

# 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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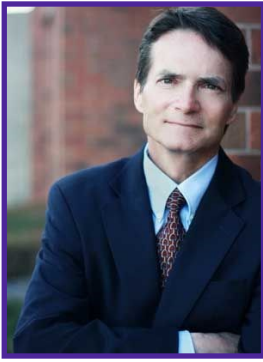
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## ALAN HENDRIX

### PRESIDENTS COLUMN

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was Covid times. My apologies to Charles for the plagiarism.

I came on to the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Board of Trustees in 2018. That was pre-Covid, as Covid started up elsewhere in late 2019 and fired up big time in early 2020. Below is a cut and paste from a brief I filed late 2019 and you would think I was prescient! No, you probably would not, especially when you are now told the brief was not found to be persuasive. What the Dickens!

In hearing post Covid, one of our Bench stated some good things came out of Covid. I was certain the next word was going to be “bidets,” but no, the reference was to the efficiency of WebEx. I would have said bidets. Full stop. Fortunately, science does not stand still.

I know a little bit about such things because as a teenager I had the pleasure of filling the manure wagon at my paternal granddad’s farm in Ohio in July and August with all the fragrance, flies and humidity that comes along with that chore. My granddad said all lawyers were thieves and that is maybe how some farmers think. Although he farmed until he was 89, I was still in college, so he did not live to see my downfall. Having shoveled a fair amount, it does seem there are some common characteristics between that and lawyering.

Now back to my assertion of best/good/Covid times. When you go to the great Google machine, you will read, skies were bluer. Fewer cars were crashing. Crime was falling. Some infectious diseases were fading. Improved relationships. Improved financial situations and positive employment changes.

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Defendant’s biomechanical witness testified the odds of Plaintiff being injured in the 2013 rear-end Collision was 0.05%. This probability testimony was misleading, highly prejudicial and irrelevant and could only act to confuse the finder of fact.

Here are two examples to illustrate the total irrelevance of this testimony. A carton of 18 numbered eggs is dropped to the floor and one egg breaks. At most there is only 1 chance in 18 (6%) that any particular egg will break. What would be the point of testimony after the fact that a particular egg was not likely to break? It clearly did break.

In the lovely historic graveyards above Central City, Colorado, many graves indicate that the buried died from the 1918 Spanish flu. As only 3% of the world’s population died from this pandemic, would it make sense to wake up the dead to tell them that they did not die from the Spanish Flu?

Covid pushed our bar association's budget heavily into the black (do not worry we are still minding the store) because our income was mostly stable from dues and the judge's banquet and the golf tournament were not held (although more about that later) and other expense items were shut down. However, we were unable to fulfill our mission statement, so that was bad.

Now about golf. Talking to a Rolling Hills board member, thoughts that the Covid shut down would hurt did not come to pass. The club ended up with a significant waiting list and raised their dues from high demand. Golf was something that could be done semi-remotely and extremely remotely if I'm hitting the ball. Tennis courts were full, although you had to put your name on the tennis ball so only you would pick it up.

We have come a long way in our understanding of Covid. A lot of money was spent spraying down subway cars and platforms, as it turns out for no helpful reason; although who knew. Fortunately, science does not stand still.

I am old enough to have lived through the five common childhood diseases. Do you know them by name? I remember some of them very well, especially chicken-pox. I was a walking scab. Only my daughter suffered from one of the five. Fortunately, science does not stand still.

Many people also got polio, some of them with no effect whatsoever, but others like FDR and a close family friend, Mona Haliburton did. Mona ended up sleeping the rest of her life in an iron lung. She lived into her 80s and was one of the last to use an iron lung. The parts were becoming difficult to find. She has an interesting story, and here are 2 links about her life.

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The polio vaccine developed from a shot in the arm, to a drop on a sugar cube. A program called SOS which meant Sabin on Sundays, was run nationwide on 3 consecutive Sundays starting in 1960. Sabin was a protégé of Salk who created the first polio vaccine. Fortunately, science does not stand still.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pickard Law is excited to announce the addition of two new attorneys to our team:

***Chloe Alder***  
**&**  
***Shannon Gibson***

Chloe is a recent graduate of DU Law School who recently passed the Colorado Bar. She plans to have a general practice focused in the areas of Animal Law, Family Law, Personal Injury and Criminal Law.

Shannon is a veteran litigator out of Texas who recently passed the Colorado Bar. She, too, will have a general practice focusing on General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury and Family Law.

## COURTHOUSE EVENTS

### **Mock Trial Volunteers**

February 21, 2025 & February 22, 2025

Two rounds each day.

- Morning round check in at 8:30 am in Courtroom 130
- Afternoon check in at 12:30 pm in Courtroom 130.

Please specify whether you are volunteering as a scoring panelist or a presiding judge

To volunteer **respond to:**

**[1stJDMockTrialVolunteers@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:1stJDMockTrialVolunteers@judicial.state.co.us)**



## FIRST JD BAR ASSOCIATION Virtual CLE'S

**Thursday, November 21, 2024  
12:00 pm—1:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm**

1st JD members Free & non 1st JD members \$10  
You must register to get CLE credit.  
The Zoom link to attend will be sent to registrants the day before the event

**Cost—\$10**

***UNRAVEL THE GAVEL:  
1ST JD CHAT SERIES WITH  
MEMBERS OF THE BENCH***

**THE INTERSECTION OF CHILD  
WELFARE AND DOMESTIC  
RELATIONS CASES**

**Featuring District Court Judges**

**The Honorable Christopher Zenisek  
The Honorable Russell Klein  
The Honorable Chantel E. Contiguglia**

**Featuring  
Jennifer Mullenbach,  
Deputy County Attorney  
&  
Jeffco Magistrate  
Blair McCarthy**

**Discussing civil practice in the 1st JD including**

**Case management from a judge's perspective  
Discovery disputes and motions practice  
Avoiding ethical issues**

**Accredited for 1 General CLE credit  
including .3 Ethics Credit**

**CLE Credit Requested**

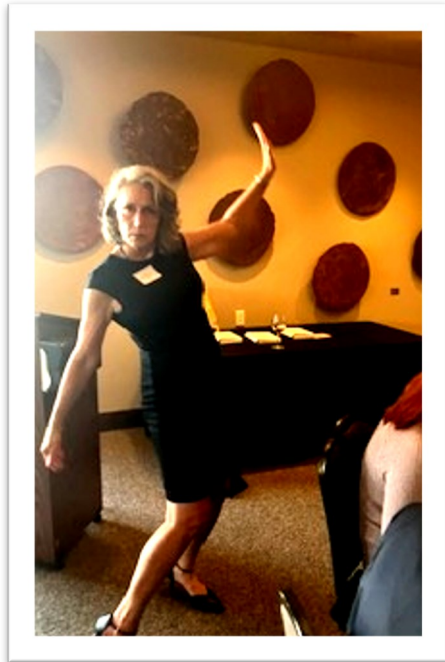
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# Judges and Awards Reception

On October 26, 2024 Bench and Bar members gathered at Red Rocks Country Club to honor incoming and outgoing judicial officers, as well as 1st JD award recipients.



Judge Tamara Russell was the evening's Emcee Extraordinaire!



Chief Judge Pilkington welcomed the guests.



Retired Judge Randall Arp



Retired Magistrate Judith Goeke

# A Bevy of Judicial Officers



**Judge Lindsay VanGilder**



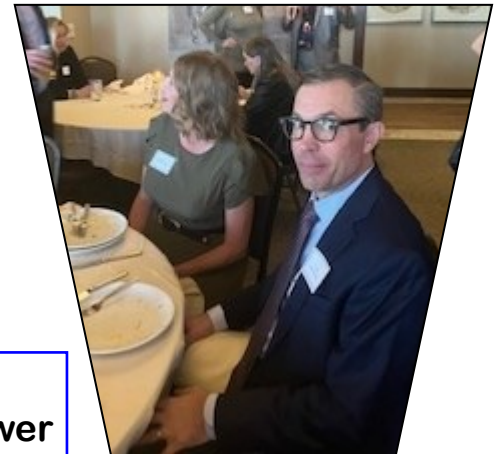
**Judge Russell Klein**



**Judge Jason Carrithers**



**Judge Andrew Poland**



**Judge  
Ryan Loewer**

# A Multitude of Members



**Joe Pickard**



**Bar President Alan  
Hendrix and Bar Vice  
President Joe Maher**

**Ali Brady and Mario  
Nicolais check in  
attendees**



**Attendees  
enjoying the  
evening**





# Award Honorees



**Judge Zenisek accepts the Lisa Harness Award on behalf of his Division Clerk, Eileen Kraus**



**Retired Judge Gail Meinster presents the Linda T. Palmieri Award to recipient Kathleen Curley.**



**Hannah Westmont presents the Award of Merit to Robin Beattie.**



**Embry and Cricket Servis speak about their father as they accept the Frederick J. Myers Award for Professionalism post-humously awarded to Ron Servis.**



**1st JD Bar Association President Alan Hendrix addresses attendees after the traditional passing of the gavel.**

