



Local Bar Leaders' Meeting Minutes

August 21st, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Attendees: Meghan Bush, Catherine Chan, Charlie Willman, Katrina Silbaq, Kat Young, Margaret Haywood, Teresa Drexler, Ryann Peyton, Hon. Angie Arkin, Annie Martinez, Toni-Anne Nunez, Jessica Yates, Mollie Hawes, Elisa Overall, Marci Fulton, Elizabeth Sexton Drake, Ryan Stuart, Andrea Rosenberry, Crystal Rayos, Sarah Neiley, Vicki Malara, Kim Bockenstedt

1. Catherine has an EDI CLE to present at local bar visits. Charlie Willman and Qusair Mohamedbhai will attend if they can as well. Local bar leaders are welcome to attend the CBA EC meetings, and CBA leadership will try to join as many local bar meetings as possible. Leadership and the Board are keeping membership top of mind with everything they are planning.
2. Council on Equity and Inclusive Excellence: Ryann Peyton. This is a CBA group created to bring CBA members together to work across issues and solve problems. They meet quarterly. Email Katrina (ksilbaq@cobar.org) to join. The group forms working groups for projects as they come up. The Courageous Conversations working group came up with a tool kit to help with difficult conversations. They want to take this and make it applicable to smaller regions around the state and take this region to region on a roadshow with provided facilitation. Contact Ryann Peyton (r.peyton@csc.state.co.us) if you are interested or have any feedback.
3. Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals: Judge Angie Arkin. LLPs are now licensed to practice law in the limited practice. We have 60 people that took and passed a six-hour bar exam and were sworn in on June 20th. This allows them a limited practice of Family Law in CO. C.R.C.P. 207 details what they are allowed to do. Civil rules now say that whenever you read the word lawyer that also means paraprofessionals. They can be in practice, go to court, and can mediate. There has been education and outreach on this for a number of years. Colorado is the 5th state to license them independently. OARC is now also LLP Regulation Council. Reach out to Jessica Yates (j.yates@csc.state.co.us) or Judge Arkin (aarkin@jaginc.com) with questions. LLPs are encouraged to join the CBA and local bars. Please treat them with the respect they deserve. OARC will do local bar CLE's incorporating how LLPs and lawyers can work together. Margaret Haywood discussed the CBA's new LLP dues category. She can help create an LLP category for local bars if they are interested. The CBA and DBA are offering the LLP's a complimentary membership for their first year which includes 2 section memberships.
4. Access to Justice Commission Update: Emo Overall. Hiring a director of a soon to be formed Pro Bono Resource Center. They will work out of a remote location. This position will work to

build up additional supports to make it easier to volunteer. A JD is not required to apply for this position. Job description: <https://www.coloradoaccesstojustice.org/copy-of-director-pro-bono-resource-center>

5. Around the Bars: Updates from local bar associations.
 - a. Kat Young: Region 4 VP whose home bar is the Pueblo County Bar. Jessica Yates presented an ethics CLE for them. Reaching out to other local bars in her region to get them more plugged into the greater CBA.
 - b. Liz Drake: Pueblo County Bar President. Picnic on Sept. 22nd. Debating about Sept. meeting because of a number of other conferences happening. Contact her at edrake@pueblo.us if you are interested in attending the picnic.
 - c. Teresa Drexler: El Paso County Bar Outgoing President. Just had her last meeting. Passing the torch. Revamping how to do CLEs.
 - d. Annie Martinez: Denver Bar President. The Docket is live. Going to have board orientation this month.
 - e. Andrea Rosenberry: New president of Mesa County Bar. They had a bit of a lag that they are recovering from after Covid. Preparing for Catherine's visit. Hoping to get more events calendared and younger members involved. Get more attorneys involved in pro bono. Grand Junction CBA Presidential visit Info: September 20th, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the historic Avalon Theatre.
 - f. Mollie Hawes—President of the Arapahoe County Bar. Kicking off their year. Just had their picnic. Board retreat is next weekend. They have a pro se clinic at the 18th JD courthouse and a virtual one for probate. People are interested in setting up a civil one. Trying to get that one off the ground. Reboot Law Day by working in schools. So Now You Are 18 pamphlet needs to be updated. Amy Sreenen is working on getting that updated. Please reach out to Amy (asreenen@cobar.org) if you are interested in helping with that project.
 - g. Ryan Stuart incoming president of Douglas Elbert Bar. Just had their planning session. Planning DA candidate forum for the new 23rd JD.
 - h. Vicki Malara: 1st JD ED. Have some CLEs coming up, an awards banquet in Oct. and a golf tournament in Sept. Launching Unravel the Gavel to have judges talk about different topics. (Rebecca Taylor created it)
 - i. Sarah Neily—9th JD Bar President. Getting some CLEs put together.
 - j. CBA Director Updates
 - i. Meghan Bush—Local Bar visits coming up. Yesterday was our first complimentary CLE (Ethics and AI). We are trying to do these every other month. Let Meghan (mbush@cobar.org) know what topics you would like to hear about. Her department is also doing EDI CLEs.
 - ii. Marci Fulton from CU Law School has put together a Colorado Community Interest Fair. Any type of legal organization is welcome to come talk to new students (191 incoming 1Ls). Email Marci if you want to attend.
 - iii. Toni-Anne (MVL): Pueblo Veterans clinic is almost up and running. Waiting for VA to get back to them. DBA YLD is doing a Top Golf event. Oct. 5th. Top Golf

event - October 5, 2024 10-1 - DBA YLD event benefitting MVL -
<https://www.cobar.org/Calendar/Event/sessionaltcd/DYLD100524>

- iv. Margaret Haywood Membership). Renewals for local bars are averaging 74% of members having renewed. Exactly the same as last year at this time. We have contract with a call center to reach out to unpaid members. This will run for around a month. Her department is continuing outreach to unpaid members and has created a campaign targeted to lapsed members. We include a list of unpaid members on your monthly rosters. Reach out to Margaret (mhaywood@cobar.org) or Marissa (mlobato@cobar.org) if you have any questions. They are reaching out directly to attorneys who were sworn in in June. We just ordered business cards with QR code to member application for leaders to hand out. Melissa Higham is looking into health insurance partners.
- v. Amy Sreenen (Sections & Committees/Public Legal Education) COBALT applications are out and due Sept. 3rd.
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ColoradoBarAssociation1/ColoradoBarAssociationLeadershipTrainingCOBALT2025Application> CODACC applications will open in Oct. Regional Mock Trial tournament dates are being set. Still waiting on Southern, Adams/Broomfield, and Arapahoe. State is being held in Pueblo March 14-15. The full list of tournaments and dates can be found here.
<https://www.coloradohighschoolmocktrial.com/Tournaments> Mock Trial Coaches College is Nov. 2nd. CBA and DBA YLD are hosting a reception after the swearing on Oct. 21st at the DAC. We would love to see as many leaders there as possible to welcome these new attorneys to Colorado. Starting around 4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3: 56 p.m.

Next Local Bar Leader Meeting: **October 16th, 2024**