

MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the Association shall be to enhance the practice of law within Gilpin and Jefferson Counties, 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 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.

1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2025 5:30-6:30

Jeffco Courthouse, Bear Creek Room

PRESENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Magistrate Nic Campbell, Alan Hendrix
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Courtney Baldwin, Ali Brady, Judge Russell Klein, Tariq Sheikh, Rebecca Taylor
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Judge Keith Goman
GUESTS	Steve Cook, Andy Hart
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Vicki Malara

ABSENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Joseph Maher
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Heather Cannon, Andrew McLetchie, April Murtha, Mario Nicolais, Catherine Tieman, Judge Lindsay VanGilder
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Preston Branaugh, Judge Andrew Poland, Judge Tamara Russell

MOCK TRIAL

Judge Jennifer Melton, Laura Arcilise, Court Administrative Office Manager and JoLyn Oliver, Director The Providence Foundation of Law & Leadership, joined the meeting to discuss potential problems with Mock Trial costs for next year. The bar association maintains a liability account for Mock Trial, receiving a donation from CBA Mock Trial each year that has always covered the Mock Trial costs. The County charged Mock Trial for security this year and because of weather issues the cost doubled. We are now informed that the cost will be even higher next year. Mock trial is for high schools in Jefferson County. The use of the building for the benefit of Jefferson County high school students is justified for our community. To begin, the status of the 1st JD Bar Association Liability Mock Trial Account is shown below.

Finance details of Mock Trial:

Beginning balance 7/1/24 in Mock Trial Liability account-includes surplus from previous years Mock Trials \$3926.67.

CBA Mock Trial contribution for 2025 \$2733. Total available for 2025 \$6659.67

Expense for Mock Trial February 2025-\$4644.00 Security, \$1730.63 for Awards and Refreshments. Remaining available-\$285.04

Laura detailed potential charges for county support at the Mock Trial next year-\$6,000 snow removal, if necessary, \$3600 facilities fee and security charges.

The plan to address the issue:

Magistrate Campbell volunteered to address the issue directly with Building management.

Judge Melton and Ali Brady will compute the numbers of teachers, volunteers and students that have and will continue to be benefited from Mock Trial to get a sense of the impact on the community.

Approach the schools and court administration along with Chief Judge Pilkington to determine if the event can be rescheduled to take place on two week days instead of the weekend so that we would not incur weekend charges.

Contact the county commissioners, specifically, Andy Kerr for assistance utilizing Alan, Chris Radeff and Mario Nicolais.

STEVE COOK & ANDY HART
MVL

Steve and Andy attended to reach out to the bar about MVL. There have been some recent staff cuts which result in Anthony Pereira moving into the primary contact person for the bar. They spoke of the extensive assistance MVL continues to provide to the Jeffco community and they commit to being a liaison between MVL and the board for any questions or concerns. They invited the board to the May 3rd Soiree at DaVita and will send an invitation.

MINUTES

Board meeting minutes for February January were approved. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income YTD under budget by \$700
Expense over budget for February by \$1891-primarily because of the overpaid dues sent to CBA -\$1635.
Mock Trial will have \$285 in the Liability account after all expenses are paid.
No other large transactions expected until June when MVL is due- \$12,000.00.
Dues collected but not deposited total \$2235.

The Cash Projection Report shows the bar is \$3,6987 under projection as of February 2025 compared to June 2025 when dues will begin to post.

Balance Sheet Comparison between February 28, 2025 and February 28, 2024 show the bar is down \$1,176.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

CONTACTING NEW
MEMBERS

No response yet from the communication sent to new members.

CPA FIRMS

More information about costs for a new CPA will be available after the regular tax year passes. The bar tax year ends on June 30.

OLD BUSINESS

April Murtha, Committee information pending.
Date and venue for Reception.

