



Local Bar Leaders' Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Catherine Chan, Elisa Overall, Justice Hart, Kyle Aber, Daniel Tom, Joo Park, Carolyn Steffl, Laura Ruth, Ryan Dougherty, Teresa Drexler, Liz Drake, Andrea Rosenberry, Mollie Hawes, Vicki Malara, Nicoal Sperrazza, David Little, Stacey Moore, Crystal Rayos, Shannon Reed, Annie Martinez, Amanda Eno, Summer Berg, Amy Sreenen, Bradley Koenig, Toni- Anne Nunez, Tali Thomason, Margaret Haywood, Meghan Bush

CBA Update-CBA President, Catherine Chan

Ms. Chan's focus during her presidency is Attorney Mental Health. She is open to speaking on this topic at your local bar visit and open to any other suggestions or needs from your members. There was a question on how to send messaging about the transitions at the CBA to local bar members. At this time, the Board of Governors is working on the messaging to be shared with your membership. She also wanted to share her contact information if anyone has any questions for her. She can be reached at: cchan@chanimmigration.com

Colorado Bar Foundation- Meghan Bush

Are you aware of a vital local program or project suffering from funding gaps? Are important programs or projects near you in need of additional funding? Refer them to The Colorado Bar Foundation Grants Program! The average CBF grant award in 2023 was \$4,364! Grant Applications are Due May 24, 2024 at you can submit at [Colorado Bar Foundation > Grants](#)

CBA Thrive Update, Tali Thomason, Director of Communications and Marketing (CBA & DBA)

Thrive is a CBA member engagement platform that allows members to participate in discussions, share news, events, and information, and access member-only resources. The main feed or "Open Forum" is available to all CBA members, and then there are smaller "Communities" for each CBA law section, various CBA committees, and other groups such as Local Bar Leaders.

Colorado Supreme Court Update, Justice Melissa Hart

Supreme Court Justice Hart encouraged local bar leaders to invite her to any upcoming pro bono recognition ceremonies or Access to Justice Events. She would also be happy to visit local bars with a CLE, Meet & Greet or a welcome message at any event. Please contact her if you have any requests: melissa.hart@judicial.state.co.us

Colorado Access to Justice, Elise Overall (EMO)

CTAJ is looking to hire [two experienced attorneys or paralegals](#) in order to restart the Virtual Pro Se Clinics. These clinics ground to a halt in March of this year when an incredible full-time volunteer attorney Ric Morgan, who built, ran, and manned the clinics, passed away unexpectedly. Please share this as broadly as possible so the Commission can find qualified applicants for this unique opportunity.

Around the Bars: Updates from local bar associations

[Denver Bar Association](#), Nicoal Sperrazza

Busy with budgets, Award nominations found [here](#) and The Docket Reboot. The Metro Volunteer Lawyers looking for sponsors and attendees for their annual Soiree.

[Arapahoe County Bar Association](#)- Amanda Eno

Completed their Spring Stroll this month which was a fundraiser for MVL. They work to provide 15 CLE's a year for their membership. Heading to Charleston, SC for Spring CLE.

[Boulder County](#)- Carolyn Steffl

Justice Ball for All needed to be rescheduled because of the wind. Saturday, May 4 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at The Studio: an annual event filled with great food, great music, and even greater people. There are some tickets remaining due to the reschedule. [Please click here to register](#)

[Pueblo County](#)- Shannon Reed

This local bar is hosting a lot of events next few months. COBALT, Supreme Court Hearings and Annual Dinner with Awards in June.

Heart of the Rockies, Daniel Tom

Welcome David Little as HORBA's VP. Congratulations to Daniel Tom for filling this position, he's been working hard trying to engage other attorneys in Chaffee.

[El Paso](#)- Teresa Drexler

El Paso is working on their Strategic Plan, Law Day in May with awards and a NEW website launch.

[Pitkin County](#), Joo Park

Completed Ski Day with 9th Judicial Bar Association. Their last CLE for the year is in June 27 with Hon. Christopher Seldin and Hon. Ashley Andrews

CBA Director Updates, CBA Staff

Amy Sreenen, Director of Sections and Committees

All the Sections and Committees are active with their meetings and CLE's. Business as usual. They are looking for submissions for the CBA Award of Merit which can be found [here](#).

Margaret Haywood, Director of Membership

We're preparing to launch membership renewals on May 1.

- Members will receive renewal notices and invoices via email throughout the campaign, and unpaid members will receive a paper invoice via mail around June 1.
- Throughout renewals, we'll provide local bar leaders with a list of their unpaid members along with their member roster each month.

We continue to build our member benefits and resources to engage members and are in the process of upgrading our new member welcome campaigns to increase awareness around benefits and resources.

Please contact the Membership team if you have any questions about membership renewals, member rosters and other reporting, benefit offerings, etc.

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Marissa Lobato, Membership Manager: mlobato@cobar.org, 303-824-5318

Toni-Anne Nunez, Director of Access to Justice

Please join MVL at our annual fundraiser on April 27th - it is going to be a wonderful event with live music, food, drinks and a live auction! Not to mention wonderful people!!! Please join us! Get your tickets here: <https://tr.ee/1jlrDyZLgn>

Meghan Bush, Director of Local Bars and Legal Community Relations

We have heard from several leaders who have a concern with Amy Larson resigning as she had a strong focus on Local Bars and Greater Colorado. We want to assure you that Bradley and I are here to support you in anyway we can. Catherine Chan is meeting with each local bar prior to the presidential visit to get a better understanding of your membership needs. We are waiting on some vacation schedules and will be in touch about visits in the Summer and Fall. Upcoming scheduled visits are: May 3rd with Weld County and May 10th with 13th Judicial in Fort Morgan.

A friendly reminder, that we can help market a program, event, send a call out for volunteers. If you have an event and would like someone from CBA leadership there, please reach out to us. We would love to get feedback from you found at [this survey](#). Please take 5 minutes to fill it out and tell us how we can help you.

We are working on a virtual EDI CLE and will share that information when we have confirmed details. We would love all your members to have the opportunity to participate.

Next Local Bar Leader Meeting: **June 19th, 2024**

Questions? Contact Bradley at bkoenig@cohar.org or Meghan Bush at mbush@cohar.org