May 2022

Boulder COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

MAY SIDE BAR PRESENTATION

Please join us for a very special Side Bar presentation on Thursday, May 12 with renowned artist Valentino Dixon. This will be an interactive drawing class where we will spend an hour together creating artwork while hearing the very moving story of Valentino and his wrongful conviction and subsequent release. This presentation will be limited to 24 in-person attendees with a virtual option for others. Valentino will be appearing via video. We expect this event to fill quickly, so sign up as soon as you can! Please click here to register.

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VALENTINO'S STORY: THE STORY OF A SON, A FATHER, AN ARTIST, A FREE MAN

Born on October 20, 1969, Valentino Dixon grew up in East Buffalo, New York, the inner city. Valentino was his mother's only son and was raised by both of his parents. As a child, Valentino was a gifted artist who loved to draw.

At the time of his arrest in 1991, Valentino's daughter, Valentina, was six months old. Although Valentina has lived most of her life without a father present, their bond has remained strong. Valentino's mother, wife Louise and daughter, Valentina, were his strongest advocates.

On August 10, 1991, a late-night fight broke out at a gathering outside of Louie's Texas Red Hots restaurant at the intersection of East Delevan and Bailey Avenue in Buffalo, NY. In the ensuing mayhem, Torriano Jackson was shot and killed. Based on an anonymous tip, the police arrested Valentino Dixon for his murder and for shooting at three other people.

Just two days after Valentino's arrest, Lamarr Scott confessed to the news media that he had in fact shot and killed Jackson. Despite this confession, Scott was not taken into custody, and detectives continued to pursue

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MAY SIDE BAR CONTINUED

Valentino. Prosecutors then built a case against Valentino based on several shaky eyewitnesses (some of whom later recanted and claimed to have been pressured by the police to frame Valentino). At trial, Valentino was convicted and sentenced to 38 1/2 years to life in prison when his court appointed attorney failed to call eight eyewitnesses and introduce the confession to the jury.

Valentino struggled to adjust to life in prison, until he reconnected with his inner passion for art. He regained his motivation to draw by following his uncle's advice: "if you reclaim your talent, you can reclaim your life." Valentino has been drawing ever since; for more than two decades, he drew from six to ten hours a day.

At one point, the warden at Attica Correctional Facility asked Valentino to draw the 12th hole of the legendary Augusta National Golf Club. Valentino, who had never set foot on a golf course and knew nothing about the sport, starting drawing images inspired by photos in the magazine Golf Digest. Eventually, Valentino even drew his own golf creations and said that golf art became his escape from the harsh reality of prison.

In 2012, Golf Digest editorial director Max Adler featured Valentino and his stunning artwork in his *"golf saved my life" column*. Adler also researched Valentino's case, and concluded that Valentino was truly innocent of the murder for which he had been wrongfully convicted. The next year, The *Golf Channel ran a segment* about Valentino's case as well, gaining him — and his artistic talent — national attention.

Today, Valentino lives in Buffalo, NY with his family and uses his freedom not only to create beautiful commissioned art pieces but is now devoted to working with lawmakers to achieve prison and sentencing reform, and champion the voices of the wrongfully convicted until they have achieved freedom.

Please click here to register for this amazing May Side Bar event.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4
Bagels with the Bar - Civil Litigation
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, May 11
Bagels with the Bar - Business Law
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Thursday, May 12
Side Bar CLE: Valentino's Story
Presented by Valentino Dixon
5:00 - 6:00 PM CLE @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
$35 In-Person | $25 Virtual
Please click here to register

Wednesday, May 18
Bagels with the Bar - Alternate Dispute Resolution
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Wednesday, May 25
Bagels with the Bar - Paralegal
8:30 - 10:00 AM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members

Thursday, June 9
BCBA Annual Meeting
4:00 - 6:00 PM @ Boulder Reservoir
$25 for BCBA Members
Please click here to register

Thursday, July 14
BCBA Summer Happy Hour
5:00 - 6:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register

Thursday, August 11
BCBA Summer Happy Hour
5:00 - 6:00 PM @ BCBA Office (3269 28th St.)
Free for BCBA Members
Please click here to register

JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE COMMISSION

The 20th Judicial District Judicial Performance Commission will hold a public hearing on May 17, 2022, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm to receive public comments on 20th Judicial District judges eligible for retention in the 2022 general election.

Any person interested in commenting on the performance of these judges may speak at this hearing or provide a written letter to the Commission. The Commission will only entertain comments on the judges listed above at this public input hearing. Comments regarding judges other than the six currently standing for retention may be submitted to the Colorado Office of Judicial Performance Evaluation through its website, for consideration during future judicial evaluations.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BRETT LANDIS

"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."

-Audre Lorde

Self-care is surprisingly hard. I am writing this after a week where I have been unable to find the time to return a call to schedule a medical appointment, fill out my passport renewal paperwork, and caught a cold because I was trying to do too much all at once. When I had Covid in 2020, I was too busy to take a full day off of work. I suspect, I am not alone in these bad habits. With so many demands on our schedules, how do we even find time for self-care? The short answer: we find it because we have to.

Self-care is a difficult concept for lawyers. We're trained from law school to prize being over-worked and under-rested. When I was a law student, I overheard a conversation between classmates before exams. "I'm so tired, I studied until the library closed last night." "Me, too! I stayed up studying at home until 2 AM." Having gone to bed early, I kept my mouth shut.

The image in popular culture of bubble baths, a glass of wine, or a mani-pedi appointment is a nice one, but one that feels like a luxury, not a necessity. A meme went around a few months ago that pointed out that these were not actually self-care, but coping mechanisms, short endorphin boosts to get us through times of stress. One of the most rejuvenating self-care experiences I have given myself was when I took an hour of personal leave to run errands for myself. The amount of space that freed up in my mind was huge! It may not have been as glamorous as a bubble bath, but it did so much more for me.

Real self-care looks different from the popular images. It involves things like going to your regular medical and dental check ups, building regular exercise into your schedule, and knowing what your support network looks like when you need to call on it. I want to challenge all of us to think about self-care in a different way and emphasize its importance to our overall health, physical and emotional.



I talk to the volunteers, staff, and interns in my office about self-care frequently. I probably do this to remind myself of its importance. I also do it because people who are doing public interest work often fall into the trap of thinking that self-care is "selfish". This way of thinking is understandable, especially for those us who work in practice areas where our clients are dealing with traumatic situations. To be honest, this includes most lawyers (family law, criminal defense and prosecution, personal injury, probate, etc). Our clients are dealing with so much, and the issues are so important to the clients' lives that it feels somehow wrong to take time for ourselves. But, taking time to care for ourselves is necessary. I try to remind myself that if I burn out helping one person now, that's hundreds of people I will not be able to help in the future.

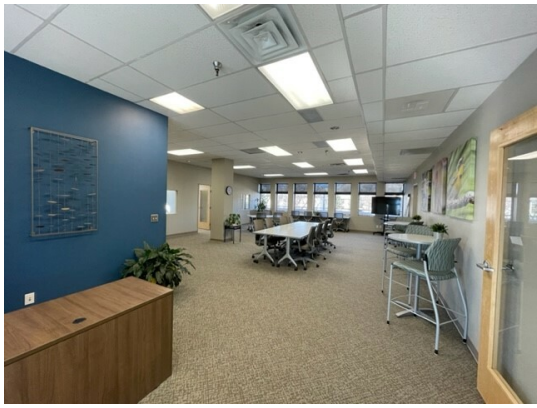
Self-care is critical to our ability to continue to work at our best. We feel better and think better (and more efficiently) when we recognize our needs. We are better advocates for our clients when we are able to take care of ourselves.

Finally, I highly encourage anyone who is stuggling to find self-care balance to seek out support. Many employers have Employee Assistance Programs which will pay for a variety of self-care resources. Additionally, as attorneys, we have a wonderful resource in COLAP (Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program) which provides free and confidential services to legal professionals in our community. You can reach COLAP at :303-986-3345 or at their website: https://coloradolap.org/.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE BCBA

The BCBA has a unique opportunity for individual attorneys or even a small firm with two new permanent offices. This is a great way to instantly grow your network and have access to all the bar association has to offer. Each office is approximately 250 square feet with full access to the conference rooms, patio, kitchen, and full open workspace. Utilities, internet and phone are all included along with use of copier. Parking is free, and our location is incredibly convenient to both Boulder and Longmont. We are offering an introductory lease rate of $800 for the first 6 months and $1000 per month after that. Please click here for additional photos, and contact Kyle or Laura for more information.











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Below is a list of recent Home Study programs that carry Ethics or multiple General credits. Visit the BCBA Home Study Programs Library for more.

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1 General Credit
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1 General Credit
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May 16	Mark Langston	303.440.9684
May 23	Meghan Pound	303.443.8010
May 30	Tom Rodriguez	720.931.3231

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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
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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

Two cases were referred in the month of April. Thank you to the following attorneys:

Laura Kinde (x2)
Connie Eyster
Graham Fuller
Chris Jeffers (x2)

PRO SE VOLUNTEERS

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

Kathleen Franco

Patricia Riley

Shana Beggan

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