2019 Awards Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Awards Luncheon on May 2, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center with Keynote Speaker Philip J. Weiser, Colorado Attorney General.

Another highlight will be the presentation of awards to honor individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to the Colorado Lawyers Committee in the past year. We are delighted to announce that Daniel A. Sweetser (The Sweetser Law Firm, P.C.) will receive the Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award for his longstanding support and extensive contributions to the work of the Colorado Lawyers Committee.

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR NOMINEES
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP
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Polsinelli PC
Snell & Wilmer

TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINEES
Anti-Bullying Subcommittee of Education Task Force:
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Sara Nicole Maeglin (Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC)
John M. McHugh (Reilly Pozner LLP)
Daniel Ramos (One Colorado)
Mark A. Spitz (Spitz Legal Counsel LLC)
Denise M. Whinnen (Gill Foundation)

Hate Crimes National Team:
Elizabeth Froehlke (Littler Mendelson P.C.)
Beth Ann Lennon (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.)
Matthew M. Linton (Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.)
Ellie Lockwood (Snell & Wilmer)

Taylor Ranch Litigation Team:
Jason C. Astie (The Law Firm of Springer & Steinberg, P.C.)
Aaron A. Boschee (Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP)
Stephanie Carr (Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP)
Sarah Conley (Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP)

Jail Wait Litigation Team:
Alison L. Butler (Disability Law Colorado)
Sean Connelly (Connelly Law LLC)
Caleb Durling (Fox Rothschild LLP)
Iris Eytan (Eytan Nielsen LLC)
Mark Ivanick (Disability Law Colorado)

Atorney General.

We are pleased to recognize the dedicated leadership of our current and former CLC YLD Board Members:

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Marie Williams Law LLC

Jennie Reid Wray
The Harris Law Firm P.C.

Melanie Tsuchida (Colorado Nonprofit Association) will receive the Special Recognition Award. The other 2019 Award Nominees are:

Scott F. Llewellyn (Morrison & Foerster LLP)
Ellie Lockwood (Snell & Wilmer)
Kathleen Mullen
Jennifer Purrington (Disability Law Colorado)
Timothy P. Scalz (Snell & Wilmer)
Byeongsook Seo (Snell & Wilmer)

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Thank you to the YLD Fundraising & Events Co-Chairs Lauren Carboni and Tess Hand-Bender and their amazing committee for planning another successful event!

Around 60 people attended our Third Annual YLD Casino Night on February 22, 2019 at Rathod Mohamedbhai LLC. Attendees enjoyed drinks, a Scotch Tasting sponsored by Break Thru Beverage, great food from Serendipity Catering, and friendly gambling managed by Casino Party USA. With the help of a Silent Auction filled with 33 exciting items, the event raised more than $10,000. Thank you to our host, sponsors and donors for making this night such a success. All proceeds directly support the newly created YLD Grant Program.

**YLD Updates**

**Welcome Adrienne Boyd**

Adrienne Boyd joined the YLD Board this winter, filling the vacant spot on the Strategic Planning Team. Adrienne is an Associate at Arnold & Porter focusing her practice on complex civil litigation and international trade with an active pro bono practice in immigration.

**YLD Grant Program**

The mission of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Young Lawyers Division is to empower passionate young lawyers to make a difference for children and the underserved through education, advocacy, and systemic change. The CLC YLD Grant Program supports this mission by making funding available to members of the CLC YLD to assist in their efforts. Examples include helping to defray costs in pro bono representation, funding for materials or space for clinics or other direct services, or scholarships to trainings that will assist lawyers in providing pro bono services.

Grants are awarded on a rolling basis based on need and availability of funding. Grants are generally limited to $1,000 per lawyer/project. Cash will not be given; the funding should be approximated in the grant application. After a grant is awarded, the recipient can either submit an invoice for payment or a receipt for reimbursement. Applications are available on the CLC website.

**YLD Skills CLE’s**

Funds raised from Casino Night will also be used to create a CLE series for YLD members. There will be six half-day basic skills trainings (opening & closing arguments, voir dire, direct & cross examination, etc.) with a panel of distinguished lawyers leading small group skills sessions. Trainings will begin this summer.

**Nonpartisan Election Call Center**

The Election Call Center took place on November 5-6, 2018 at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. Thank you to Brownstein for hosting. The YLD took over organizing and promoting the Call Center this year: YLD Special Projects Co-Chairs, Caitlin McHugh (Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP) and Ryan Thurber (Polsinelli PC), did a great job. Thank you Polsinelli PC, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, Holland & Hart LLP, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Dee Wisor, and Dan Sweetser for your generous food donations. More than 70 volunteers participated in the Call Center and answered 608 calls from voters.
**Project Homeless Connect**

On November 15, 2018, 72 CLC volunteers participated in Project Homeless Connect at the Colorado Convention Center, a one day, annual free event for homeless individuals and families to access services and resources including medical care, Homeless Court, benefit assistance, employment services, haircuts, clothing and other community resources. Coordinated by Denver’s Road Home and Mile High United Way with support from We Don't Waste, Regis University and the U.S. Bank Foundation, the event was attended by more than 1,400 people, most of whom are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

Our volunteers served 136 clients providing legal information in the Legal Resource Area and represented 124 clients on cases in Homeless Court to resolve outstanding warrants for violations of Denver City Ordinances. Top categories of assistance requested were criminal (19), housing/eviction (14), and family (13).

**Task Force Updates**

**Education Task Force Antibullying Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee is working to encourage compliance by school districts with HB11-1254 (that requires districts to adopt policies that prohibit bullying based on gender preference and sexual orientation). After months of communicating with the school districts, only one school district remains out of compliance.

**Hate Crimes National Team**

For the last 25 years, CLC has offered a Hate Crimes Education program in Colorado schools and communities. The presentation is in the form of a fictional trial where the students act as jurors. CLC recently received a grant from the National Lawyers’ Committee to modify the program so it can be presented in any school in the country. A terrific group of volunteers (Liz Froehlke, Beth Ann Lennon, John McHugh, Tarek Saad, Christine Snider, Valeria Spencer, Phyllis Wan, and Mack Wilding) recently completed the materials, including a modified script, teacher’s guide, volunteer guide, program administrator manual, short trailer to introduce the program to teachers, and a training video for volunteers. Congratulations team!

**Housing Task Force**

The Task Force recently agreed to support four bills before the Colorado legislature this session. 1) Clean Slate for Colorado: A proposal that would automatically seal certain records that now require action by the defendant to seal them. 2) Extended Notice to a Tenant Before an Eviction: Extending the time for notice before a tenant can be evicted from 3 days to 14 days. 3) Housing Discrimination Source of Income: Would limit sources of income landlords could consider in deciding to rent to tenants. 4) Eviction Legal Defense Fund: Would earmark $900,000 to set up a legal defense fund for tenants.

**Immigration Task Force**

CLC agreed to sign on to a letter to the Colorado Supreme Court and State Court Administrator’s Office concerning probation departments reporting to ICE on the probationers who have upcoming appointments. DU law students are researching the authority of the Colorado Supreme Court to prohibit ICE from making arrests in the courthouse and the common law right of access to the courts (i.e., the right to be free of arrest when accessing the courthouse). We are collaborating with Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) and the Immigrant Justice Campaign (IJC) to create a 6-month pilot program to train 20 lawyers (5 lawyers from 4 firms) to prepare detainees for Credible Fear Interviews at the Detention Center in Aurora.

**Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic Held February 27th**

Thank you to all the participants of the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic held on February 27, 2019 at Hogan Lovells US LLP. In all, 51 attorneys and four law students helped 17 nonprofits at the event. Teams of volunteer transactional attorneys worked with participating nonprofits to evaluate their legal health.

Client meetings were preceded by a CLE training, moderated by Samuel E. Edwards (Holland & Hart LLP) for participating lawyers on Colorado nonprofit law. Speakers included Russell Benjamin Hedman (Hogan Lovells US LLP), Hao Wang (Hogan Lovells US LLP), Carolyn S. Powell (MCR Development/Association of Corporate Counsel–Colorado Chapter) and Eric L. Hilty (National Multiple Sclerosis Society).
Welcome New Board Members

Katy Donnelly
South Asian Bar Association of Colorado

Christine Hernandez
Colorado Hispanic Bar Association

Isuri Lawson
Asian Pacific American Bar Association

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Colorado LGBT Bar Association

Welcome New Firms

Fox Rothschild LLP
Schunk Law Firm P.C.
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Jackson Kelly PLLC

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

April 17, 2019
Denver Legal Night
Centro San Juan Diego
5:30-8:00 pm

April 23, 2019
Greeley Legal Night
Our Lady of Peace Church
5:30-8:00 pm

May 1, 2019
Denver Legal Night
Centro San Juan Diego
5:30-8:00 pm

May 2, 2019
Awards Luncheon
Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center
11:30am – 1:30pm

May 17, 2019
Denver Legal Night
Centro San Juan Diego
5:30-8:00 pm

June 5, 2019
Denver Legal Night
Centro San Juan Diego
5:30-8:00 pm

June 19, 2019
Denver Legal Night
Centro San Juan Diego
5:30-8:00 pm

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