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When I joined the Boulder County Bar Association in July 2012, I had just moved to Colorado, specifically to Boulder, and opened my firm, Martin Law Office LLC. At the time, I was searching for a professional home: a community of legal colleagues, potential friends, and perhaps a few good referral sources. What I didn't expect was that eight years later, I'd be joining the BCBA Board—and five years after that, stepping into the role of President. But here we are!

I'm honored and excited to serve the BCBA and our vibrant legal community over the coming year. I look forward to connecting with many of you at upcoming events. In addition to our regular programming, keep an eye out for special community-building opportunities. I hope to offer ways for us to give back, grow stronger together, and, of course, have a little fun along the way. Please don't hesitate to say hello when you see me.

Since this is my first newsletter as President, I'm taking the liberty of (re)introducing myself. I promise future articles will be more diverse in content, so bear with me just this once. I've been practicing law for 28 years now, and what a journey it has been. I entered law school intent on becoming a criminal prosecutor, and after graduation, I had the honor of doing just that. I joined the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I had the privilege of working on the Oklahoma City bombing case, by presenting evidence to a state-wide grand jury reviewing state charges. I spent several years in the Special Victims Unit, prosecuting homicides, sexually based offenses, and crimes against children. During my six years there, I stood up on behalf of the State of Oklahoma in around 50 jury trials, countless bench rials, and numerous appellate arguments trials, and numerous appellate arguments

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A change in leadership at the DA's office led me to explore new opportunities. I joined a mid-sized litigation firm in Oklahoma City that focused on defending governmental officials in civil rights cases. I stayed for nine years, ultimately running our employment defense division and becoming a junior partner. I represented clients in state and federal courts across Oklahoma and argued multiple cases before the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

But something was missing: Colorado.

Though I'd lived most of my childhood in Kansas, a high school move brought me to Oklahoma. Still, Colorado had always felt like the place I was meant to be. By 2012, our daughter was about to enter middle school, and it felt like a now-or-never moment. So, my wife, Jenny, and I made the leap.

(Full disclosure: Our daughter, Morgan, did not see it quite so optimistically at the time. She informed her best friend that we had "ruined her life." I'm happy to report she has since reconsidered and agrees the move was, in fact, a great decision.)

By July 5, 2012, we were unpacking boxes in Boulder and I was opening Martin Law Office. My practice was founded with a focus on serving the LGBTQ+ community and has since grown to provide estate planning, estate and trust administration, probate and trust litigation, and family-building services to both LGBTQ+ individuals and the broader Colorado community.



Though based in Boulder, my work has taken me across Colorado. I am still a solo practitioner, but I'm fortunate to have a small, talented team by my side.

One of my early appearances in the courts of Boulder County was not for a client, but for myself. Oklahoma did not provide a legal path for same-sex parents to obtain parental rights to their children. That was not true for Colorado, so roughly a year after settling into our new home, I found myself, alongside my wife and daughter, standing before then-Magistrate Brodsky so that I could finally secure legal parental rights to our daughter. It was a deeply meaningful moment, both personally and professionally, and a powerful reminder of why we had chosen Colorado as our new home and why I had chosen to build a practice rooted in advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. To this day my daughter remembers fondly when then-Magistrate Brodsky quoted Princess Bride to her, as that was a favorite of my daughter at the time. My mother remembers how she watched a Boulder County Magistrate formally make her a grandmother

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Speaking of my family - my wife, Jenny, also an attorney, is currently a federal career law clerk. She'll soon be starting a new role with a magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. Morgan, now 24, has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Denver and is about to start medical school at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Our household is rounded out by two highly energetic, one-year-old kittens who graciously allow us to live with them.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your BCBA President. I look forward to the year ahead and to working together as a legal community.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 24
BCBA All Bar Happy Hour
5-6:30 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th Street)
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
Seeking a sponsor *please click here to sponsor.*

Wednesday, July 30
BCBA FAM Law CLE Webinar: The Colorado Surrogacy Act: Requirements, Jurisdictional Considerations, Pitfalls, and What to Know as a Practitioner
12-1 PM @ BCBA Zoom Meeting Room
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
We are seeking a sponsor for this event: Please click here to sponsor.
Thursday, August 21
Louisville Happy Hour
4:30-6:30 PM @ Murphy's Tap House in Louisville
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
We are seeking a sponsor for this event: Please click here to sponsor.

Tuesday, August 26
BCBA NRE/TAX/RE Section Lunch
12-1 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th Street)
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register
We are seeking a sponsor for this event: Please click here to sponsor.

Every Wednesday except for July 2
Bagels with the Bar
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR JUDGE BAKKE

Please join us on July 11, 2025, as we honor the retirement of Chief Judge Ingrid Bakke who has served the 20thjudicial district for over 14 years.

Ceremony to commence at 3:30 p.m. in the Boulder District Court Jury Assembly Room

Reception to follow from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to say a few words at the retirement ceremony, please contact Judge Judith LaBuda atjudith.labuda@judicial.state.co.us



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR JUDGE ARCHEULA

As many of you know, **County Court Judge David Archuleta** is retiring after serving nearly 26 years on the bench for the 20th Judicial District!

Judge Archuleta's last day will be Thursday, July 31st, 2025. We hope you will join us in celebrating Judge Archuleta's retirement, please see the flyer below for details.



LEGAL CLINIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know the BCBA sponsors a Free Virtual Legal Clinic for Boulder County? This started during the pandemic and was so successful we have continued it to help further our commitment to access to justice. To date, we have helped over 1700 community members!

We have a small group of incredibly dedicated volunteers who give 15-20 minutes of their time approximately once every few weeks. We would like to get that number to once a month, but we need more volunteers! **Can you help with 20 minutes once a month in service to your community?**

Please let us know that you are available to help once per month (or more!) along with your practice areas. We could not provide this service without all of our amazing volunteer attorneys! Please contact Bay for more information about attorney.participating as a volunteer

Please click here to sign up

THANKS TO OUR CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

TJ Willard	4 calls last month	Brittany Frisbie	1 call last month
Howard Berkson	4 calls last month	Ainagul Holland	1 call last month
Ugyen Tshering	3 calls last month	William Rogers	1 call last month
Mike Rafik	2 calls last month	Alison P. Gordon	1 call last month
Peter Fabish	2 calls last month	Doug Stevens	1 call last month
Scott Brenner	2 calls last month	Ron Jung	1 call last month
Christopher M. Ernst	1 call last month	Jennifer Terry	1 call last month
Jacob Rubinstein	1 call last month	William Rogers	1 call last month
Georgiana Scott	1 call last month	Susan Spaulding	1 call last month
Scott Goldstone	1 call last month	David Moorhead	1 call last month

BCBA HOME STUDY WEBINARS

A benefit of BCBA CLE offerings moving to webinars is that we are able to record the programs and make them available to view after the live presentation. We also submit the majority of our recordings for home study CLE credit, which allows our members to view them as needed to fulfill the credits needed for their reporting periods. Please see a list of our current home study offerings below, and if there is a program you're interested that you don't see here, the full list of our video recordings is available for BCBA Members only on our Webinars page. If there is a program that is not currently accredited for home study that you're interested, please contact Bay and we can work to get a recording re-accredited.

Ethics credit

Creating Effective and Ethical Environments for Colleagues and Clients with Intellectual Disabilities
Presented by April McMurrey, Zoey Tanner, and Judge Chris Larson
Video recording here
Course ID# 850525

Moving from Ignorance to Terror: Engagement Letters for Estate Planners
Presented by Connie Eyster
Video recording here
Course ID# 853868

Getting Your Firm's Affairs in Order: Part 2
Presented by Jodi Martin
Video recording here
Course ID# 838332

EDI Courses

Introduction to Racial Equity: A Lawyer's Responsibility
Presented by Judge Dea Lindsey
Video recording here
Course ID# 847136

A Primer on Disability Advocacy
Presented by Franklin Erickson
Video recording here
Course ID# 853822

A Focus on RMIAN
Presented by Mekela Goehring
Video recording here
Course ID# 853866

The Importance of Pro Bono Service
Presented by Gregor MacGregor
Video recording here
Course ID# 853867

Lessons for Mediators from the EDI Roundtable
Presented by Melora Bentz and Wesley Parks
Video recording here
Course ID# 853869

Advocacy Requires Allyship: Conscious Representation of LGBTQ+ Clients
Presented by Kevin Miller
Video recording here
Course ID# 836005

General Credit Courses

Assisted Reproduction & the Law: An Introduction to Three Key Issues
Presented by Shelley Carlin
Video recording here
Course ID# 862193

Tax / Estate Planning: Final Regulations of SECURE and SECURE 2.0 What Practitioners Need to Know
Presented by Robert Keebler
Video recording here
Course ID# 858856

Environmental Reviews and Project Permitting
Presented by Anne Sibree
Video Recording here
Course ID#859359

Drafting and Using Arbitration Clauses: Tips from a Litigator & Arbitrator
Presented by Paul Schwartz
Video recording here
Course ID# 847138

An eDiscovery Update for 2024
Presented by Kelly Twigger
Video recording here
Course ID# 853823

Tips on Having a Successful Mediation
Presented by Hon. Patrick Butler
Video recording here

CLASSIFIED ADS

Finance Associate Attorney. Stinson LLP's Banking and Financial Services division in the Denver office is looking to hire an associate attorney with 4-6 years of experience representing lenders and borrowers in financing transactions. Candidates must have drafting and negotiating skills and significant experience with credit agreements, security agreements, other collateral documents, and closing documentation. High level of academic achievement and law firm experience is required. Ability and desire to work as part of a team is essential. The salary range for this role is $205,000 – $225,000. Please click here for full job responsibilities and requirements.

Associate Attorney: The law firm of Lyons Gaddis has an opening for an experienced attorney to join the firm's local government practice group, which primarily represents school and special districts. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of six years' experience in public sector or related work with a desire to practice local government work as general school district counsel. Candidates will have a passion for providing exceptional client service, developing strong client and community connections, and either live in the extended Denver metro area or be willing to relocate. Lyons Gaddis has served the needs of Colorado clients for over 50 years. We have a team oriented culture with an unrelenting commitment to be the best at what we do. The position will include direct client interaction, with some potential evening meeting attendance. If you are interested in joining our team and your background aligns with our needs for this position, please reply with a letter of introduction, as well as a resume to **careers@lyonsgaddis.com**. We look forward to hearing from you. Benefits include health insurance, life insurance, generous 401(k) match of 12.5%, paid time off, and incentive bonus. In addition, we offer other employee-paid insurance options. The salary range for this position is a good faith estimate of a salary range of $125,000 to $145,000 or an of counsel arrangement which is intended to exceed that range based on sufficient relevant experience.

Litigation Attorney: Lyons Gaddis, PC is looking for an experienced litigator to join our civil litigation practice group. Our litigation group handles everything from contract and property disputes to torts and complex commercial litigation in all Colorado jurisdictions, including state and federal courts. The ideal candidate will have at least four years of combined experience in civil litigation, arbitration, domestic relations, appellate practice, and/or as a judicial law clerk. Candidates must have experience managing cases from intake through trial, enjoy working collaboratively with a diverse and collegial team, have strong written and verbal communication skills, and be motivated to provide exceptional client-focused service. (see full description here)

Paralegal - Water Law Unit: Lyons Gaddis, a law firm with a state-wide practice, has an immediate opening for a Paralegal in the Water Unit. The ideal candidate will have 3+ years of experience in water court litigation and water related transactions, be able to work in a fast paced, high-volume environment as needed to support several attorneys, including document drafting, proofreading, revising, court filings, electronic file management, calendar management, transcription, and general support for assigned attorneys. The position involves regular interaction with clients via the phone or in person. Familiarity with Tabs/Practice Master is helpful. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, Adobe, and CCE or similar systems a must.(see full description here)

PROFESSIONALISM ON CALL

July 07	Tom Rodrigiez	720.931.3231
July 14	Karl Kumli	303.447.1375
july 21	Trip Demuth	303.447.7775
July 28	Peggy Goodbody	303.440.5736

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

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 Bay if you are interested in participating.

PRO BONO REFERRALS

There were no pro bono referrals in the month of April

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

Shana Beggan x1

Carlos Isidro x2

Kathleen Franco x1

WILLS CLINICS

David Sipiora x1

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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