

PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association

May
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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June 3 CLE *Fit To Practice-Workshop that approaches lawyer well-being as a professional competency issue rather than a personal health topic

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Behavioral Health Court
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Upcoming Bar events—Mark your calendars

Annual CBA membership renewals

5280 Magazine Top Lawyer Nominations

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Nominate a deserving colleague for the Judges & Awards Reception

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

JOSEPH MAHER

Where do sheep go on summer vacation? The BAA-HAMAS!

As another academic year ends and families make plans for the summer, we, the 1st JD Bar Association, continue our efforts to build the organization and reach the community we serve.

Feel free to join us at the upcoming swearing-in ceremony on June 1st, where the 1st JD will be there to support the new admittees! **If you want information email to admin@1stjd.org**

Also, we will be having our last board meeting of this term at the courthouse. Please join the current board, along with the new board members, on June 16th at 100 Jefferson County Parkway in the Bear Creek Room at 5:30. We had a great turn out earlier this month and hope to see more members in June. Register at:

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2026/6/16/join-us-for-the-last-board-meeting-of-the-fiscal-year-meet-retiring-and-incoming-board-members-enjoy-a-slice-of-pizza-and-softer-drinks-courthouse-bear-creek-room-main-floor-admin-side-left-at-elevators-turn-right-at-2nd-alcove>

Which month can't make a decision? MAYbe

COMING SOON FROM THE 1ST JD

Do you have a professional question for a member of the Jeffco Judicial Bench?

A new dedicated email for those questions will soon be available. Questions will be directed to the individual or to a designated judicial representative if not specified to a specific judicial officer. Questions and answers will be posted in the Proclamation for the benefit of all.

1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION CLE
FIT TO PRACTICE: A SIX-DOMAIN WELL-BEING
ASSESSMENT FOR LAWYERS



ELAINE PROULX
MA, NBC-HWC Health & Well Being Coach, ESP Wellness

Fit To Practice is a one-hour CLE workshop that approaches lawyer well-being as a professional competency issue rather than a personal health topic

Wednesday, June 3, 2026
12:00 noon

Jefferson County Courthouse
Faye Griffin Meeting Room
100 Jefferson County Parkway
Golden, CO

Virtual and In-Person

1stJD Bar Assn. Member, Court Clerks, Judicial Bench-Free

Non 1stJD Bar Members -\$10

Bring your lunch

or

Enjoy a variety of healthy snacks available for your enjoyment
An application for CLE credit has been made

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2026/6/3/fit-to-practice-a-six-domain-well-being-assessment-for-lawyers-by-elaine-proulx-a-workshop-that-approaches-lawyer-well-being-as-a-professional-competency-issue-rather-than-a-personal-health-topic>

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GENESEE LAW OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

*One opening in a space with
four attorneys*

*602 Park Point Drive #240
Golden, CO 80401*

*Large office furnished or unfurnished with
full windows and a west view of front
range. 15 minute drive to Jeffco. 25
minute drive to Denver District. Phone
and Internet provided. \$800 monthly.*

*This office is right next-door to the Chart
House. Great happy hour.*

Contact Deborah at 303-273-2923

DID YOU KNOW?

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

1ST JD PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS Behavioral Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Recovery Court



A Smarter Approach to Justice & Recovery

Problem-solving courts offer a non-traditional approach to integrating treatment and criminal case processing. These courts bring together judicial and treatment professionals to provide accountability and services aimed at reducing substance use and repeat offenses. They provide an alternative sentencing option for high-risk, high-need individuals who require structured support and intervention.

How to Be Considered

- 1 Request a program-specific screen and Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI) ordered by the Judicial Officer.
- 2 Screening begins after plea or probation revocation (BHC is for Probation revocations only).
- 3 Court notifies probation and court coordinator.
- 4 Participants are interviewed and assessed by the probation department during the PSI.
- 5 Coordinator submits eligibility report to the court before the sentencing hearing.
- 6 If eligible, the specific program will be a sentencing option for the Judicial Officer and can be referred to the proper next available docket for sentencing in Division S, courtroom 100.

Existing Courts

Behavioral Health Court – For high risk / high need individuals with mental health disorders, with or without co-occurring substance use disorders. Probation revocations only.

Veterans Treatment Court – For high risk / high need justice involve military veterans.

Recovery Court – For high risk / high need individuals with substance use disorders. Felony cases only.

Basic Eligibility Requirements (contact john.feil@judicial.state.co.us for full eligibility criteria)

Participants Must:

Must meet high-risk/high-need assessment levels and have multiple prior supervision and treatment engagements

Why It Matters

- 1 Reduces repeat offenses
- 2 Supports recovery and rehabilitation
- 3 Provides structured accountability
- 4 Connects individuals with critical services



LAW DAY MAY 6, 2026

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS

257 members of the public attended the Law Day.
30 attorneys donated 2 hours each

This was a great turnout considering the snowstorm and the courthouse was on a delayed opening which cut the event one hour short! Thank you to all the volunteer attorneys, community partners agencies and support staff who made this day possible

Law Day statistics from the beginning
4,747 people & **1,238** hours of lawyer time

Even if you figure \$300 per hour (which is quite low) that's **\$371,400** in donated time and expertise!

What a wonderful community to be part of !!

Next LAW DAY Wednesday, October 28.

Data courtesy of Magistrate Tims

Jon Brummet
Bill Burns
Becky Clark
Steve Cook
Dan Cunny
Paul Danborn
James Delman
Ashlyn Eddy
Aaron Evans
Gage Fellows
Casey Frank
Melissa Garcin
Alan Hendrix
Greg Kass
Kevin Massaro
Chad McShane
Petere Menges
Luis Monroy
Shaun Pearman
Jay Pickard
Jim Scherer
Sandra Sigler
Natalie Simpson
David Struthers
Louis Underbakke
Thomas Walsh
Jeffery Weeden
Lynne Weitzel
Lucas Wirth

SUPPORT STAFF & PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Magistrate Marianne Tims
Chris Radeff (attorney/bar member)
George Bailey (attorney/bar member)

Melissa Walter (Family Court Facilitator)
Michele Fitzgerald (Family Court Facilitator)
Traci Worthan (Deputy Court Executive)
Zac Foxx (Court Programs Analyst/SCAO Services)
Brigitte Smith Administrative Office Supervisor
Andrew Schultz, Candice Verdesoto and Darcy Post-Self-Represented Litigant Coordinators:
Francisco Picado and Ana Miller, managing interpreters

Office of Dispute Resolution
CASA
Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder
Jeffco Library
Metro Volunteer Lawyers
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department
Jefferson County Fatherhood/Parenthood Program

LAW DAY
MAY 6, 2026





COLORADO
ACCESS TO JUSTICE
COMMISSION

Golf Tournament
Thursday, September 17
Hiwan Country Club

Judges & Awards Reception
Saturday, October 10
Red Rocks Country Club

PLEASE MAKE A NOMINATION

Watch for your annual membership dues billings from the CBA.

Renew your dues with the CBA by applying online at cobar.org/membershipapplications, or contact the CBA membership team at membership@cobar.org or 303-860-1115.

If you have any questions about your membership options at 1st JD, contact us at admin@1stjd.org.

[Pro Bono CO](#) launched March 16, 2026! Pro Bono CO is an online clearinghouse of pro bono opportunities designed for legal professionals who are looking for a way to serve the community, amplify access to justice, and provide legal expertise for people in need. Legal service providers post volunteer opportunities, and legal professionals connect through the portal to the opportunities that best fit their skills and availability.

- Searchable & user-friendly
- Opportunities that fit a variety of skills
- Free to use

As of March, we have 28 participating Legal Service Providers and over 70 opportunities posted, and more legal service providers are signing up and posting opportunities every day.

Use your voice to encourage others to volunteer their skills in Colorado with ProBonoCO.org. Create a profile as a volunteer attorney. If you are a Legal Service Provider, please contact [Brett Landis](#) to set up a profile and post opportunities.

5280 Magazine is collecting nominations for its annual Top Lawyers list. This is a great opportunity for lawyers to be recognized, in print, in front of our readers who are in need of the highest quality legal services.

Please use the link below if you would like to nominate someone. Voting ends on **June 26th**, so we'd love to get your nominations in as quickly as possible.

Nomination Form: law.5280voting.com

If you have any questions, please email the publication contact, Jessica LaRusso, at 5280 Magazine at jessica@5280.com.

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 Tutchtton at 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.

Kutak Rock LLP Staff Attorney, Real Estate – Denver, CO

JOB SUMMARY

Kutak Rock LLP's Denver office is seeking a full-time Staff Attorney to join our real estate working group. This attorney will be fully dedicated to supporting 2-3 institutional firm clients and will focus primarily on drafting, negotiating and reviewing commercial office leases. This is a non-partner track position. **Salary Range:** \$170,000-\$200,000 per year, commensurate with education and experience. Interested individuals may find the full description and details on how to apply on our website: <https://www.kutakrock.com/general-content/careers-attorney>

1st JD Bar Association Judges & Awards Reception
October 10, 2026
Red Rocks Country Club

TAKE A MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Nominate a deserving colleague for the
Judges & Awards Reception

Nomination is quick, easy and ONLINE
<https://1stjd.org/awards/#!event-list>

See list of previous year award winners on the next page

Frederick J. Myers Professionalism Award– This award is to be bestowed upon a member of the First JD Bar Association to honor that attorney who is a model of civility and respect in the legal profession. This is an award to an attorney who demonstrates outstanding professionalism, which is defined as dedication to service to clients in a civil, respectful manner. This award is intended to honor lawyers who demonstrate exemplary ethical conduct, civility and respect, toward all Parties, Counsel, and the Court. Professionalism and civility foster respect and trust between lawyers, the judiciary, and the public. Professionalism serves the best interests of clients, promotes the efficient resolution of disputes, and improves the administration of justice. The attorney honored with this award does not need to be a litigator and his/her area of practice is irrelevant.

Award of Merit-Awarded to the attorney member of the First Judicial District Bar Association who primarily practices in this District, and has provided distinguished service to the Bar and the community deserving of our Association's highest recognition.

George Holley Young Lawyer Award- This is given to an attorney under the age of 37 or in practice for less than 5 years who is a member of the First J.D. Bar and is deserving of recognition for her or his activities with the Bar, the community and in the practice of law. The recipient should be someone who reflects a strong commitment to the legal profession and to community service.

Claudia D. Miller Liberty Bell Award This award is given to an individual who has furthered the interaction of the community and the legal system and provided an uncommon contribution to the system or government as a whole.

LINDA T. PALMIERI AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CHILDREN

This is given in recognition of an individual's demonstration of a superior degree of professionalism and commitment to children, and who has worked actively to advance the welfare of children. The individual need not be an attorney, but shall have made significant contribution to the children of the First Judicial District, and the legal system as a whole.

LISA HARNESS MEMORIAL AWARD

This person demonstrates a superior degree of professionalism, knowledge and dedication to the position of a Clerk of the Court and has worked in the judicial system for a least one year. Persons who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to going above and beyond to assure that the judicial system and the public are served with an exceptional degree of service are appropriate nominees.



1st Judicial District Bar Association Award History 1986-2025

AWARD OF MERIT	CLAUDIA D. MILLER LIBERTY BELL AWARD	LINDA T. PALMIERI AWARD	FREDERICK J. MYERS PROFESSIONALISM AWARD	GEORGE HOLLEY OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD
2025 Joe Lusk	2025 Chelsea Sittner	2025 Sara Gatewood	2025 No nominations	2025 Courtney Baldwin
2024 Robin Beattie	2024 No Nominations	2024 Kathleen Curley	2024 Ron Servis	2024 No nominations
2023 Stephen Cook	2023 Michael Coughlin	2023 Debbie Gabriel	2023 Melissa Garscin	2023 No nominations
2019 David Thomas	2019 Mark McIntosh	2019 Doris Waters	2019 Christopher O'Dell	2019 Hannah Westmont
2018 Peter Weir	2018 Jon Bradley	2018 Alison Hansen	2018 Bob Frie	2018 Samantha Lillehoff
2017 Joe Pickard	2017 Traci Worthan	2017 Leah Varnell	2017 Gary L. Polidori	2017 Joshua T. Keltner
2016 Judge Anne Stavig	2016 Erin Burns	2016 Graham Peper		2016 Ryan Hutton
2015 Stephen Munsinger	2015 Carl Blesch	2015 Fred Peters		2015 Paula Holt
2014 Judge R. Brooke Jackson	2014 Norm Brisson	2014 Katie Kurtz		2014 Jonathan Carlson
2013 Victor Boog	2013 Jeff Glenn	2013 Mag. Marianne Tims	LISA HARNESS MEMORIAL AWARD	2013 Alexandra Harpp
2012 Maureen O'Brien	2012 Ray Washington	2012 Hal Sargent	2025 Nadeau Gigetta	2012 Brett Myers
2011 Scott David Albertson	2011 Vista Exline	2011 Stacey Nickolaus	2024 Eileen Kraus	2011 Robertson Cohen
2010 Jim Arndt	2010 No award	2010 Kerry Simpson	2023 Rosetta Ceja	2010 Matt Kristofco
2009 Evan Lipstein	2009 Felix Cook	2009 Joe Pickard	2019 Joe Cremons	2009 Jenna Roth
2008 Gary Polidori	2008 Pete Jacobson	2008 Tom Walsh	2018 Judy Cross	2008 Erin Hickey
2007 Judge Lee Anderson	2007 Jeff McDonald	2007 John Thirkell	2017 Laura H. Arcilise	2007 Jenna Reulbach
2006 Aldo Notarianni	2006 Michael Riede	2006 Seth Grob	2016 Ronda Pine	2006 Robert Hoben
2005 Mike Beutz	2005 Carol Conklin	2005 David Risher	2015 Sandi Downey	2005 Stacey Nickolaus
2004 Robert B. Frie	2004 George Anders	2004 Ann Gail Meinster	2014 Karla Beston	2004 Robert Gregory Busch
2003 W. Robert Montgomery	2003 Harriet Hall, MD	2003 Babete Norton	2013 Lisa Paganetti	2003 No nominations
2002 Richard Mishkin	2002 Sen. Norma Anderson	2002 Christine Bess	2012 Tammy Bartholomew	2002 Thomas Joaquin
2001 Dennis Polk	2001 Gregg Kildow	2001 Dougals Hanze	2011 Toni O'Brien	2001 Gailyn James
2000 Robert L. Ransome	2000 Tony Sabatini	2000 Alane Holsteen	2010 Melody Glogowski	2000 Paul Danborn
1999 Hon.Thomas G. Elliott	1999 Martha Menin	1999 Mark Randall	2009 Beth McFarland	1999 George H. Brauchler
1998 Dennis J. Jacobson	1998 Russell Boatright	1998 Constance F. Hieb	2008 Judy Ulmer	1998 George Koons
1997 Judge Linda Palmieri	1997 Barbara Schrader	1997 Linda T. Palmieri	2007 Shirley Williams	1997 Margaret M. Ochoa
1996 Carolyn L. Sampson	1996 Rita Schnidt		2006 Deborah George	1996 Marnie & Tom Walsh
1995 Richard J. Scheuer	1995 Sen. Clair Traylor			1995 Charles E. Mortimer
1994 Justice Antony F. Vollack				1994 Kathryn M. Beck
1993 Judge Gaspar Perricone				1993 Karen Roan Novatny
1992 Judge Ruthanne N. Polidori				1992 Brian Boatright
1991 Dale H. Helm				1991 Mark M. Randall
1990 Judge Aurel M. Kelly				1990 Daniel P. Powell
1989 Bernard P. O'Kane				1989 R. Marcus Williams
1988 Harold D. Lutz				1988 John D. Beckman
1987 George A. Holley				1987 Barbara B. Koehler
1986 Judge Joseph P. Lewis				1986 Jeffrey N. Herren

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