

PROCLAMATION

First Judicial District Bar Association



MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the Association shall be to enhance the practice of law within Jefferson County and Gilpin County, to promote professionalism and the administration of justice, to encourage legal education, to uphold the honor and dignity of the bar, to cultivate cordial relations among the legal community of Jefferson County and Gilpin County, to perpetuate the history of the profession and the memory of its members, to facilitate and improve the provision of legal services to the community, and to administer the budget for professional, social and community-oriented purposes.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The 1st JD Bar Assn. is looking for a volunteer to fill an open position representing the 1st JD on the **Jeffco Community Corrections Committee**. The person should have some knowledge of Community Corrections.

Position is open in September 2024 with a first meeting in October. The term is three years.

Meetings are hybrid, start at 7:00 am and are 2 hours long. They are held once a month on the fourth Thursday unless there is a holiday, and we move it to the third Thursday.

The Office of Community Corrections requires all board members to attend 4 hours of training per year, 2 of which must be community corrections specific. These training hours are usually covered if members attend our yearly Board Retreat which is held on a Friday in April.

INTERESTED PARTIES, SEND YOUR RESUME TO admin@1stjd.org

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT DENNIS B. POLK

When asked to pen a profile of himself for the Bar Journal, Dennis Polk demurred. When asked again, he asked me, his son and fellow attorney, to write it instead. It is not Dennis' style to seek aggrandizement. For example, his firm, Holley, Albertson, and Polk, has never had a website, and his only social media account is a Facebook page he uses solely to keep up with his classmates, and see pictures of his grandchildren.

Fortunately for Dennis, I feel no such qualms. Dennis has come a long way for a kid born at home, on a farm, in what was then rural Longmont. In 1961, the family moved to Arvada, where Dennis' father worked at Coors, and his mother worked as a nurse. Dennis attended Allendale Elementary, Drake Junior High, and Arvada West High School, and remains deeply connected to all three, especially Arvada West.

Dennis then attended Colorado State, where he lived with his brother, Mike, who also went on to become an attorney (Mike recently retired from a 30+ year career as the Assistant City Attorney for the City of Arvada). After college, Dennis attended the University of Denver College of Law, where an anonymous donor awarded Dennis a full scholarship, after it looked like he was going to leave school due to the cost of tuition. To this day, we do not know who provided the scholarship.

After graduating with honors in 1978, Dennis began his practice with the firm of Holley, Boatright, Villano, under his mentor and life-long friend, George Holley. He also (in probably the smartest move he has ever made) married my mom, Pamela. They have three sons, and six grandchildren, who are his favorite things in the world. Dennis has coached youth sports for over 40 years, and his "coaching tree" includes over a dozen professional athletes, as well as high school and college coaches. More importantly to Dennis though are the "young people" who still regularly reach out to him to thank him for the lessons they learned from him on the football field, wrestling mat, or baseball diamond.

In 1984, Dennis became a partner in the firm, which was renamed Holley, Albertson & Polk, and at which he practices to this day, in the areas of insurance coverage, construction defect litigation, and general commercial litigation. However, Dennis would tell you that he is first and foremost, a trial lawyer. At last count, Dennis has tried over 300 civil jury trials, ranging from a recent Agistor's lien for an old friend, to insurance coverage cases that have reshaped the law around the country.

2024 marks Dennis Polk's 46th year of practicing law, starting in the era of hand-Shepardizing cases, submitting typewritten briefs via courier, and extending into our modern practice of e-discovery and endless email. However, one thing has never changed: Dennis Polk has been, and will continue to be, a professional in every sense of the word.

1ST JD Bar Association Golf Tournament FOR THE BENEFIT OF CASA

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Hiwan Golf Club

30671 Clubhouse Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439

11:30 Check-In & 12:30 Lunch and Shotgun Start

Cost: \$175

Includes lunch, beer and golf cart

FLIGHT: The score that you have on a hole dictates which tee box you hit off on the next hole. All teams start on the middle tees and then your score determines which tee box you hit from on the next hole, i.e. every par you stay at the same tee box on the next hole. Birdie, you move back. Bogey, you move forward. The only 3 tees we would use would be front back and middle. Questions: Email Andrew McLetchie a_mcletchie@fsf-law.com

GOLF SPONSORSHIP – \$300

In lieu of hole sponsors we will be providing the golfers a packet of information upon arrival which will include a cover sheet listing all sponsors. We believe this allows for more attention to who our sponsors are than a sign at the hole. If you sponsor at this level, your sponsorship will also be included in the Proclamation after the tournament.

FULL TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP—\$1000

2 Free Golfers and one month full page ad in the Proclamation

Questions-contact Chris Radeff at 303-985-8787 or radeff@rhfamlaw.com Should the entire tournament be canceled due to weather all sponsors will have the option of obtaining a full refund or donating all or a part of their sponsorship to CASA.

This year we will again be hosting a **Happy Hour** open to golfers and non-golfers alike. Come enjoy the fresh air, hang out with the resident Elk and enjoy appetizers and drinks from 5:30-7:30. **Registered golfers- Happy Hour is included in your entry fee. Non golfers—cost for hors d'oeuvres & cash bar \$30 per person**

REGISTER HERE :

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!/event/register/2024/9/26/golf-at-hiwan-information-to-follow>





Watch for upcoming dates and events and mark your calendars

The CBA is now sending membership dues renewal notices to you by email and regular mail. Please watch for those reminders as they may be included with other advertising notices. We are looking forward to working with you this year.

If you have any questions about your membership, contact us at:
1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION
admin@1stjd.org
OR
CBA
membership@cobar.org
303-860-1115



If you missed the **OPEN HOUSE** hosted by Jamie Sheridan, Sheridan Law and the 1st JD on June 19, you missed a small but mighty gathering. This event was held at the Brick Room in Golden. We are looking for more volunteers to sponsor Open Houses in the coming months. Reach out to admin@1stjd.org if you are interested. Thank you Jamie for your hospitality.



JUDGES AND AWARDS RECEPTION

at

RED ROCKS COUNTRY CLUB

October 26, 2024

4:00 pm

Enjoy an expansive array of appetizers along
with a cash bar

Cost \$55

Reservations for the Reception:

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/register/2024/10/26/judges-awards-reception-red-rocks-country-club-information-to-follow>

We are looking forward to honoring award winners
along with the incoming and outgoing judicial bench
Please help us assure that we have nominees for all awards.

AWARD OF MERIT

FREDERICK J. MYERS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

LINDA T. PALMIERI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CHILDREN

LISA HARNES MEMORIAL AWARD

GEORGE HOLLEY YOUNG LAWYER AWARD

CLAUDIA D. MILLER LIBERTY BELL AWARD

You can see a description and qualifications for each award on
the following page and at the link below.

CELEBRATE those special people we see make
a difference every day by

MAKING A NOMINATION

<https://1stjd.org/awards/#!event-list>

The Judges and Awards Reception Nominations

October 26, 2024

We need your nominations to make it successful. 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.

TO NOMINATE GO TO: <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.

PRO BONO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MVL July 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 is necessary. Contact [Patrick Marzolino](#) to volunteer.

Friday, July 12

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Permanent Orders) | Jefferson County Courthouse

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

Thursday, July 18

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Permanent Orders) | Adams County District Court

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

Friday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 23

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Permanent Orders) | Denver City and County Building

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

Friday, July 26

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (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.

Tuesday, July 9

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

Thursday, July 11

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual—Staffed by Volunteers from the Department of Law

Friday, July 12

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. | Arapahoe County District Court

PRO BONO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MVL July Volunteer Opportunities

Family Law Advice & Guidance Cont.

Monday, July 15

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Friday, July 19

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

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Friday, July 26

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jefferson

Estate Planning Program

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 [Meghan Dill-Meinzer](#) to volunteer.

Training on how to use the software for new volunteers will begin *30 minutes before each clinic*.

Monday, July 22

1:00 –4:00 p.m. | St. Martin Plaza | Denver, CO—Staffed by Volunteers from [David Graham & Stubbs](#)

Tuesday, July 30

1:00–4:00 p.m. | Holy Family Plaza | Denver, 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, July 10

6:00–8:00 p.m. | Denver Indian Center | Denver, CO

Referral Program

Provide full pro bono representation for various 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.