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Boulder COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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On December 30, 2021, our community received a shock when we learned that a fire was spreading into the towns of Louisville and Superior. Many, many residents were evacuated and many more waited in pre-evacuation zones. When the fire was finally extinguished, almost one-thousand homes were lost, many more are damaged, and two people are presumed dead.

This is a horrible tragedy, and it will take a long time for these communities to recover. However, if there is one good thing that has come out of this tragedy it is seeing how quickly people offered to help. Our legal community is no exception to that.

Within hours, our BCBA staff began the process of collecting offers of housing and temporary office space for any bar members who were displaced. The offers to help were greater than the need!

A week and a half after it opened, we began staffing a legal information table at the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) where people could get basic direction and referrals for their legal issues related to the fire, and we helped approximately 140 individuals with legal needs. Our membership rose to the occasion and volunteered their time and knowledge, even over a holiday weekend.

Our Virtual Free Legal Clinic has been utilized by many people to respond to legal questions with more depth and individualized attention. The clinic has also welcomed new volunteers, both local and attorneys from other parts of the state who want to support us. At Boulder County Legal Services, we have new volunteers who are interested in working on FEMA-related cases. Rocky Mountain Legal Center

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has offered free estate planning for anyone affected by the fire.

We quickly put together free CLEs to help train us for the issues likely to arise out of this tragedy, so that we can better respond to questions and potentially help with larger cases. Responding with accurate knowledge and analysis will be the best way we can use our skills as legal professionals to help.

Our board and community partners are working to come up with more ways to respond to this crisis, not just in its immediate aftermath, but to the longer term issues we know are likely to arise.

Outside of these official ways our membership has responded to the tragedy, I am constantly hearing more stories of attorneys being part of the recovery efforts. Many attorneys with existing clients in the affected area have spent time checking in on those clients, offering services pro bono as a courtesy. I am also particularly inspired by my colleagues who lived in the affected areas who are using their skills to help others. I have seen these colleagues volunteering their time at the DAC table, offering to take cases pro bono, and heading up their community groups as they look to rebuild.

The great Fred Rogers (or simply "Mr. Rogers" for those of us who grew up in the 1970s and 1980s watching children's television on PBS) once recounted a story about seeing scary things in the news. His mother told him to "Look for the helpers.You will always find people who are helping." These words resonate as we look at the damage of the Marshall Fire and the long road to recovery. Fortunately, in our community, we have a lot of people who are helpers.

If you have any interest or ability to help further, please consider volunteering with one of the following legal organizations in our community:

BCBA Virtual Free Legal Clinic- 303-440-4758

Boulder County Legal Services- 303-449-2197

Rocky Mountain Legal Center-720-242-9642

Bridge to Justice- 303-443-1038



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 2 - POSTPONED
Bagels with the Bar - Employment Law
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, February 9
Bagels with the Bar - Family Law
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, February 10
Side Bar CLE: Lessons in Resilience: Responding to Legal Needs of the Marshall Fire Recovery
4:00 - 5:00 PM CLE @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register

Wednesday, February 16
Bagels with the Bar - Civil Litigation
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, February 23
Bagels with the Bar - Business Law
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, March 16
Natural Resources CLE: The Law of the Colorado River: Emerald Mile Edition
Presented by Gregor MacGregor
12:00 - 1:00 PM CLE @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
$25 CLE | $15 New/Young Lawyer | $5 No CLE
Please click here to register

Thursday, April 14
Side Bar CLE: CBA Presidential Visit
Presented by CBA President Joi Kush
4:00 - 6:00 PM CLE @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
$35 CLE & Happy Hour| $20 New/Young Lawyer | $10 No CLE
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BCBA AT THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE CENTER

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In response to the community's needs following the Marshall Fire, the BCBA called upon the membership to help staff a legal resources table at the Disaster Assistance Center in Lafayette. Approximately 140 individuals received legal consultation at the legal resources table. Some of our volunteers shared their thoughts on their experience at the DAC.

Mark Herber - Overall the organization of the DAC was done very well. Boulder County had a significant response to those residents having fire related losses. Some individuals that came to the Bar table during my DAC shift had heavy uninsured financial loss on top of the loss of everything else. One couple in particular lost over $125K in uninsured home business inventory, in addition to their home business. The support paperwork at the table was thoughtful and helpful for those who were asking questions, and for me. I particularly recall passing out the *Legal Needs After A Disaster* form as it provided an nice short, medium and long term bullet point list of considerations. The other resource providers at the DAC were helpful and responsive too. Honestly, I grabbed the first shift I could but it was several days after the DAC and Bar table were up and running so for me the process, paperwork, etc. had been established. A BIG THANKS to you and those members that ran the first few shifts (and everyone that helped) for organizing, planning and streamlining the process for the rest of us.

Andy L. Gitkind - I am a Louisville resident, evacuated during the crisis, but spared the horrible loss experienced by so many of our friends and neighbors. Contributions of dollars, clothing and other items lost seem only to scratch the surface of the needs for help and the desire to provide that help. I am grateful to the bar association for giving us local attorneys an opportunity to provide that ear to hear, shoulder to lean on and source of information required to further meet the intense needs of our community. My heart goes out to all affected by the fire.



Photo courtesy of CBS Denver

Shana Beggan - It was an honor to help these victims of the Boulder Marshall fire. Having personally survived the loss of my family home and all of our belongings right before Christmas when I was in high school, the losses, grief, and overwhelming range of emotions those afflicted by this fire are suffering I understand and have an intense desire to do whatever I can to help. Whether this "help" means advising a landlord or a tenant about their rights and/or obligations, advising a property owner with insurance questions, directing those harmed to a variety of additional services for help, or just providing a compassionate ear and a safe place to try to process and organize the "what next" steps as these individuals and families try and set forth a plan to recovery, it is my honor to help. I am truly humbled by the compassion and resilient nature of all of those I interacted with, from the hundreds of volunteers, to the hundreds of first responders, to the hundreds of those suffering. I was proud to help in my own small way, and I am extremely proud of my home community. Together we will get through this and come out stronger.

Junie Joseph - Thank you for giving us the opportunity to contribute. I volunteered with another lawyer on the first Saturday. At first I did not think I could have been of much help since I have not been practicing too long ago and I am a criminal lawyer. I met two community members who were affected by the devastating fire. The two men I met that day were well educated. I was very surprised by the impact of

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the fire on their lives. The experience felt personal to me because of the challenges these two men had to overcome in dealing with their insurance companies. I think what I come away with from this experience is that no matter how educated one may be, it is very hard to stand against an institution and having people in the community who care enough to be a listening ear is so important. I was able to follow up with one of the men and direct him to community support. We were not just lawyers that day, we were also human beings that they could reach out to and talk with. I also took the insurance CLE, which was super helpful in helping me understand the issues.

Jeff Cohen - For my experience – I had great sympathy for those impacted by the Marshal fire. I am glad that the BCBA had the volunteer table set up so that I could do a small part in giving back to the community and volunteer to provide legal advice to those impacted by the Marshal fire.

BCBA BLOOD DRIVE



BCBA JANUARY PHOTOS



BCBA at the CU v. USC Basketball Game



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WELCOME NEW BCBA MEMBERS

Andrew Ken
Michele Manceaux
Rebekah Townsend
Song Faulkner
Blake Brockway
Stephen Acquario
Samuel Schneider
Yuzheng Wang
Samayra Siddiqui
John Bellipanni
Catherine Kelly
Paul Stevenson
Alex Hambrick
Gianfranco Sotomayor

PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

February 1	Steve Clymer	303.530.2137
February 7	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292
February 14	Gwyn Whalen	303.443.8010
February 21	Peggy Goodbody	303.440.5736
February 28	Mark Langston	303.440.9684

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.

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	David Harrison	Beth Montague
Georgiana Scott	Ann England	Kurt Hofgard

PRO BONO REFERRALS

Five cases were referred in the months of December and January. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Rick Samson
Heather Kurland
Stephen Hennesey
Connie Eyster
Norma Planche

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

There were Pro Se Clinics held in the months of December and January, thanks to the help of the following attorneys:

DECEMBER:

Kathleen Franco

Shana Beggan

Tucker Katz

JANUARY:

Kathleen Franco

Patricia Riley

Tucker Katz

PRO BONO CORNER

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Office Share Opportunity. The law firm of Vincent, Romeo & Rodriguez is downsizing from our current space in Tebo Plaza in Louisville. We're looking to share space with another Louisville law firm. We would need a copier/scanner to share, conference room to meet clients and conduct Will signings 1-2 days per week, and a small office where we could put a desk and couple of file cabinets. Handicap parking and access essential. We don't need phones answered or additional staff at this time. Contact Richard Vincent or Rick Romeo at 303-604-6030 or email to info@elderlawcolorado.com

Office Space Available. Nice office on main floor of historic building in Boulder near downtown. Would fit a single lawyer, but may be space for staff if wanted. Off street parking, copier/scanner/fax, in a building with several other lawyers. Contact Dave Harrison –*dave@millerandharrison.com*, 303-449-2830.

Litigation Attorney Needed. Part-time, contract-based. Litigation experience a must. Small, growing practice based in Boulder focuses on construction defect and outdoor recreation litigation, in addition to insurance coverage. For consideration, please submit a resume and legal writing sample to *jennifer@arnettlawyers.com*.

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We are updating group participation in BCBA Law Section Groups, and will use your choices to add or remove groups to your BCBA membership profile. Section membership is free, so please join as many sections as you like. We regularly send targeted e-blasts about CLE programs and other news to specific groups, and this will assist us in keeping you up-to-date on group activities.

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