August 2024

Boulder COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BCBA AT ADVENTURE GOLF & RACEWAY

Please join us at Adventure Golf & Raceway in Westminster: **WE ARE RESCHEDULING THIS EVENT, NEW DATE TBD**. The BCBA has reserved a gazebo and activity passes, and we are excited to hold a summer activity event for members and their families. **Special thanks to our event sponsor, Peek Goldstone LLC.**

Our two selected activities are miniature golf and go-karts; other activities are available for individual purchase. This event is fully family-friendly, so please buy as many tickets as you need! We hope to see you there. **Please click here to register**.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6
7 Pointers the Judges Don't Tell You
Presented by Hon. Patrick Butler
1 General CLE Credit
12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
Please click here to sponsor

Saturday, August 10
BCBA at Adventure Golf & Raceway
Special thanks to our event sponsor Peek Goldstone LLC
10:00 - 11:30 AM @ Adventure Golf (9650 Sheridan Blvd., Westminster)
$20 for BCBA Members & guest
Please click here to register

Thursday, August 15
Business Valuation: A Guide to Understanding How It Works and the Applicability to Your Practice
Presented by Tamara M. Rigberg
1 General CLE Credit
12:00 - 1:00 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room
Free for BCBA Members
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Every Wednesday
Bagels with the Bar
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Thursday, August 22
Louisville Happy Hour
5:00 - 7:00 PM @ Murphy's Tap House (585 McCaslin Blvd., Louisville)
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

CAROLYN STEFFL

During a time when wildfire is raging through our state, including the Stone Canyon Fire in our own County, resulting in evacuations and loss of life and property, it is timely that I plan to share my story about the Marshall Fire and the help provided by the BCBA. We encourage anyone impacted by the Stone Canyon Fire to reach out to us for assistance.



Walking through Fire

We all have times when our life is divided into the before and the after. Before and after birth of our children, before and after death of a parent, and for many of us, before and after December 30, 2021.

The Before:

We are celebrating Christmas, which in Catholic (and Herb/Steffl) tradition is long . . .beginning on Christmas Eve and extending to the Sunday after Epiphany. It starts with an intimate "Family Christmas", with the reading of the birth of Jesus from the Bible and opening gifts with our children at home, then we leave those toys and gifts and pile four people and two dogs into the car to drive 13 hours to our extended family. We always arrive before Christmas Eve, where my in-laws greet us with homemade cookies, aprons to make more cookies, trees and sparkle and so much joy.



In 2021, after Christmas Eve service, gifts, and gathering with Steffl grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, we went to Christmas phase three. My parents, siblings and their families drove and flew into Minnesota, and we snuggled into a rented home. The third Christmas tree lay in the living room full of unopened gifts. On the morning of December 30th, we didn't know that our lives were about to change.

The During:



We bundled up and headed out to go ice skating. On the drive to the ice rink, the first message came into my daughter on social media. "Mom, there's a big grass fire near Costco." So many times over our years in Colorado, we had watched wildfires,

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watched friends and clients evacuating, but this was the closest yet. I tried to skate, but my head and heart was elsewhere.

Then, the messages kept coming . . . Messages from a friend in France, neighbors in Colorado checking on us, "it's reached the Coal Creek Golf Course Club House" . . . fear gripping our hearts, the message that our home internet went off.Glued to computer screens, we watched one horrific image after another. Homes we recognized in flames, a wall of fire behind Avista Hospital where our children were born, where our neighborhood stood. Texts saying – it is all gone, just gone.

A long, long night, with my husband, son, daughter and dogs holding each other in the family room, to keep each other close, praying, waiting for dawn. We eventually fell asleep on couches to re-runs of a comforting show (Ted Lasso). Then, as the sun rose, the official confirmation. A police officer went to my address and my home of 15 years is not there anymore. Then, the aerial footage:

The After:

Suddenly, we only owned the clothes in our



suitcase, the items we had packed with us, and a few small gifts. So strange - we didn't own a fork, but we had a dozen board games brought to pass long winter days with family. Still, we had the dogs, the kids, and each other. We were so blessed to be surrounded by family and love. As we were soon to learn, we had so much more, in this amazing

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community around us. We had friends welcome us into their home with open arms, churches collecting donations, businesses opening their doors to let us take what we needed, restaurants providing free meals and daily soup, we had kind words when we cried again and again, when I lost it in public. In my bookclub, half of us had lost of homes. We had weekly check-ins, the first with me sitting in the dark (no lamps in rental house), on the floor (didn't own a chair), but they were there.

Then, there was the Boulder County Bar Association

Do you have any idea how special it is to be a part of an organization that has your back and wraps its arms around the community when tragedy hits? While I was trying to figure out which way was up, our amazing executive director Laura Ruth, the incomparable Kyle Mares, brave and loyal CBA President Brett Landis, and so many others of you went to work, quietly behind the scenes. You should all be so, so proud of your Boulder County Bar Association. Here is some of the ways that they helped:

· BCBA manned a table at the Marshall Fire Recovery Center, to answer legal questions from bewildered and displaced residents – will I have insurance coverage, how will I get benefits if my legal documents are gone, is my lease okay? You stepped up to have enough volunteers to provide this service. Thank you to each and every one of you who took time out of your schedule to be there for us.

· BCBA collected a list of attorneys who would volunteer to help with the many legal hurdles we would face – rewriting wills, reviewing leases, reviewing contracts for remediation, then design, and finally building, help with insurance, help for those without insurance, help with family law questions, and so much more. Laura and Kyle took calls from residents and connected them with volunteers.

· BCBA put on legal CLEs, quickly and on-point, to allow our members to provide the legal advice needed. Wow, only a fantastic local legal bar provides you with the immediate skills to respond to changing needs from your clients when local issues arise. BCBA and its members stepped up to train you on:

"Basics for Lawyers Advising Clients on Fire Insurance Claims" by Jeff Rose at Lyons Gaddis (past President of BCBA)

"Maximizing Insurance Coverage for Those Impacted by the Marshall Fire" by Marshall Gillinsky and Carrie DeCanio of Anderson Kill



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Boulder County Senior Law Day is **in person** again this year and will feature our popular **Ask-A-Lawyer** event, where attendees can sign up for a free consultation with an attorney on a walk-in basis.

We need volunteer attorneys who specialize in Benefits, Estate Planning, Family Law, Real Estate, Consumer Law, and Landlord-Tenant, who can take on a minimum 1½-hour shift (9:00-10:30, or 10:30-noon) on September 21st.

Email Brett Landis of CO Legal Services, Boulder if you're interested, and **mark your calendars**!

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"Landlord-Tenant Issues Following the Marshall Fire" by Bret Landis and Matt Forstie of Colorado Legal Services

"Lessons in Resilience: Responding to the Legal Needs of the Marshall Fire Recovery" By Bruce Weiner of Bridge to Justice, Mike Anderson of Rocky Mountain Legal Center, and Bret Landis of Colorado Legal Services

"Tales of the Marshall Fire – The Water Aftermath" by engineers Corey Peterson and Katie Leone and attorneys Alan Hill and Ashley Pollock of Hill and Pollock

Should you ever need another reason to continue your membership and support of BCBA, here it is. BCBA had my back when I was at my lowest, most vulnerable, as it did following the King Soopers shooting and other tragedies. This organization supports attorneys with skills and comfort, vulnerable Boulder County citizens with desperately needed legal support, and allows you to rub shoulders with every-day heroes performing this work. If you are at your lowest and need help, please remember that you are part of this community and reach out to let us help you, too.

With love to you all,

Carolyn Steffl

The Boulder County Bar Association Board of Directors is closely monitoring the Stone Canyon Fire, burning in our community, as well as the other fires in the state. Our hearts go out to the family which lost a loved one, as well as the individuals who have lost their homes. We put together many resources in response to the Marshall Fire, including assembling a list of attorneys who can help with legal needs. Therefore, please encourage anyone impacted by the Stone Canyon Fire to call our offices if they need legal assistance. They can call us at (303) 440.4758 or sign up for our free virtual legal clinic at this link (please click here). For the latest updates and further resources, click here for the Boulder County Office of Disaster Management website.



GERALD CAPLAN: IN MEMORIAM



I wanted to let you know about the passing of Gerald (Jerry) Caplan, the noted attorney who co-founded the law firm Caplan & Earnest in 1969. He passed on June 26 at the age of 92.

Mr. Caplan helped establish education law as a distinct practice area within the legal profession, a practice area that is now taught as a class in law schools across the country. He co-founded Caplan & Earnest to focus on representing public school districts across Colorado, and today more than half the school districts in Colorado are clients. Mr. Caplan also served as lead attorney in several cases that established the legal framework for the law surrounding public education, including*Lujan v. Colorado State Board of Education*, a landmark school finance case that resulted in significant legislative changes to financing of public education in Colorado and established the foundation for local community control.

Mr. Caplan earned his bachelor's and J.D. degrees from Syracuse University, then served in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps of the Army before starting his law practice in Boulder. He immediately established a reputation as a skillful trial and appellate attorney, earning his first victory in front of the Colorado Supreme Court in 1963. His name appears in more than 50 published judicial decisions.

Mr. Caplan served as chair of the Board of Trustees of the University of Northern Colorado and as adjunct faculty member of the University of Colorado's School of Journalism, teaching First Amendment Law. He held the offices of president of the Boulder County Bar Association, Boulder County Public Trustee, Boulder municipal judge, and special assistant attorney general of Colorado. Mr. Caplan was the founding president of the Colorado Council of School Attorneys, president of the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys, the second recipient of the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the most selective honors in the legal community.

Mr. Caplan is survived by his wife Betsy, their daughter Lindsay Smith, her husband, Ford Smith, and their children, Kendall Smith and William "Fordie" Smith. He is also survived by their son Jeffrey Caplan, his wife, Emily Caplan, and their children Lucy Caplan (married to Chase Carpenter) and Laurel Caplan.

Thank you to Maura O'Neal for this in memoriam.

BCBA JULY PHOTOS



BCBA at the Colorado Rockies



BCBA Summer Happy Hour



BCBA Summer Happy Hour

CLASSIFIED ADS

Associate Attorney Position. Dolan + Zimmerman is a boutique downtown Boulder law firm. We handle criminal defense, civil litigation and family law matters. We are seeking an Associate Attorney with one to three years of experience in the area of family law including divorce and legal separation, allocation of parental responsibilities, adoptions, modifications and restrictions of parenting time, etc. We are looking for a person who is comfortable in court, but trial experience is not necessary. Please click here for more information. To apply for this position, please send an email with your resume, references, and a cover letter describing your experience and qualifications attached to lgs@dolanzimmerman.com.

Part-time Legal Secretary Position. Part-time in-office legal secretary with great typing skills approx. 24 hours/wk, M-Th 10-4, flexible. Projects involve transcribing audio dictation or integrating dictation into existing forms. Must be detail oriented, proofread documents, and navigate forms in WordPerfect and Word. Two-attorney office in Lafayette specializing in estate planning, probate, real estate, and business transactions. Cheery work environment, good parking, easy access to Boulder and Denver-metro area. Contact *gail@oshlaw.com*.

Real Estate and Business Transaction Attorney. Lyons Gaddis has an opportunity for a Colorado attorney to join its busy and expanding real estate and business transaction group. Ideal candidates will have at least 2 years of experience in real estate, corporate, and/or general transactional work representing landowners, developers, individuals, and/or businesses. Candidates must also be motivated to provide exceptional client service, have sound professional judgement, and value personal and professional growth opportunities in a collaborative environment. Salary Range: Compensation is merit-based, as required by the Colorado Equal Pay Act. Our good faith salary range for this position is $105- $185K dependent on experience. The position includes the opportunity to earn an incentive bonus based on productivity, which could range from $0 to $25K or more. Benefits: Competitive salary, firm-paid medical benefits, vision, 401K match up to 12.5%, vacation, sick, and holiday pay are included. Please submit your resume and cover letter to careers@lyonsgaddis.com.

Paralegal – Real Estate and Business Transactions Position. Lyons Gaddis is seeking a real estate and business transactional Paralegal to join our team in our Longmont, CO office. The ideal candidate will assist lawyers with project management, client communication, document drafting, research, and overall legal support. It requires a confident and professional individual with good organizational skills and writing ability, preferably with prior experience in the real estate industry. Lyons Gaddis offers an excellent benefits package and an opportunity to work in a challenging and collaborative environment. This position will begin on-site and may evolve into a two-day remote and three days in the office role. Please click here for more information.

PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

August 1	Peggy Goodbody	303.440.5736
August 5	Tim O'Neill	303.682.7292
August 12	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137
August 19	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292
August 26	Gwyn Whalen	303.443.8010

The Professionalism Committee assists lawyers, clients, and other members of the community with questions or complaints about behavior by lawyers that fails to meet generally accepted standards of professionalism and courtesy, or that is contrary to the BCBA Principles of Professionalism.

The Professionalism Committee does not address allegations of criminal or ethical violations by lawyers, as regulated by the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, and any such violations should be addressed to the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel.

BOULDER COUNTY FREE LEGAL CLINIC

The Boulder County Free Legal Clinics have been replaced with our Virtual Legal Clinic until further notice. We are always seeking new volunteers to assist the public: please email Kyle if you are interested in participating.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The BCBA Virtual Legal Clinic remains ongoing and has served over 30 people to date. Thank you to the attorneys who serve as volunteers:

Dan Droege	Amy Stengel	Beth Kelley
Jennifer Huston	Laura Herndon	Dipak Patel
Sherri Murgallis	Maki Iatridis	Lindsey Killion
Craig Small	K.C. Cunilio	Karen Burns
Scott Hamerslough	Fern O'Brien	Susan Spaulding
Starla Doyal	George Farmer	Chris Lane
Jeff Skovron	TJ Willard	Connie Eyester
Lila Sol	Meghan Hungate	Beth Montague
Georgiana Scott	Ann England	Kurt Hofgard

PRO BONO REFERRALS

More than 2 cases were referred in the month of July. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Jennifer Terry
Jodie Gilbert

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

There were multiple Pro Se Clinics held in the month of July thanks to the help of the following attorneys:

Shana Beggan

Ricki Palmisano

WILLS CLINICS

There were multiple Wills Clinics held in the month of July thanks to the help of the following attorneys:

Jodie Gilbert

PRO BONO CORNER

Interested in a Pro Bono case? Please call Alisiana Medina at 970-499-1003. CLE credits available for pro bono service.

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