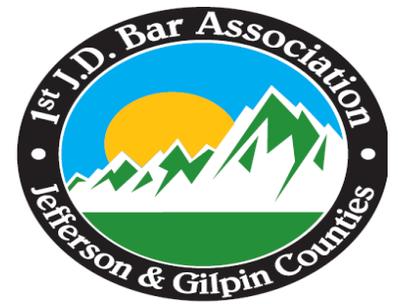


# PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association

**FEBRUARY  
2026**



## 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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Mock Trial **Friday, February 27, 2026**

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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

### JOSEPH MAHER

"Knock, knock!" "Who's there?" "Dewey." "Dewey who?" "Dewey really have to wait six more weeks for spring?"

While Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and returned inside, the 1<sup>st</sup> JD Bar Association continues its efforts to meet its members in the community. We have had two great events, seeing different members each time, and we are looking forward to next month's event which will be published soon.

Mock Trial is underway, and the bar association cannot thank the organizers and volunteers enough for their time and energy.

As always, if you have ideas on how the 1<sup>st</sup> JD can help its members, we want to hear from you. On that note, the application period to join the Board of Trustees/Board of Governors will soon open, and we hope many of you apply. If you are not interested, but know a great candidate, please share with us who that person is and why.

How does a leprechaun say farewell? Irish you well!

-Joe

### MOCK TRIAL REMINDER FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Mock trial** will be held on **Friday 2/27/26**. Two rounds that start at 9am and 1pm.

Check in is in Courtroom 130 at 8:30am and 12:30 respectively. It is important to check in Courtroom 130 thirty minutes before the rounds start. Volunteers will receive materials and courtroom assignments at check-in.

Refreshments and lunch provided. Please indicate which round(s) you will volunteer for and whether you want to be a presiding judge or a scoring panelist

Please reply to [1stJDMockTrialVolunteers@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:1stJDMockTrialVolunteers@judicial.state.co.us)

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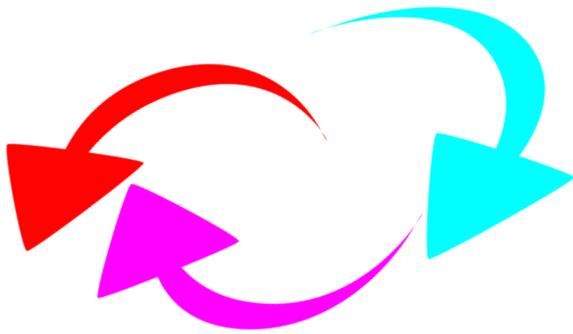


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Did you know you can utilize the 1st JD Bar Association website to:

- ◆ Create a business profile
- ◆ Advertise your firm
- ◆ Find and register for upcoming events
- ◆ Post career opportunities

While you are here take a look around the site.

**FREE ADS  
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members**

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## **GENESEE LAW OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE**

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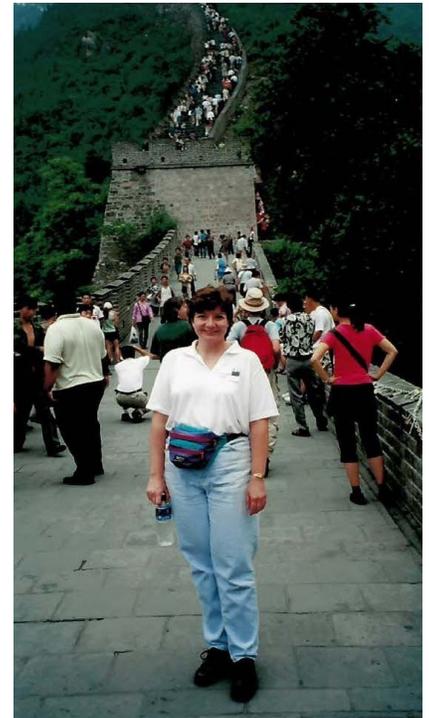
Georgine Kryda first came to Colorado in 1971 on a family vacation, and again in 2007 after law school as a Presidential Management Fellow with the Minerals Management Service. She started her law firm, Georgine M. Kryda, Ph.D., Esq., LLC, in 2008 in Golden to advise on trust and estate planning, administration, and litigation, as well as to provide mediation, arbitration, and expert witness services. She started Georgine M. Kryda, C.P.A., LLC in 2015 for tax dispute resolution, tax return preparation and forensic accounting and other litigation support services related to the area of trusts and estates.

Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Georgine earned her B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Knox College; a Master of International Management from Thunderbird (now part of Arizona State University); an MBA with an emphasis in Finance at North Central College while creating financial models and doing data analysis for a health care consulting firm; and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a major field in International Business and dual minor fields in economic policy and political science. Studies, work, and vacations have taken Georgine to over 30 countries.

After teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in Oregon and California in international business, strategic management, and political economy, Georgine moved to Washington, D.C., to earn her J.D. at The George Washington University Law School. During law school, Georgine clerked for the American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, and interned with the National Federation of International Business's Legal Foundation.

Back in Colorado, Georgine earned her LL.M. in Taxation at the University of Denver; became a CPA and a Certified Fraud Examiner; and recently became an Enrolled Agent with the IRS and passed the AICPA's Certification in Financial Forensics exam. Georgine mediated for Jefferson County Mediation Services, and arbitrated for the Better Business Bureau for over a decade, and served as chair of the CBA's Taxation Section and as a member of the Trust & Estate Section. She continues to (co-) teach CLEs, the next one of which is on April 7, 2026, on the Uniform Fiduciary Income & Principal Act.

Georgine has completed several marathons; enjoys hiking and tennis, theatrical performances; and loves showing friends her adopted home state of Colorado.



At the Great Wall of China



Portland Marathon



## 1ST JD BAR ASSOCIATION CLE

### GUARDIANSHIP TRANSITION FROM DR TO PR ONCE CHILDREN TURN 18

Presented by  
Lisa Blattner, Lisa Blattner Law Firm  
Josh Murphy, Glatstein & O'Brien LLP  
Courtney Baldwin, Beattie, Westmont & Simpson, L.L.C.

Analysis of the intersection of domestic relations cases addressing the allocation of parental responsibilities and guardianship proceedings involving children who were previously the subject of domestic cases but who have aged out and require care beyond the age of 18. Tips for family law practitioners in advising their clients regarding how to best prepare for a probate/guardianship proceeding when the client's child(ren) require ongoing care.

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

**Jefferson County Courthouse  
Faye Griffith Meeting Room  
12:00-1:00 pm**

1st JD Bar Association members In Person/Virtual FREE  
Non 1st JD Bar Association members In Person/Virtual \$10  
[Register here](#)

### ***Join the Board of Directors of the 1st JD Bar Association***

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

*We are looking for interested people to get more involved in the organization! Being involved in the bar association is a great way to meet other lawyers along with the judicial bench. The nominating committee meets in April to consider appointments. If you are interested in a position, please send a letter outlining your interest along with a resume to: [admin@1stjd.org](mailto:admin@1stjd.org)*

***Deadline April 1, 2026***

# JOB POSTINGS

## **Legal Assistant/Paralegal Position at Smith & Cook, LLC Private practice emphasizing litigation in family law, criminal defense, general civil litigation, including personal injury, and estate planning**

### **Role Description**

This is a full-time, on-site Legal Assistant role located in Littleton, CO. The Legal Assistant will be responsible for supporting attorneys through legal document preparation, organizing and maintaining legal files, conducting research, managing correspondence, and facilitating effective communication with clients and stakeholders. Additional responsibilities include performing general administrative tasks and ensuring the smooth operations of the legal office.

### **Qualifications**

- Proficiency in Legal Document Preparation and familiarity with legal terminology and processes preferred
  - Comprehensive knowledge of legal practices and principles preferred
  - Strong Communication skills with the ability to communicate effectively with clients, legal teams, and other professionals
  - Experience in Administrative Assistance and office organization
  - Prior experience or training as a Legal Assistant preferred
- Strong attention to detail, organizational, and time-management skills

### **Compensation and Benefits**

Base pay for this position will vary depending on experience between \$50,000 to \$65,000. Additional compensation includes:  
participation in the firm's health insurance plan (monthly premium 100% paid by employer)  
participation in 401(k) with maximum employer matching and immediate vesting

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Qualified candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Steve Cook at [steve@smithandcook.com](mailto:steve@smithandcook.com).

# JOB POSTINGS

## Attorney Position at Pickard Law

Pickard Law is seeking a dedicated and motivated Attorney to join our growing firm. This is an excellent opportunity for an attorney with a passion for client service and a desire to build a thriving legal career within a supportive community environment. We are looking for a professional who is committed to providing exceptional representation and upholding the firm's reputation for excellence.

### Responsibilities:

- Represent clients in various legal matters from inception to resolution in the areas of domestic, partition, and general civil litigation.
- Communicate effectively with clients, opposing counsel, and court personnel.
- Manage a caseload efficiently and meet deadlines.
- 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.