

PROCLAMATION First Judicial District Bar Association

**AUGUST
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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Unravel the Gavel CLE **September 9**

Golf Tournament **September 17**

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Register for the Judges & Awards
Reception **October 10**

Nominate a deserving colleague for
the Judges & Awards Reception
Nominations close **August 27**

Awards

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Magistrate Nic Campbell

Greetings! As the incoming President of the 1st Judicial District Bar Association, I am excited to serve and see what this year brings to the 1st. We are looking forward to the return of our Golf Tournament, Judges & Awards Banquet and CLE trainings in the coming months. Last year the Bar Association expanded opportunities to connect and build community with our members and the bench. We plan on building on this progress and want to hear from you! If you have ideas on what you would like to see, what you wished the bar would do, or anything else please contact us! We want every member to know that the Bar Association is here for you and welcome your thoughts.

Please email to admin@1stjd.org with any ideas or come to one of our forthcoming Board of Trustee meetings in the community to connect.

Magistrate Nic Campbell

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The CBA is dealing with technical issues this year as they renew membership dues and are calling members to assist with processing.

If you have not received the renewal billing and wish to renew-you can apply online at cobar.org/membershipapplications.

If you have made a payment that is not reflected, you can *contact the CBA membership team* at membership@cobar.org or 303-860-1115.

If you need additional assistance email to admin@1stjd.org. We are here to help.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT— GREG KASS

On June 14, 2026, my wife and I welcomed Augustus into the world — an esteemed gentleman-in-training now specializing in chugging milk, soiling diapers, and giggling. Although I suspect that the request to profile me for this edition of the newsletter was driven by a desire to see photos of and learn more about Auggie, my longstanding commitment to public service obliges me to begin by sharing a photo of him sporting a custom Team USA World Cup Jersey before marching through the more mundane parts of my background.

I was born in New York and grew up in northern New Jersey, which means I can both recognize and enjoy a good bagel. After 9/11, I wanted to help people—even as a middle schooler—so I became a lifeguard, then an EMT answering 9-1-1 calls for our local volunteer first aid squad at age 17.

My parents encouraged me to go to nursing school because they did not believe that studying English and trying to become the U.S. poet laureate was a viable career goal. Fair enough. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Vermont in 2011 and worked as a registered nurse in California and Colorado, gaining experience in interventional cardiology, orthopedics, hospice, and most recently the locked inpatient psychiatric unit at Boulder Community Hospital.

In 2020 I graduated from Vanderbilt Law School, where I volunteered at a hospice on Friday nights and litigated First Amendment cases through the school's pro bono clinic. Why would an RN attend law school? The short answer is that I am a voracious reader and I wanted to become a more effective advocate. The longer explanation would require replacing a picture of Auggie with another paragraph, and no one wants that.

After graduation, I worked for Chief Judge Mark D. Thompson (ret.) and District Court Judge Karen Romeo in Breckenridge (5th Judicial District of Colorado) before joining the Denver office of an international law firm, Hogan Lovells Cadwalader US LLP.

My practice focuses on representing medical device manufacturers and other FDA-regulated parties, as well as parties who wish to avoid being regulated by FDA. The work includes penning responses to FDA enforcement correspondence, auditing manufacturing facilities to FDA's Quality Management System Regulation (21 CFR 820) / ISO 13485, conducting whistleblower investigations, performing regulatory due diligence, drafting a wide variety of agreements, and advising on risk reduction strategies.



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Outside of work, I enjoy riding steel Italian road bikes (a common pastime amongst washed-up racers), practicing yoga, and occasionally running marathons. Most importantly, I am dedicated to maintaining a nearly uninterrupted twenty-year volunteering streak by providing pro bono service to veterans and refugees through the firm and staffing the Jefferson County "Ask-An-Attorney" clinic each month. If you've read this far, I respectfully request that you volunteer at one of the upcoming clinics. Your community needs you, and the most growth takes place outside of your comfort zone.

As a new Jefferson County Bar Association Board Member, I look forward to lawyering, learning, and volunteering alongside you.





1st JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION
Presents

UNRAVEL THE GAVEL CLE Series
Evidence Potpourri: What Judges Want You to Know

With 1st Judicial District Panelists
Judge Lindsay VanGilder
Judge Andrew Poland
Judge Corinne Magid

TOPICS
Authentication and Foundation
Use of Demonstratives and Ethical Considerations
Hearsay admissibility of a witness's prior statements
Hearsay in Expert Testimony
Judicial Notice

Virtual
1 CLE and .2 Ethics Credit requested

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
12:00—1:00

1st JD Bar members Free ** Non 1st JD Bar members \$10

Register

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2026/9/9/unravel-the-gavel-1st-jd-chat-series-with-members-of-the-bench-featuring-a-panel-discussion-with-honorable-meegan-miloud-andrew-poland-and-lindsay-vangilder>

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

Thursday, September 17, 2026
Hiwan Golf Club 30671 Clubhouse Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439
11:30 Check-In 12:30 Lunch and Shotgun Start

Golfers over 40 \$190 Golfers under 40 \$160
Includes lunch, beer and golf cart

Golf Sponsorship \$300-In lieu of hole sponsors we will be providing the golfers a packet of information upon arrival which will include a cover sheet listing all sponsors. We believe this allows for more attention to who our sponsors are than a sign at the hole. If you sponsor at this level, your sponsorship will also be included in the Proclamation after the tournament along with a one month full page ad in the Proclamation.

FULL TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP \$1000-2 Free Golfers and a three month full page ad in the Proclamation Should the entire tournament be canceled due to weather all sponsors will have the option of obtaining a full refund or donating all or a part of their sponsorship to CASA.

Register

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/register/2026/9/17/golf-tournament-to-benefit-casa>

JOB SUMMARY

Associate, Litigation – Denver

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Join us as we raise funds for National Adoption Day



LINK FOR DONATIONS

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For more information:

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JUDGES AND AWARDS RECEPTION

Saturday, October 10, 2026

**RED ROCKS COUNTRY CLUB
16235 W Belleview Ave, Morrison, CO
4:30 pm
Cost \$60**

Enjoy an expansive array of appetizers along with a cash bar

Register at:

<https://1stjd.org/events/#!event/2026/10/10/judges-awards-reception>

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 27.
SEE NEXT PAGE FOR AWARD NOMINATION FORM
&
HISTORY OF PREVIOUS WINNERS**



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

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.



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		2012 Brett Myers
2011 Scott David Albertson	2011 Vista Exline	2011 Stacey Nickolaus	2025 Nadeau Gigetta	2011 Robertson Cohen
2010 Jim Arndt	2010 No award	2010 Kerry Simpson	2024 Eileen Kraus	2010 Matt Kristofco
2009 Evan Lipstein	2009 Felix Cook	2009 Joe Pickard	2023 Rosetta Ceja	2009 Jenna Roth
2008 Gary Polidori	2008 Pete Jacobson	2008 Tom Walsh	2019 Joe Cremons	2008 Erin Hickey
2007 Judge Lee Anderson	2007 Jeff McDonald	2007 John Thirkell	2018 Judy Cross	2007 Jenna Reulbach
2006 Aldo Notarianni	2006 Michael Riede	2006 Seth Grob	2017 Laura H. Arcilise	2006 Robert Hoben
2005 Mike Beutz	2005 Carol Conklin	2005 David Risher	2016 Ronda Pine	2005 Stacey Nickolaus
2004 Robert B. Frie	2004 George Anders	2004 Ann Gail Meinster	2015 Sandi Downey	2004 Robert Gregory Busch
2003 W. Robert Montgomery	2003 Harriet Hall, MD	2003 Babete Norton	2014 Karla Beston	2003 No nominations
2002 Richard Mishkin	2002 Sen. Norma Anderson	2002 Christine Bess	2013 Lisa Paganetti	2002 Thomas Joaquin
2001 Dennis Polk	2001 Gregg Kildow	2001 Dougals Hanze	2012 Tammy Bartholomew	2001 Gailyn James
2000 Robert L. Ransome	2000 Tony Sabatini	2000 Alane Holsteen	2011 Toni O'Brien	2000 Paul Danborn
1999 Hon. Thomas G. Elliott	1999 Martha Menin	1999 Mark Randall	2010 Melody Glogowski	1999 George H. Brauchler
1998 Dennis J. Jacobson	1998 Russell Boatright	1998 Constance F. Hieb	2009 Beth McFarland	1998 George Koons
1997 Judge Linda Palmieri	1997 Barbara Schrader	1997 Linda T. Palmieri	2008 Judy Ulmer	1997 Margaret M. Ochoa
1996 Carolyn L. Sampson	1996 Rita Schnidt		2007 Shirley Williams	1996 Marnie & Tom Walsh
1995 Richard J. Scheuer	1995 Sen. Clair Traylor		2006 Deborah George	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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