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The Lawyers Committee 2017 Awards Luncheon was held on May 5th, at the Marriott Denver City Center. Over 400 attendees made it a great event!

Our keynote speaker, Ken Armstrong, is an investigative reporter for The Marshall Project. He spoke about “The Trials of Dick Cunningham: An Extraordinary Lawyer’s Life and Death.” A video of the keynote speech and pictures from the event are available on the CLC website.

The Colorado Lawyers Committee honored individuals and organizations who continue to make a difference in the community. A full list of nominees and honorees is on our website. Congratulations to the nominees and recipients, and thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! This year’s recipients are:

- David W. Stark (Faegre Baker Daniels LLP)
  Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award Recipient
- Davis Graham & Stubs LLP
  Law Firm of the Year
- Jail Wait Litigation Team: Caleb Durling, Iris Eytan, Mark Ivandick, Kelsey Lesco, Ellie Lockwood, Jason M. Lynch, and Jennifer Purrington
  Team of the Year
- U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Colorado
  Special Recognition Award Recipient
- Susan C. Cole & Timothy R. Macdonald
  Special Recognition Award Recipients

Welcome New Colorado Lawyers Committee Contributing Law Firms!

Cozen O’Connor
Drexler Law, LLC
Jackson Kelly PLLC
Poliselli PC
Smith Immigration
Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Welcome Megan Barkdull, 2017 Sattler Civil Rights Fellow

The 2017 Sattler Civil Rights Fellow is Megan Barkdull, a rising second-year law student at DU. Megan completed her BA in Journalism at Auburn University. While an undergraduate, Megan worked for The Auburn Magazine as an intern and The Auburn Plainsman as an opinions editor. Before law school, Megan worked for an animal shelter as a shelter ambassador. The Fellowship was created with a generous legacy gift from Bruce and Martha Sattler, long-time civil rights activists. Megan is the first recipient of the Fellowship. Welcome and Congratulations Megan.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
Visit our website to sign up!

Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic
Wed., July 26, 2017 from 8am-1pm at Sherman & Howard LLP.

Denver Legal Nights
Wed., August 2, 2017 at Centro San Juan Diego from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Wed., August 16, 2017 at Centro San Juan Diego from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.

Project Homeless Connect
September 19, 2017 at the Convention Center in Downtown Denver

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Moments from the 2017 Awards Luncheon

WilmerHale Files Amicus Brief

WilmerHale pro bono attorneys, Natalie Hanlon Leh, Michael Hazel and Matt Worthington, filed a successful amicus brief on behalf of the CLC, opposing the State’s motion for attorneys’ fees in a pro bono prisoner case being handled by the DU Student Law Office/Civil Rights Clinic. The Court issued an order denying the Colorado Attorney General’s motion for fees two days after the Clinic’s reply and the amicus briefs were filed. Thank you to the lawyers at WilmerHale for representing the CLC in this important case.

Task Force Updates

- The Children’s Task Force is holding an open meeting on Tues., July 25th at noon to discuss potential new projects for the task force. For more information, please contact Connie Talmage.
- If you are a transactional lawyer interested in volunteering, please take a look at the two nonprofit projects on our website.
- The Jail Wait Litigation Team is considering a new lawsuit challenging the lack of staffing at the State Hospital.
- The YLD is hosting the 2nd Annual Rockies Night on Tues., July 18th. Please join us before the game at 5:30pm for Happy Hour at Tap Fourteen, 1920 Blake.
- The YLD Strategic Planning Committee is hosting a reception this fall to brainstorm about potential projects for the YLD. Date TBD.

Changes to Denver Legal Night

- Denver Legal Night is now held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Centro San Juan Diego, 2830 Lawrence Street.
- Thank you to our immigration firms and organizations who have sponsored a month at Denver Legal Night to assure there are enough immigration lawyers to serve the clients: Elkind Alterman Harston PC, Chan Law Firm, Hernandez & Associates, P.C., The Immigration Law Office of David N. Simmons, CLC Immigration Task Force, and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).
- The Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association is now publicizing Legal Night to help us maintain a steady flow of family lawyers during our clinics, due to increased cases in family law.
- The Legal Resource Directory has been updated by Megan Barkdull, and will be available at our next Denver and Greeley Legal Nights. A big Thank You to Snell & Wilmer for printing the directory!
- A Volunteer Appreciation Reception for Legal Night Volunteers is planned for this fall.

SAVE THE DATE

Project Homeless Connect

Please join us at the next homeless clinic (Project Homeless Connect) on Sept. 19, 2017 at the Convention Center in Denver. Our volunteers will provide information in the Legal Resource Area. This is an incredible opportunity to help individuals in need. Online signup coming soon to the CLC website.