p.m. | Edgewater Plaza | Edgewater, CO

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 [Patrick Marzolino](#) to volunteer.

Wednesday, April 3

6:00–8:00 p.m. | 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 [Ivonne Esparza](#) to volunteer.