

Local Bar Leader Meeting Minutes

6/25/24 3 p.m.-4 p.m.

Attendees: Crystal Rayos, Meghan Bush, Toni-Anne Nunez, Amy Sreenen, Katrina Silbaq, Marci Fulton, Tali Thomason, Emo Overall, Dean Batchelder, Annie Martinez, Margaret Haywood, Jeremy Savage, Charlie Willman, Alan Hendrix, Stacey Moore, Teresa Drexler, David Little, Nicoal Sperazza, Carolyn Steffl, Jason Roberts, Sarah Neiley, Rob Zentner, Dan St. John, Andrea Rosenberry,

ATJ Commission (Emo Overall, ED) -Working on relaunching Ric Morgans clinics around the state. Starting August, there will be 6 clinics in local libraries. Ric Morgan had 86 libraries involved. They have a grant to start in the 15th, 16th, and 3rd Jurisdictions.

Colorado Bar Foundation (Rob Zentner)- They have received 95 qualifying applications. 1 in every Colorado county which was a goal for the foundation. Grants will be sent out in August.

CBA Appeals program (Dean Batchelder, volunteer)- He provides information on the CBA Appeals program. This program is housed under the CBA Access to Justice Department with CBA Staff (Toni-Anne Nunez, Director and Katrina Sibaq, Program Coordinator), They are looking for you to spread awareness to your networks and share the attached flier. If any interest in volunteering for the clinic to contact Katrina Silbaq at ksilbaq@cobar.org

CBA Legal Opportunities in Greater Colorado (Jason Roberts and Kristen Ladd) They are the new co-chairs for this committee. Taking over the work Kyle Aber started as the Regional VP on the CBA Executive Council. They are looking for more interest in the Legal Opportunities in Greater Colorado. This would be a space to connect with others in Greater Colorado and how we can expand already existing programs across the state.

Mesa County Bar Association (Jeremy Savage, 23-24 President) - Mesa County had an end of the year event and Andrea Rosenberry is taking over as the president starting July 1st.

Arapahoe Bar Association (Mollie Hawes, 24-25 President)- They have had their annual meeting and golf event. They are starting monthly volunteer opportunities in the fall. Community service and pro bono opportunities. Poker Night is in the preliminary stages which is what began their bar association. Looking into introducing an ambassador program to get more members involved.

The Heart of the Rockies (David Little, VP)- introduces himself and says he is working with Daniel Tom to transition Daniel out of the President position.

Denver Bar Association (Nicoal Sperrazza, 23-24 President) -They had a tennis event with skill set stations for their members, well attended. They had a Denver DA candidate forum which was organized by DBA Sections & Committees Director, Amy Sreenen, Annie Martinez and was co-sponsored by all the Diversity Bars. CBA DBA CLE offices had a reception with 275 people for LLPS (Licensed Legal Paraprofessional). DBA will also be relaunching The Docket. Passing of the Gavel on July 17th for Annie Martinez.

1st JD (Alan Hendrix, 24-25 President) -1st JD incoming president in July. They have a golf tournament on Sept. 26th. He did a shout out to Toni-Anne and team for their MVL Soiree fundraiser. Nicoal Sperrazza jumped in and agreed.

Larimer Bar Association (Dan St. John, 24-25 President)- Larimer has their monthly CLEs on track. Lawyers and Littles in September. March and September term days. If anyone knows of an admin assistant to reach out to him. Looking to hire someone while they do not have a director.

Boulder Bar Association- (Carolyn Steffl, 24-25 President) is the new president of Boulder on July 3rd. Focusing on attorney wellness this year. Their board has recruited diverse lawyers to join. They went to a play called What the Constitution means to me. There is a Rockies Game coming up end July.

9th JD (Sarah Neiley, 23-24 President) They are working on CLEs for end of Summer and Fall. Also, working on a larger best practices event to schedule annually with Judicial.

Pueblo Bar Association (Shannon Reed, 23-24 President) says Pueblo has their annual dinner coming up and a Western theme. Several justices will be attending this event. This past May, they hosted the Oral Arguments with Supreme Court and beautiful reception at the River Walk.

El Paso County Bar Association (Crystal Rayos, ED) they are working on elections for September. They are trying a scavenger hunt. CLEs start in August.

Adams-Broomfield (Stacey Moore, ED) Elections were held yesterday for their new board.

Charlie Willman (CBA President elect, 2025-26) gives an update from the June Board of Governors. He says we are making good progress to move forward after some shake ups in the bar. Catherine Chan is working hard to work through them all. He spoke about Catherine focusing on Attorney Wellness moving forward in her term. A new committee has been set up to advise on the selection of a new CBA Executive Director. There will be a by-laws committee. A new past presidents committee was formed so we can receive input from past CBA-DBA-CLE presidents. The Board of Governors agreed to record the executive council meetings and will provide those to membership on the website. Working on Greater Colorado initiatives.

Dean Marci Fulton from CU has a legal community fair at CU Law School. Spread the word to local bars to reach out to her for community outreach.

University of Colorado Law School Colorado Legal Community Fair

Friday, September 27

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

University of Colorado Law School, Gilbert Goldstein Courtyard (weather allowing)

For a law student, navigating the Colorado Legal Community can be overwhelming. The opportunities to get involved with various organizations appear limitless, but figuring out how and why to get involved can be a daunting task. The **Colorado Legal Community Fair** is designed to make navigating our legal community's resources a little easier (and hopefully more fun) for University of Colorado Law School students. We would be pleased to have one or more representatives from local bar associations at the fair this year.

Join us for this fun lunch reception designed to encourage students to learn about and explore the organizations available to them throughout the Colorado legal community. This is your chance to fill our students in on what makes your organization unique, why and how they can get involved, and resources available to them. We are planning for an outdoor tabling event, but in case of inclement weather, we will move the event inside the building.

If you would like to participate, please respond to Marci Fulton (marci.fulton@colorado.edu) **Tuesday, September 10** with the following information:

- Name of your organization
- Name of individual(s) attending on behalf of your organization
- Email address(es) of individual(s) attending on behalf of your organization.

If you have any questions or need more information before committing to participate, please follow up with Marci.

Margaret Haywood, CBA – DBA Director of Membership, it is renewal season, and we are seeing strong engagement and results. 35% of paying members have renewed. There can be an option for your local bar to offer the Licensed Legal Professionals as a member category. Contact Margaret at mhaywood@cobar.org for any questions about membership.

Amy Sreenen, CBA- DBA Director of Sections & Committees, gave a shout out to Shannon and Danita at Pueblo for the COBALT event that was held there. Working on an RFP to host the national mock trial tournament but this is about 5 years out.

Tali Thomason, CBA-DBA Communications and Marketing Director, announces that the CBA job board has launched.

Meghan Bush, CBA Director of Local Bars and Legal Community Relations, please make sure your notifications are on for the Thrive community. This is where you will get updates on any opportunities statewide. If you need a refresher on how to do this, please reach out.

Diversity on the Bench is looking for diverse attorneys who may be interested in joining the bench. We are collaborating with the Center for Legal Inclusiveness and Judicial for the Dream Team 2.0 program which helps with the application process and mock interviews. Please send them my way as we are collecting a list.

Also, working on providing Ethics and EDI CLE's starting every other month in August for our local bars. The first one will be **AI and Ethics on August 20th at noon-1 p.m.** We will get you the marketing soon to send out to your membership.

Tyler Mounsey, CBA director of Legislative Relations, has offered to come to your local bar to give a legislative update in your area. If interested, please email me.

Presidential Visits schedules are still in the works. Visiting our Southern local bars and Western local bars in the Fall. Please be on the lookout for my emails on this. Reminder- CBA is here to support you and if you have any questions about ANYTHING to reach out directly to me.