

# PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association

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## 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 JD, 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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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

### JOSEPH MAHER

This month, I looked for jokes that would be lighthearted. But, as the season changes, opinions continue to differ, and we listen to the nightly news for our town, state, and country, I continue to focus on the importance and need for community. A community that provides healthy and safe outlets for individuals to obtain the engagement, support, services, and any help they need, including here at the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association.

The 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association is working diligently to enhance the services we offer our members and explore ways to further contribute to the community. This past week, the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association successfully held its annual golf tournament to support CASA. In a couple of weeks, we will have our annual awards ceremony to celebrate our judicial officers and the great work the members of our community have done and continue to do. At the same time, we are diligently working to reach out to the community and those who wish to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association. If you believe the bar association can do more, want to be more involved, or just have a question or comment, please don't hesitate to contact me at [joe@schaffnerlawllc.com](mailto:joe@schaffnerlawllc.com).

**REMINDER–** This is the Membership Dues renewal period. If you have not paid your membership dues you will soon be dropped from CBA and your local bar, 1st JD Bar Association. *We hope you find value in your membership and arrange to renew your membership dues. We look forward to working with you this year.*

**As always, If you have any questions about your membership options at 1st JD, contact us at [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org).**

Renew your dues with the CBA by applying online at [cobar.org/membershipapplications](http://cobar.org/membershipapplications), or contact the CBA membership team at [membership@cobar.org](mailto:membership@cobar.org) or 303-860-1115.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT JENNA ROTH PETERSON

When asked to participate in the member spotlight, I immediately thought, "I am far too young in life and in my career to have anything to discuss in a member spotlight." Then I remembered I turned 50 this year and graduated from law school 24 years ago.

I grew up on a farm in Iowa and although I didn't know any actual attorneys, I declared at a young age I was going to be one when I grew up. My mother said she knew it would be a good fit because I perfected the art of arguing around age 3. I attended the University of Iowa College of Law where I met my husband, Andrew Peterson. Ours is a romantic love story that goes something like this: first day of crim law - you know, when it's super important to choose the right seat. My future husband scouts out the two good-looking girls in the class (apparently, I was one of them) and decides to approach me to ask if, "this seat is taken?" My obvious reply was, "do you see anyone sitting there?" - I mean the seat was empty - before turning back to the conversation I was having with the girl next to me. Andrew chose to swallow his pride and sit next to me, and I've reminded him for the past 27 years that he knew what he was getting into before he even started dating me.

Upon graduating law school Andrew and I decided to move to Colorado where we knew exactly five people in the entire state and had no job prospects. I'm sure our parents were impressed. I was certain the last thing I wanted to do was any type of law that required me to speak in a public setting. Job prospects were slim, however, and Tammy Russell ended up hiring me as a municipal prosecutor at the City of Lakewood where I got to speak in a public setting every single day. We had the most fun and turns out I really like to talk - really in any setting. Tammy also introduced me to the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association where I served on the board and had the opportunity to connect with amazing people.

I currently am the police and fire legal advisor for the City of Westminster, and I have found my niche. What is better than

standing in front of a room full of sworn men and women and telling them all about new statutes, caselaw, and other riveting information? *Who doesn't love the law!* I am one of those lucky individuals who loves my job and the people I get to work with even if they sometimes do not like the news I deliver.

When I'm not hanging out at the police or fire station, I enjoy spending time with my family. I follow our 13-year-old daughter through her competitive cheer journey and our 16-year-old son through his journey to obtain his private pilot's license. Side note: who in their right mind thinks it's rational that one can obtain their private pilot license at age 14 but cannot obtain their driver's license until age 16? I also enjoy hanging out with our two dogs - Walter and Lucy. I'll give an honorable mention to our cats but cannot truly say I enjoy hanging out with them.



## **JUDGES AND AWARDS RECEPTION**

Saturday, October 11, 2025

**RED ROCKS COUNTRY CLUB**

**16235 W Bellevue Ave, Morrison, CO**

**4:00 pm**

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**<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2025/10/11/judges-awards-reception>**

## BAR NEWS

### 1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION CLE/PROFESSIONALISM COMMITTEE



Looking for members interested in joining the CLE/Professionalism Committee.

Respond to [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)

**Committee Responsibilities:** The Committee is responsible for recruiting presenters for relevant topics for the practice of law in all areas. The Committee hosts lunch-hour CLE's in person and with an option for Zoom.

#### VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

Help us spotlight the 1st JD Bar Association at the **Swearing In Ceremony on October 27 at 3:30 at Boetcher Concert Hall**. The bar will have a table at the ceremony to spread the word about the benefits of 1st JD membership-Such as Free CLE'S, Judges Roundtable CLE, Golf Tournament, Judges and Awards Reception and *coming soon* -new opportunities to meet the board, the bench and 1st JD members at multiple events this year. If you are interested, let us know at [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)





## **1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION GOLF EVENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CASA**

Thank you to Hiwan Golf Club for a great course and a successful event.

Thank you to the Golf Committee for planning this great event.

Thank you to the CASA staff for all the great volunteers.

Thank you to the sponsors JAMS \* FOWLER, SCHIMBERG FLANAGAN MCLEITCHIE \*, GEIGLE MORALES \* BRADLEY DEVITT STRAUB \* JAG for your generosity.

And most of all, thanks to the players who made this all possible.

**See you next year.**

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- Act as a positive and professional representative of Pickard Law in the community.

### Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from an accredited law school.
- Active and in good standing with the Colorado Bar.
- **A minimum of one year of experience as a practicing attorney.**
- Strong legal research, writing, and analytical skills.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A strong work ethic and a desire for professional growth.

### Compensation & Benefits:

- **Salary Range:** The base salary for this position is **\$84,000 annually**, with the potential for additional compensation through performance-based bonuses.
- **Bonuses:** Bonuses are designed to reward hard work and are directly tied to your contributions and the firm's success.
- **Growth and Flexibility:** The compensation and position are structured to provide significant flexibility and opportunity for an attorney who is motivated to grow their practice and build a strong professional reputation.
- **Benefits:** Additional compensation will include eligibility for the firm's health insurance plan (your portion paid 100% by Pickard Law), CLE (Continuing Legal Education) reimbursement, Short term and long term disability, life insurance, etc.

### How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, and cover letter on a **physically signed letter** to our office manager, Isobel Tutchton at [Isobel@lawpickard.com](mailto:Isobel@lawpickard.com). This firm is a great place to grow your practice, learn new skills, and significantly advance your practice while still receiving a high level of compensation through the incentive bonus structure. We would love to have a new addition that really wants to learn and grow professionally, and we equally have a desire to help you do that.

# JEFFCO RESOURCES

## Call for Participation: Legal Services Directory for Low- and Moderate-Income Pro Se Parties

The 1st JD Bar Association, in collaboration with the 1st Judicial District Access to Justice Committee, is seeking attorneys and licensed legal paraprofessionals (LLPs) who are interested in being included in the *Legal Services Directory for Pro Se Parties with Low or Moderate Income*. This directory features legal professionals who are willing to consider clients' financial circumstances when determining fees and/or offer unbundled legal services. It is available on the [Colorado Judicial Branch 1<sup>st</sup> JD webpage](#) on the Colorado State Courts website and is also distributed at the Court-house. If you would like to be included in the directory, please contact Anthony Pereira at [apereira@denbar.org](mailto:apereira@denbar.org) and provide the following information:

- Full Name
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- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Firm Website (if applicable)
- Practice Areas
- Whether you consider financial circumstances and/or offer unbundled services (you must offer at least one)
- Colorado Supreme Court Registration Number
- Please indicate if you are an LLP

We appreciate your commitment to increasing access to justice in our community.

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR PRO BONO DAY ON OCTOBER 22

**Civil** – 3 attorneys for the 9-11 slot, 3 attorneys for the 11-1 slot, and 3 attorneys for the 1-3 slot.

**Family Law** – 2 attorneys for the 9-11 slot and 2 attorneys for the 11 – 1 slot.

**Probate** – 1 attorney for the 11-1 slot

**Criminal/delinquency** – 1 attorney for the 9-11 slot, and 1 attorney for the 1-3 slot.

Thank you to those that have already offered to volunteer, and if you have already responded to me, please disregard this request.. I look forward to hearing from you!

Andy Schultz  
Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator – 1<sup>st</sup>  
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## News Release

### Colorado Judicial Branch

Monica M. Márquez, Chief Justice  
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#### **Application period opens for Judicial Nominating Commission positions**

Applications are now being accepted for upcoming and current vacancies on 17 Judicial Nominating Commissions throughout Colorado. Also listed are four vacancies for the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

42 judicial nominating commission vacancies and seven vacancies on the Supreme Court judicial nominating commission will be filled between now and mid-January 2025. Judicial nominating commissioners are volunteers who serve six-year terms. They interview applicants for judicial vacancies and nominate candidates to the governor for consideration.

Each judicial district nominating commission consists of seven citizens residing in that judicial district and one supreme court justice who serves as a non-voting ex officio member. No more than four members can be from the same political party, and there must be at least one voting member from each county in the district. Commission members serve six-year terms. Non-lawyers, who make up the majority of every nominating commission, are appointed by the governor. Lawyer members are appointed by joint action of the governor, attorney general, and chief justice.

More information on nominating commissions can be found on the judicial department's website at [coloradojudicial.gov/supreme-court/judicial-nominating-commissions](https://coloradojudicial.gov/supreme-court/judicial-nominating-commissions).

Applications are being accepted now for all vacancies, and applicants are encouraged to apply early, as appointments may begin this month. Applications may be made only online at the State of Colorado Boards and Commissions Application page. Applicants should include a current resume or biography where indicated on the application.

Please contact: [boards@state.co.us](mailto:boards@state.co.us) with questions or for more information.

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