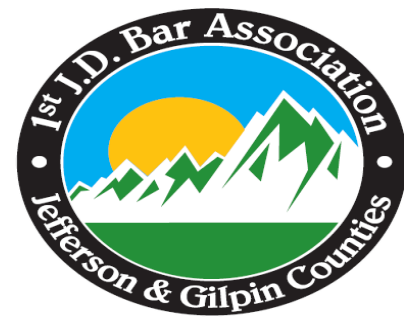


PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association



MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the Association shall be to enhance the practice of law within Gilpin and Jefferson 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 communities of the 1st Judicial District, 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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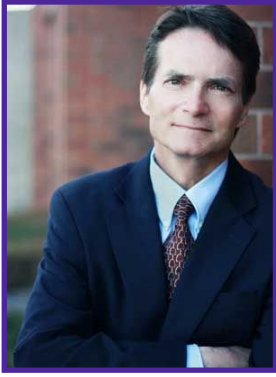
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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

ALAN HENDRIX

I am writing shortly after our well attended Judges' Roundtable on August 14. My fault that we had no actual round tables, but those didn't seem to help Ho Chi Minh and Henry Kissinger in Paris, so no harm, no foul. The Bar attends the Judges' Roundtable with the question, what are the Judges thinking? I know exactly what the Judge is thinking; invariably the Judge is thinking *what the heck is that Lawyer thinking?*

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE (If you act now for a limited time only)

1st JD Domestic Relations Bench Bar Meeting; Tuesday, October 8, 12:00 -1:00 pm; Jeffco Courthouse, Courtroom 430; In Person and Virtual – Free to 1st JD members; Produced by Judge Meegan Miloud & Tom Walsh along with the Jeffco Domestic Judges and Magistrates

UNRAVEL THE GAVEL: 1st JD Chat Series; Discussing civil practice from a judge's perspective, including Case management; Discovery disputes; Ethical issues. Free to 1st JD members. Virtual CLE; Thursday, November 21, 2024; 12:00 pm-1:00pm Featuring District Court Judges: Christopher Zenisek, Russell Klein; and Chantel Contiguglia. Produced by Rebecca Taylor and the aforementioned.

A shout out to our Bench for being supportive of our Bar, from Chief Judge Pilkington on down. Thank you! As a further example of our Court involvement and support, in a "trial" program our Bar may engage our Bench with questions, anonymous or not. Questions will go through Vicki Malara, our Executive Director at email, admin@1stjd.org, with heading of *Qs4Bench* to be forwarded on. We may get answers from several judges or one or none.

Anonymously I will start with these.

1. *When and why, if ever, did you aspire to do this work?*
2. *After your initial experiences, maybe similar to drinking from a fire hose, are you able to maintain a routine and a reasonable work life balance?*
3. *Along the same lines, are there classes in compartmentalizing or other techniques, so you are able to leave heavy issues at the courthouse and not bring them home?*
4. *Would you like to see trial courts go to larger fonts, like our appellate courts?*
5. *Speaking of fonts, and no less an authority than Bryan Garner, proselytizes we all need to get away from Times New Roman; do you have a preference there or do you notice?*
6. *Are reading all pleadings on your computer screen or are some being printed up?*

We have a really great bench in the 1st JD. I wonder why that is. Here is my answer. It's like real estate. Location. Location. Location. After all, we are a combination of the Best Little County in Colorado and the Gateway to the Rockies. We have world-famous Red Rocks right at our side, front or back door depending.

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We have a terrific courthouse, now 31 years old. At the time of opening in 1993, it was criticized as the Taj Mahal. Too much. Too big. Too fancy. Certainly not too big now. We need more room with our magistrates having to sit on each other's laps. Hopefully, that will be remedied. Soon?

I recall the facility we had before, which was interesting with a multi-story open courtyard of sorts and the judge's chambers just a desk, right on the hallways. Some of the other counties were interesting as well with bats in their belfries (Arapahoe) and round cinderblock buildings (Adams) with impossible security. I remember the tragic case in Arapahoe County that upped security immediately.

We didn't have fax machines which I thought were some kind of magic when they came around. We had rotary phones and I thought pushbutton phones were some kind of magic when they came around. And then I pushed back hard because I was used to the legal-size paper. No word processing and no online research of any kind. I really don't miss Shepardizing by hard copy. I guess Shepardizing has gone the way of buggy whips. Let's make Shepardizing great again. No, let's not.

We have great events coming up including our golf tournament on September 26, at Hiwan, to benefit CASA. Always interesting with the elk being shall we say, "in season." You don't have to be a member of the bar to sign up for the golf tournament. You don't even have to golf because you can come for Happy Hour.

Last year, my wife maybe got a little too happy and tried to play a shill in the auction for a fantastic-what I'm told at least-golf club. That didn't work so well and Andy McLetchie hammered it down to my wife. So now I have it as a decoration in my home office next to this wooden propeller. I'm not a pilot either so there seems to be a theme here. Did I mention my wife and I don't golf.

The Judges' banquet will be held on October 26 at the Red Rocks Country Club, a great facility. Holding out for good weather we will have heavy apps and bars inside and out to slack your thirst. The banquet is our effort to compete with the Oscars and we give out well-deserved honors and awards. Last time we had the banquet pre-Covid at Red Rocks we sold out. We hope to sell out again. It's an all-around good time.

Much of the work of the bar association, formally known as the Board of Trustees of the 1st Judicial District, is delegated. And we have great delegates. Currently, we have the following doing the heavy lifting. Some of these have done different work for many years and may have moved on to other groups, but always lend a helping hand.

Awards Committee **Magistrate Marianne Tims**

Judges & Awards Reception **Chris Radeff**

Bench/Bar **Judge Meegan Miloud & Tom Walsh**

CLE/Professionalism **Steve Cook**

Golf **Andrew McLetchie- Jon Bradley** has just recently moved to committee member and Andrew is now chair

Mock Trial **Judge Jennifer Melton**

Board Nominating Committee Current President Elect- **Joe Maher**

Law Day is now run by the **Self-Help Group**. **Magistrate Tims** has been the chair for several years along with **Chris Radeff**. They both moved on to other groups but they both still help.



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WebEx will be available
[https:// judicial.webex.com/meet/meegan.miloud](https://judicial.webex.com/meet/meegan.miloud)
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Do You Have Questions for the Bench?

Qs4Bench

With potential of Court involvement and support, in a "trial" program our Bar may ask non-specific to case or ruling questions of our Bench, anonymous or not.

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THE FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION HAS AN UNEXPECTED VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

If you are interested in serving, please send your resume to admin@1stjd.org.
Deadline for submission-Friday, **September 13.**

Join the Board of Directors and get involved in the 1st JD Bar Assn.

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

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.

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 :

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October 26, 2024

4:00 pm

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Reservations for the Reception:

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METRO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Do you have a few hours of time to assist an individual or family in need of legal assistance? Volunteer with Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL) to help bridge the gap in access to justice to 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, September 13

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

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

Thursday, September 19

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

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

Friday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

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

Friday, September 27

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

1:00 p.m.–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, September 5

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. | Adams County District Court - Staffed by Volunteers from the Department of Law

Tuesday, September 10

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

Thursday, September 12

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

MVL Volunteer Opportunities Continued

Family Law Advice & Guidance

Monday, September 16

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Friday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Virtual

Friday, September 27

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. | Jefferson County Courthouse — Staffed by Volunteers from Smith & Cook

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, September 23

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. | Sheridan Glen | Denver, CO

Tuesday, September 24

12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. | The Audrey | Highlands Ranch, CO — Staffed by Volunteers from [Hackstaff Snow Atkinson & Griess](#)

Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center

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Wednesday, September 4

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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

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