

**A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR
NEW PRACTITIONERS
IN THE
TRUST & ESTATE AND ELDER LAW FIELDS**

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New Lawyer Society,
Trust and Estate Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association
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Dear New Practitioner:

The Colorado Bar Association and its Trust and Estate and Elder Law Sections, local bar associations, and other organizations are rich with resources and practical tips for lawyers new to the trust and estate and elder law fields. But where does one start?

This guide was created to provide a brief overview of key resources available that have been helpful in the past. We hope that you can use this guide to get started in this rich practice field. We hope to see you at one of our committee meetings!

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SECTION 1: MISSION STATEMENT

The New Lawyers Society (NLS) Society of the Trust and Estate Section was formed to provide a forum for lawyers new to trust and estate practice. The NLS focuses on issues and education relevant to new trust and estate attorneys and provides an introduction to more experienced trust and estate attorneys. The NLS is not only for “young” lawyers, but for lawyers of all ages who are new to trust and estate practice.

The NLS meets on the third Thursday of every month (except June, July & December) from 3:15-5:00 p.m. as part of the Trust and Estate Section’s Super Thursday. The meetings are held in the Terrace Room at the Colorado Bar Association offices, 1900 Grant St., 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203. To participate by phone, call 1-866-200-5786, passcode 3038245340#.

Also a part of the New Lawyers Society is the Study Group, which is an opportunity for new Trust and Estate attorneys to ask practice questions and learn from other members and experienced practitioners. One or more experienced practitioners volunteer their time to answer questions during each call. The Study Group meets the first Thursday of the month from noon to 1:00PM at the CBA offices, 1900 Grant Street, 9th Floor, Lexis Conference Room. Participants may choose to attend by conference call. Please contact one of the board members or visit our website for call-in information.

Please visit our website for more information and announcements:

[http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/22088/TRUST/New-T & E-Lawyers-Subcommittee/](http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/22088/TRUST/New-T%20&%20E-Lawyers-Subcommittee/)



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SECTION 2: CBA RESOURCES

1. Super Thursday

Elder Law and Trust & Estate Section take over the 9th Floor of the CBA offices every third Thursday of the month (except for June & July) for section and committee meetings. Super Thursday is a “must” for any new practitioner wanting to learn more about the T&E field in Colorado. Participation in these committees and subcommittees is open to all Section members and is encouraged. A call-in option is available for most meetings held on Super Thursday. For specific information, see the T&E webpage at www.cobar.org or contact the Chair of the committee you are interested in attending.

Summaries of some of the larger committees and projects are below.

Statutory Revisions Committee: The Statutory Revisions Committee (“SRC”) is the largest standing committee of the T&E Section. As its name suggests, this Committee’s principal function is to critically examine and, when needed, draft revisions to existing probate law for consideration by the Colorado legislature. This committee also considers proposals for new probate laws. In order to accomplish that, SRC forms subcommittees to debate, draft, and promote changes to Colorado’s probate statutes. Each subcommittee’s work product is then considered for approval at the monthly meeting of SRC.

Orange Book Forms Committee: Members of the Orange Book Forms Committee draft, review, and revise forms and notes on use for publication in *Colorado Estate Planning Forms*, also known as the *Orange Book Forms*, published by CLE in Colorado, Inc. Due to constant changes to state and federal law, this Committee continually updates its forms.

Rules and Forms Committee: The Rules and Forms Committee reviews and revises the probate Judicial Department Forms (JDF) and the Colorado Rules of Probate Procedure (CRPP). Revisions to the JDF Forms are sent onto the State Court Administrator’s Office (SCAO) for approval and posting on the Colorado State Judicial Branch website.

Civic and Community Affairs Committee: The Civic and Community Affairs Committee is responsible for most of the T&E Section’s public education endeavors. This Committee assists with updates to brochures offered to the public by the CBA on topics that include “So Now You Are a Personal Representative,” “So You Are a Trustee,” “What to do When Someone Dies,” and “Probate in Colorado.” These brochures are available at

www.cobar.org. The T&E Section also helps sponsor the annual Senior Law Day, and annual publication of the *Senior Law Handbook*, which is also available on the website.

CLE Committee: The CLE Committee brainstorms ideas and speakers for upcoming CLE programs, including the annual T&E Update, the Estate Planning Retreat and special programs. The Committee works in conjunction with CLE in Colorado, Inc. The Committee welcomes ideas for CLE topics and speakers.

Tentative Super Thursday Schedule for 2013–14*

*Super Thursday schedule is subject to change each month. Please visit CBA Calendar section of the [CBA website](#) or call CBA at 303-860-1115 for latest information.

	Executive Conference	Terrace Conference	Lexis Conference	Capitol Conference	President’s Office
8:00–9	8:30–10 Elder Law Section/ Council Meeting Co-Chairs: Brandon				
9–10	Fields and Shari Caton				
10–11	Elder Law Section CLE Program	Probate Trial & Procedure Subcommittee Kelly Dickson Cooper		Civic and Community Affairs Carl Glatstein	
11– 12:15	Rules & Forms Laurie Hunter	Elder Law/T&E /ADR Dennis Whitmer			

11:30– 1:30				Uniform Power of Appointment Act-SRC Susan Boothby	
12:15– 1:30	Orange Book Forms Kate Boland	CLE/ Estate Planning Retreat Committee Elizabeth Bryant			Elder Law Retreat Planning Committee
1:30–3	1:30–3:15 Statutory Revisions Aaron Evans (chair) and Kerri Klein (co-chair)				
3:15– 5:15	Trust & Estate Executive Council Connie Eyster	New T&E Lawyers Sumi Lee			Affidavit for Collection John Debruyn

2. T&E Section Listserv and Council Notes (T&E Section Newsletter)

The T&E Section hosts a listserv designed to promote discussion of issues involving trust and estate topics. The listserv is lively and informative. Information about joining the listserv is available on the T&E webpage at www.cobar.org.

Council Notes is the quarterly publication of the T&E Section. It is sent via email to Section members. Also, the current issue and back issues since 1998 are available on the T&E webpage at www.cobar.org. *Council Notes* contains notices of interests to T&E attorneys and in-depth articles on a range of T&E topics. The *Council Notes* editors are Julia McVey (jmcvey@mcveylaw.com) and Josie Faix (jfaix@wadeash.com).

3. New Lawyer Society Study Group

On the first Thursday of every month between 12:00pm to 1:00pm, new attorneys can attend a study group session to ask questions and discuss practice issues with other trust and estates attorneys. Attendees can participate in person or by phone. At every session, an experienced attorney volunteers to answer tough questions or guide the discussions. The group meets at the CBA offices at 1900 Grant Street, on the 9th Floor in the Lexis Conference room. If you would like to attend by phone, please call (866) 200-5786 and use conference ID: 3038245340.

2014 Study Group Schedule and Volunteers

Date	Volunteer(s)
January 02, 2014	Gene Zuspahn, Mark D. Masters, Mary Milan Bock
February 06, 2014	Walter M. Kelly II, Jennifer M. Spitz
March 06, 2014	Sonny Wiegand, Kristin Dittus
April 03, 2014	Leia G. Ursery, Kristin Dittus
May 01, 2014	Spencer Crona, Walter M. Kelly II, Melissa R. Schwartz
June 05, 2014	Jennifer M. Spitz, Gene Zuspahn
July 03, 2014	Leia G. Ursery
August 07, 2014	Mark D. Masters, Sonny Wiegand
September 04, 2014	Gene Zuspahn, Melissa R. Schwartz
October 02, 2014	Connie Tromble Eyster, Greg Washington
November 06, 2014	Spencer Crona, Kristin Dittus
December 04, 2014	Sonny Wiegand

4. Meeting Rooms, Working Space, and Courtroom Practice Space

- a. The President's Conference Room on the 9th Floor of the CBA Offices is available as a meeting space. Contact CBA at 303-860-1115 for more information.
- b. STRATUM, a members-only, co-working space for lawyers at the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations on the 9th Floor of the CBA offices, opened its doors in 2014. Amenities include: power for your devices, meeting space, high-speed wifi, printing, scanning, copying, and faxing (limited number of copies), meeting room access, complimentary coffee and soft drinks, networking events, guest passes for non-members, and \$5 passes to the on-site fitness center. Please visit [STRATUM's website](#) for more information.

- c. The Colorado and Denver Bar Associations have secured space at the Denver City and County Building in courtroom 117 for members' use as a practice space. The courtroom is available almost all weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve time, email [Heather Clark](#). A 24-hour notice is recommended.

SECTION 3: CBA CLE PROGRAMS

1. Helpful CLE Programs

Estate Planning Basic Skills and Estate Administration Basic Skills are two-day programs designed for attorneys who want to learn critical basic skills in estate planning or estate administration. Please visit cle.cobar.org for more information or contact CLE at cle@cobar.org.

a. Estate Administration Basic Skills

This program is held in odd years (2015, 2017, etc.) and provides an overview of the essential steps to administer an estate. Past programs have covered the following:

- Initial Client Interview and Opening an Estate
- Introduction to JDF Forms
- Rights of Surviving Spouse and Family
- Creditors' Claims
- Real Estate Matters
- Ethics and Advising the Fiduciary
- Income Tax Issues
- Closing the Estate
- Tricks of the Trade

b. Estate Planning Basic Skills

This program is held in even years (2014, 2016, etc.), and addresses the planning and drafting process, ethical concerns, transfer tax issues, planning for small estates, and more. A part of the program includes session in which the members of the faculty apply the concepts just taught to typical client fact patterns. Past programs have covered the following:

- Information Gathering and the Initial Client Interview
- Introduction to Transfer Taxes
- The Planning and Drafting Process
- Execution of Document and Follow-up Issues
- Planning for Disability
- Planning for Single Clients and Smaller Estates
- Planning For Married Client and Larger Estates
- Revocable Trusts
- Introduction to Marital Deduction

c. Elder Law Basics

This is a half-day program held in odd years (2015, 2017, etc.) and provides an overview of the ever-evolving area of elder law and how it intersects with other practice areas. Past programs have covered the following:

- Understanding Powers of Attorney
- Guardianships and Conservatorships
- Medicaid/SSI/Special Needs Trusts and Disability Trusts
- Medicare/SSDI

d. Probate Litigation Practicum

This recurring program provides the opportunity to practice the elements of courtroom evidence that are important for probate practitioners to know. Participants learn the evidentiary techniques as a larger group then break into small groups for role-playing and discussion. A faculty member coach leads each small group to give individual attention and feedback.

e. Colorado Real Estate Practice

This course is offered annually in the fall and consists of 10 classes taught by Willis Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter has been teaching this program for more than 35 years and it is recognized as the best basic skills course in the Colorado real property law area. As a T & E practitioner, real estate is often the most valuable asset most of our clients own. An effective T & E practitioner should develop the ability to issue spot when dealing real estate matters.

Throughout the course, you will gain an understanding of real estate law in Colorado including farm and ranch issues, mountain vacation property and Torrens.

2. Retreats / Conferences

The annual Estate Planning and Elder Law retreats are key events of the year for probate practitioners, and they are wonderful opportunities to learn more from the experts and to network with practitioners. For up-to-date information regarding the agenda and accommodations, please visit cle.cobar.org. Scholarship may be available for the retreat programs. Please contact Gary Abrams at gabrams@cobar.org for more information.

a. Estate Planning Retreat

This retreat is held annually in June. The 2013 Retreat was held in Snowmass, CO, and the [2014 Retreat](#) will be held in Steamboat Springs, CO. At least one retreat topic is presented to specifically address the needs of

new T&E lawyers. The Unprogram is another opportunity to ask questions and acquire basic information.

b. Elder Law Retreat

This retreat is held annually in August. The 2013 Retreat was held in Vail, CO, and the 2014 Retreat will be in the same location.

c. National College of Probate Judges Spring Conference

The National College of Probate Judges' (NCPJ) membership is open not only to probate judges but also to registrars, clerks, attorneys, financial advisors, law professors, banks, and more. The NCPJ Spring Conference is a great opportunity to meet and network with probate judges and others from across the US and to attend CLE sessions. Registration for the Spring Conference includes a 1-year membership to the NCPJ.

d. Senior Law Day

[Senior Law Day](#) is a one-day, annual education seminar for seniors and their caregivers in the Colorado community. Senior Law Day in Denver hosts approximately 800 attendees and over 40 workshops and presentations by experienced senior education professionals. Topics such as powers of attorney, assisted living and nursing home issues, Social Security, and Medicaid basics are covered.

Senior Law Day is held in July and August in various locations around the state, including Denver, Jefferson, Boulder, Larimer, El Paso, Pueblo, and Routt Counties. The Senior Law Handbook, which covers important topics for seniors, is distributed at the events.

Visit <http://seniorlaw.annualcle.com> for a full schedule.

Get Involved: Working with an author on editing or updating a chapter of the Handbook or volunteering at the event are great ways for new lawyers to get involved. If you're interested in Senior Law Day or the Senior Handbook, attend the [Civic and Community Affairs Subcommittee](#) meetings on [Super Thursday](#) for more information.

SECTION 4: BUILDING THE ESSENTIAL T & E LIBRARY

1. The Green Book

The two-volume [Green Book](#) is a yearly publication that contains relevant probate statutes, probate court rules, and probate forms in one place. It is a portable, all-in-one resource for trust and estate and elder law attorneys. An electronic copy (CD-ROM) is included with your purchase.

Get Involved: Attend the [Rules & Forms Committee](#) meetings on Super Thursday at 11:00am-12:15pm. This Committee reviews and revises the probate Judicial Department Forms (JDFs) and the Colorado Rules of Probate Procedure (CRPP).

2. Colorado Estate Planning Handbook and Colorado Estate Planning Forms (“The Orange Books”):

a. Colorado Estate Planning Handbook

The [Colorado Estate Planning Handbook](#) is a comprehensive treatise on Colorado estate planning law and is frequently used in conjunction with the [Colorado Estate Planning Forms](#) book. The chapters in the Handbook are authored by many of the leading trust and estate attorneys in Colorado. An electronic copy (CD-ROM) is included with your purchase.

b. Colorado Estate Planning Forms

[Colorado Estate Planning Forms](#), commonly known as “*The Orange Book Forms*,” includes the most frequently used estate planning forms with accompanying explanatory notes on use. It is an indispensable resource to beginning and experienced estate planning attorneys. An electronic copy (CD-ROM) is included with your purchase.

Get Involved: Attend the [Orange Book Forms Committee](#) meetings on Super Thursday at 12:15-1:30pm. Members of this Committee draft, review, and revise forms and notes on use for the Colorado Estate Planning Forms book.

3. Colorado Probate System

Written by former Denver Probate Judge, James R. Wade, [Colorado Probate System](#) provides a step-by-step process for estate administration in Colorado. The book contains checklists, forms, letters and deadlines to guide the

practitioner through all aspects of estate administration. An electronic copy (CD-ROM) is included with your purchase.

4. Colorado Law of Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciary Administration

Also authored by James R. Wade, [Colorado Law of Wills, Trusts, and Fiduciary Administration](#) is a comprehensive treatise based on *Colorado Probate Practice Manual* by the late Howard E. Parks. It provides a thorough commentary on the law of wills, trusts, and fiduciary administration, focusing on leading Colorado cases, the Colorado probate code, and related fiduciary statutes.

5. Senior Law Handbook

The [Senior Law Handbook](#) is a yearly publication that covers a wide range of topics concerning elder law, trust and estate law and aging in general. Although the handbook is targeted toward non-lawyers, the dozens of topics covered in the handbook provide a good overview and starting point for new elder law and trust and estate practitioners. Many of the chapters are written by prominent, experienced members of the [Elder Law](#) and [Trust and Estate](#) Sections.

The Senior Law Handbook is free and may be downloaded from seniorlaw.annualcle.com.

SECTION 5: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

1. CBA Website Resources

The CBA website is an important resource for new lawyers. It is a great place to look for answers to practice management questions and connect with other lawyers. Below are some of the resources available at the CBA website. You can explore these and more at cobar.org.

a. Law Practice Management:

The [Law Practice Management](#) group at the CBA has a variety of resources to help members with practice management issues including information and resources regarding general practice management, technology, marketing and finance. For more information, contact Reba Nance at reban@cobar.org.

b. Casemaker:

The CBA provides its members with access to the Casemaker legal research tool, a less expensive alternative to Westlaw. The basic version is free to CBA members, and can be accessed through the [CBA Casemaker website](#). Training on how to use the program is also available.

c. CBA lending library:

The Law Practice Management group at the CBA has a lending library for CBA members. The large catalog has books on topics such as practice management, marketing, technology and finance. The catalog can be viewed [online](#) at the CBA website, and books can be borrowed in person or by mail. A list of suggested books for T&E attorneys in the CBA lending library can be found [here](#).

d. CBA member discounts:

The CBA has arrangements with a wide range of legal, business, financial, insurance and personal service companies to provide services to CBA members at discounted rates. These services can be found in the [“Member Marketplace”](#).

e. Listservs:

The CBA supports several [listservs](#) which provide forums for members to ask questions and participate in discussions on legal issues with their peers, or discuss job opportunities, technology tips, and other topics.

f. CBA Economic Survey:

CBA publishes a biennial survey of the Colorado legal community that gives members a detailed picture of attorney income, staff compensation, billing rates and overhead costs for attorneys practicing in Colorado. The results from these surveys can be found at cobar.org/economicsurvey.

g. Find A Lawyer:

The CBA maintains an [online directory](#) of attorney profiles, lawyers searching for employment, and lawyers looking for Of Counsel relationships.

h. CBA Ethics Hotline:

Members of the [CBA Ethics Committee](#) are available to discuss ethics questions by phone. The Ethics Committee also accepts written inquiries. Details for contacting the Ethics Committee are available on the CBA website.

2. Other Resources

a. Hanging your Shingle CLE

[“Hanging Your Shingle”](#) is a three day CLE that covers all aspects of starting your own practice. This is an essential CLE for lawyers thinking about starting their own practice. Topics are presented by practitioners who have gone out on their own and know the ins and outs of starting a practice. The instructors provide practical advice and information on resources needed to successfully start a practice.

b. Solo-Small Firm Practice Section

The [Solo-Small Firm Practice Section](#) provides a forum to address issues unique to solo practitioners and attorneys in small firms. The section provides practical programs dealing with the nuts and bolts of owning a law practice. The section also sponsors a blog ([SOLOinCOLO](#)), CLEs, and a listserv for its members. These services and others give members an opportunity to network and share expertise with other solo and small firm practitioners.

c. Young Lawyer Divisions

A "Young Lawyer," as defined by the CBA is any member of the Colorado Bar Association in good standing, who is under the age of 37 or who has been admitted to their first Bar for less than five years. All Colorado lawyers who fall into either of these categories are automatically enrolled as members of the [Young Lawyers Division](#) (YLD). The YLD hosts events opportunity for young lawyers to become involved in the bar and network with other young attorneys. Details about YLD can be found at cbayounglawyer.org.

d. Metropolitan Lawyer Referral Service

Metropolitan Lawyer Referral Service, Inc. (MLRS) is a non-profit service and the only bar-sponsored lawyer referral service in Front Range Colorado. MLRS pre-screens attorneys and connects the members of the public to an attorney in a specific area of expertise. Visit www.mlrsonline.org for more information on how to be added to the MLRS referral list.

e. Local Bar Associations

Active members of the Colorado Bar Association living in Colorado are required to become members of a local bar association. If you are not certain which local bar association you belong to, there is a [list of local bar associations](#) on the CBA website which provides the geographical boundaries of each local bar association. CBA members may join more than one local bar association. Local bar associations sponsor activities, such as: pro bono services, senior law days, law days and other activities.

Tip: Local bar associations provide an opportunity to meet and network with attorneys in your community.

SECTION 6: HOW TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AS A NEW TRUST & ESTATE / ELDER LAW LAWYER

1. CLE Retreat Programs

There are a myriad of CLEs, seminars, homestudies, and books available in the trusts and estates and elder law areas, which can supplement or boost your knowledge in a particular subject. In addition, the Estate Planning Retreat (held in June of each year) and Elder Law Retreat (held in August of each year) are excellent opportunities to learn about the “hot topics” in the field and to network with some of the most experienced and knowledgeable trusts and estates professionals in Colorado. Tuition assistance may be available. Visit cle.cobar.org for more information.

2. Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans

The Colorado Bar Association, in cooperation with a number of local bar associations, offers legal services for veterans across Colorado. The clinics provide free and low-cost legal services to military veterans. Please visit [Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans website](#) for more information.

3. Metro Volunteer Lawyers (MVL)

[Metro Volunteer Lawyers](#)' Mission is: “To bridge the gap in access to justice by coordinating the provision of pro bono legal services by volunteer lawyers within the Denver Metro Area to people who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues.” MVL provides opportunities for new practitioners to take on clients on a pro bono or low-fee basis and to gain experience in client representation.

Volunteers are needed to help ensure that people in need get professional legal representation for their civil cases. MVL will help identify a client in need who has a case that fits within the practice and geographic areas that you want to help with. Visit MVL's website at metrovolunteerlawyers.org for more information on how to get involved.

4. Pro Bono Project/ Colorado Legal Services

The mission of [Colorado Legal Services](#) is to provide meaningful access to high quality, civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for as many low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations throughout Colorado as possible. For more information, visit coloradolegalservices.org.

5. Colorado Lawyer's Committee

Founded in 1978, the [Colorado Lawyers Committee](http://coloradolawyerscommittee.org) is a nonpartisan consortium of 59 Colorado law firms dedicated to creating and increasing opportunities for children, the poor and other disadvantaged communities through advocacy, negotiation and litigation. The Colorado Lawyers Committee usually has 20 active projects in the areas of: poverty and public benefits, civil rights, education, immigration, community development, and criminal law. A number of these task forces need additional volunteers, and substantive expertise is not required. For more information, visit coloradolawyerscommittee.org.

6. Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) And Court-Appointed Counsel (CAC) Appointments

Serving as a guardian ad litem and/or Court-Appointed Counsel in a protective proceedings or a decedents' estate case is a great way to gain experience and insight into courtroom procedures and case process from start to finish. Each district maintains a list of GAL/CAC appointments, and interested practitioners should contact the specific court for more information on the process and requirements for being added to the appointment list. Practitioners are also encouraged to contact experienced practitioners already serving in the GAL/CAC role for opportunities to observe them in action. This is also a great opportunity to build a working relationship with experienced practitioners in the field.

7. Volunteer Probate Attorney Clinic at the Denver Probate Court

The Denver Probate Court holds a volunteer probate attorney clinic every Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 – 3:30PM. New attorneys can be paired with seasoned volunteer attorneys to gain experience with providing legal counsel. Contact [Julia McVey](#) for more information.

8. Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP)

The [Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program](#) was created by the Chief Justice Commission on the Legal Profession and is housed within the office of the Colorado Attorney Regulation Counsel. CAMP helps new Colorado attorneys “acquire legal skills and develop an ethical and professional ‘identity’ by paring them in mentoring relationships with experienced Colorado attorneys.”

SECTION 7: LIST OF PROBATE REGISTRARS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	DISTRICT	REGISTRAR	PHONE NUMBER
Adams	17th	Joy Zabroski	(303) 654-3227
Alamosa	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
Arapahoe	18th	Shelly Agos	(303)649-6313
Archuleta	6th	Debbie Tully	(970) 264-8160
Baca	15th	Jamie Smith	(719) 523-4555
Bent	16th	Robyn Dunham	(719) 456-1353
Boulder	20th	John Lauce	(303) 441-4740
Broomfield	17th	Joy Zabroski	(303) 654-3227
Chaffee	11th	Karen Prosser	(719) 539-2561 ext 224
Cheyenne	15th	Vicki M. Allen	(719) 767-5649
Clear Creek	5th	Tamara Lewis	(303) 679-4220
Conejos	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
Costilla	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
Crowley	16th	Andrea Cruz	(719) 267-4468
Custer	11th	Linda C. Urwiller	(719) 783-2274
Delta	7th	Mandy S. Allen	(970) 399-2009
Denver	2nd	Linda Riggle	(720) 865-8312
Dolores	22nd	Janice Teece	(970) 565-1111
Douglas	18th	Gina Parker	(720) 437-6212
Eagle	5th	Jackie Cooper	(970) 328-8584
El Paso	4th	Sarah Ortiz	(719) 452-5395
Elbert	18th	Gina Parker	(720) 437-6212
Fremont	11th	Deborah Sather-Stringari	(719) 204-2204
Garfield	9th	Suzan Lakin	(970) 928-3074
Gilpin	1st	Judy Cross	(303) 271-6445
Grand	14th	Heather J. Harms	(970) 725-3357
Gunnison	7th	Betsy A. Nesbitt	(970) 641-3500
Hinsdale	7th	Joan Anastasion	(970) 944-2227
Huerfano	3rd	Lorraine A. Cisneros	(719) 738-1040
Jackson	8th	Salli Johnroe	(970) 723-4363
Jefferson	1st	Judy Cross	(303) 271-6445
Kiowa	15th	Nora "Elaine" Lindholm	(719) 438-5558
Kit Carson	13th	Sharlene K. Mills	(719) 346-5524
Lake	5th	Brenda S. Knoll	(719) 293-8105

La Plata	6th	Patricia (Trish) Williams	(970) 247-2304 ext. 6142
Larimer	8th	Mary Sampedro	(970) 494-3506
Las Animas	3rd	Joanne Montero	(719) 497-8202
Lincoln	18th	Kimberly Graham	(719) 743-2455
Logan	13th	Sara Harms	(970) 522-6565
Mesa	21st	Lorri Stone	(970) 257-3676
Mineral	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
Moffat	14th	Diana L. Meyer	(970) 824-8254
Montezuma	22nd	Janice Teece	(970) 565-1111
Montrose	7th	Jodi A. Hanson	(970) 252-4300
Morgan	13th	Cathlene Marshall	(970) 542-3438
Otero	16th	Chris Fleischacker	(719) 384-4951
Ouray	7th	Jane E. Holmes	(970) 325-4405
Park	11th	Kathy Jones	(719) 836-2940 ext. 228
Phillips	13th	Joy Strack	(970) 854-3279
Pitkin	9th	Jonna Goldston	(970) 925-7635
Prowers	15th	Diane Crow	(719) 336-8946
Pueblo	10th	Lacie Keene	(719) 586-8809
Rio Blanco	9th	Susan Mills	(970) 878-5622
Rio Grande	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
Routt	14th	Mary Ann Ninger	(970) 870-2316
Saguache	12th	Bandy Lucero	(719) 657-3394
San Juan	6th	Danene Etz	(970) 247-2304 ext. 6181
San Miguel	7th	Bryan G. Yug	(970) 369-3310
Sedgwick	13th	Susan S. Kinnison	(970) 474-3627
Summit	5th	Chris Kilkenny	(970) 547-2613
Teller	4th	Nancy Ashley	(719) 686-8002
Washington	13th	Sandra Farris	(970) 345-2756
Weld	19th	Lauris Laue	(970) 475-2505
Yuma	13th	(Myra) Jo Clemons	(970) 332-4118
Updated: 12/2013			

This list is maintained online at

[http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Planning_and_Analysis/Court%20Programs/Probate%20Registrar's%20Phone%20List\(1\).pdf](http://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Administration/Planning_and_Analysis/Court%20Programs/Probate%20Registrar's%20Phone%20List(1).pdf)

SECTION 8: COLORADO COURTS PROBATE DIVISION CONTACT INFORMATION

District	Counties	Probate Judge/ Contact Info
1	Gilpin Jefferson	Hon. Stephen Munsinger Jefferson Combined Court 100 Jefferson County Parkway Golden, CO 80401 (303) 271-6135
2	Denver	Hon. Elizabeth D. Leith Denver Probate Court 1437 Bannock St. Room 230 Denver, CO 80202 (720) 865-8310
3	Huerfano Las Animas	Hon. Claude W. Appel Huerfano County Courthouse 401 Main Street, Suite 304 Walsenburg, CO 81089 (719) 738-1040 Hon. Leslie Gerbracht Las Animas County District Court 200 E. 1st St. Trinidad, CO 81082 (719) 846-3316
4	El Paso Teller	Hon. Theresa Cisneros (Division 8) Magistrate Frances Johnson (Division W) El Paso County Judicial Building 270 S. Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80901 (719) 452-5003 Joshua Schmitz, Protective Proceedings Monitor (719) 452-5398
5	Clear Creek Eagle Lake Summit	Hon. Mark D. Thompson Summit County District Court 501 N. Park Ave. PO Box 269 Breckenridge, CO 80424 (970) 547-2613

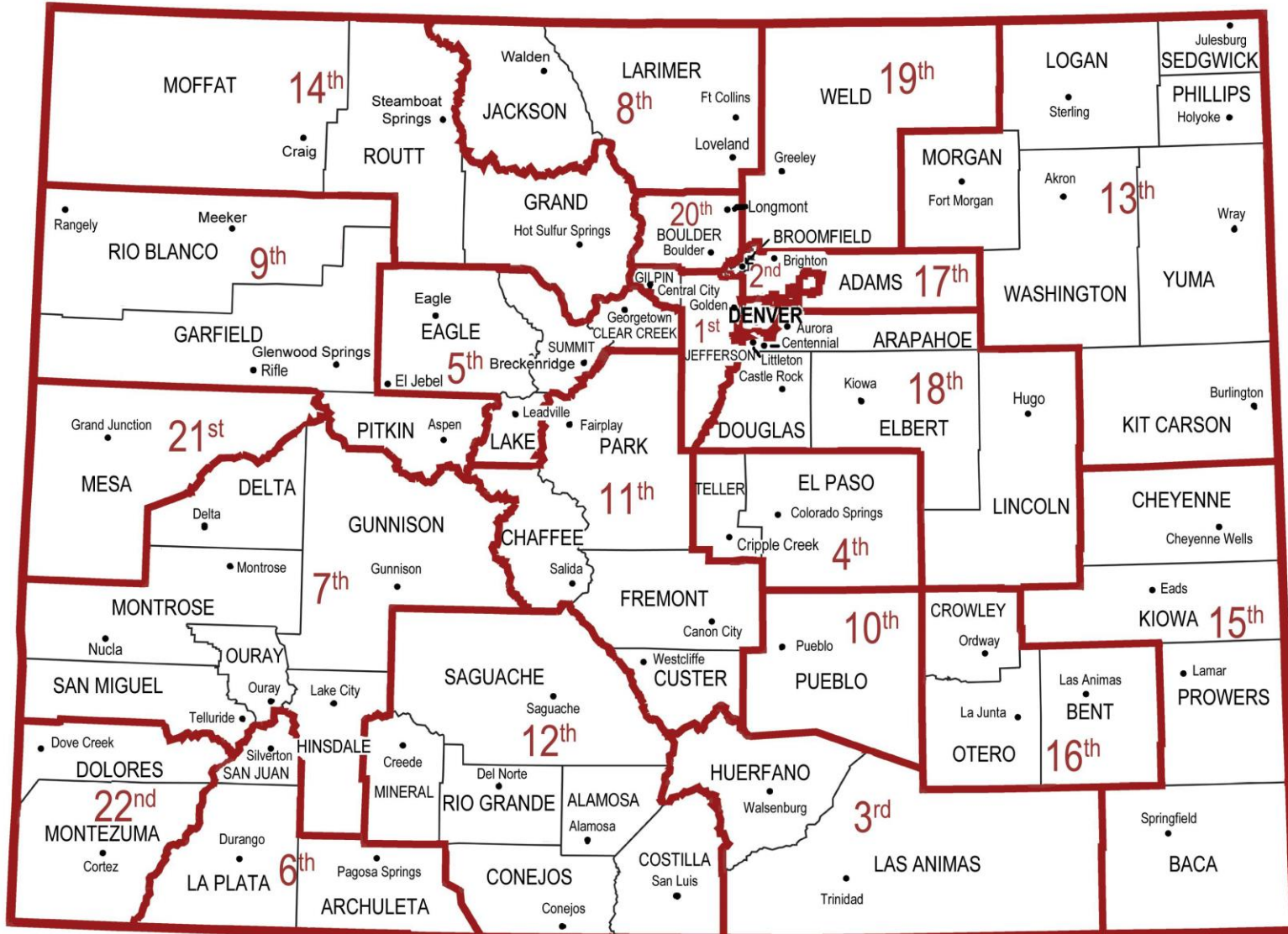
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<u>6</u>	Archuleta La Plata San Juan	Hon. Suzanne F. Carlson, Hon. William L. Herringer, and Hon. Jeffrey R. Wilson La Plata County Courthouse 1060 E. 2nd Ave. Rm. 106 Durango CO 81301 (970) 247-2304
<u>7</u>	Delta Gunnison Hinsdale Montrose Ouray San Miguel	
<u>8</u>	Jackson Larimer	Hon. Devin R. Odell Larimer County Justice Center 201 La Porte Avenue, Suite 100 Fort Collins CO 80521 (970) 494-3800
<u>9</u>	Garfield Pitkin Rio Blanco	
<u>10</u>	Pueblo	Hon. Jill Mattoon (Division F) Pueblo Combined Court 320 W. 10 th Street Pueblo, CO 81003 (719) 583-7000 Lacie Keene, Protective Proceedings Monitor
<u>11</u>	Chaffee Custer Fremont Park	Hon. Stephen A. Groom (Division 3) Park County Courthouse 300 Fourth St. PO Box 190 Fairplay, CO 80440 (719) 836-2940

District	Counties	Probate Judge/ Contact Info
<u>12</u>	Alamosa Conejos Constilla Mineral Rio Grande Saguache	Hon. Martin Gonzales Rio Grande County Courthouse 925 6th Street, Room 204 Del Norte, CO 81132 (719) 657-3394 Bandy Lucero, Probate Registrar
<u>13</u>	Kit Carson Logan Morgan Phillips Sedgwick Washington Yuma	
<u>14</u>	Grand Moffat Routt	
<u>15</u>	Baca Cheyenne Kiowa Prowers	
<u>16</u>	Bent Crowley Otero	
<u>17</u>	Adams Broomfield	Hon. C. Vincent Phelps (Division T) Adams County Justice Center 1100 Judicial Center Dr. Brighton, CO 80601 (303) 654-3550 Natalie Schlidt, Registrar 303-654-3237
<u>18</u>	Arapahoe Douglas Elbert Lincoln	Hon. Timothy L. Fasing (Division 21) Arapahoe County Justice Center 7325 S. Potomac St. Centennial, CO 80112 (720) 568-4852





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		<p>Shelly Agos, Probate Registrar Hon. Vincent White (Division 5) Douglas Combined Courts 4000 Justice Way Ste 2009 Castle Rock, CO 80109 (720) 437-6278</p> <p>Hon. Jeffrey Holmes (Division 1) Elbert Combined Courts 751 Ute Avenue PO Box 232 Kiowa CO 80117 (303) 621-8521</p>
19	Weld	<p>Hon. James F. Hartman, Jr. Weld County Court House 901 9th Ave. Greeley, CO 80634 (970) 351-7300 x5410</p> <p>Lauris Laue, Probate Registrar (970) 475-2505</p>
20	Boulder	<p>Hon. Ingrid Bakke Boulder County Combined Court 1777 Sixth Street P.O. Box 4249 Boulder CO 80306 (303) 441-4758</p>
21	Mesa	<p>Hon. David Bottger Mesa County Justice Center 125 N. Spruce St. PO Box 20,000-5030 Grand Junction, CO 81502 (970) 257-3630</p>
		<p>Lorri Stone, Probate Specialist, (970) 257-3676</p>

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22	Dolores Montezuma	Hon. Douglas S. Walker Hon. Todd J. Plewe Montezuma District Court 109 W Main, Room 210 Cortez, CO 81321 (970) 565-1111 Janice Teece, Probate Registrar Rich Patch, Protective Proceedings Monitor (970) 565-1111

Judicial Districts of Colorado



SECTION 9: LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Bar Association	Geographic Area	
<u>ADAMS/BROOMFIELD BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Adams County	
<u>ARAPAHOE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Arapahoe County	
<u>AURORA BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	City of Aurora	
<u>BOULDER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Boulder County	

Bar Association	Geographic Area	
<u>CONTINENTAL DIVIDE BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit Counties	
<u>DELTA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Delta County	
<u>DENVER BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Denver County	
<u>DOUGLAS/ELBERT COUNTIES BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Douglas and Elbert Counties	
<u>EL PASO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	El Paso and Teller Counties	
<u>FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Jefferson and Gilpin Counties	

Bar Association	Geographic Area	
<u>FOUR CORNERS BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Dolores and Montezuma Counties	
<u>FREMONT/CUSTER COUNTIES BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Custer and Fremont Counties	
<u>HEART OF THE ROCKIES BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Chaffee and Park Counties	
<u>LARIMER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Larimer County	
<u>MESA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Mesa County	

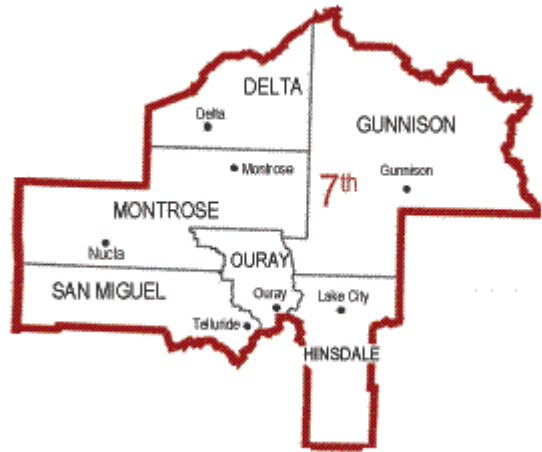
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<u>NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties	
<u>NORTHWESTERN COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Grand, Jackson, Moffat, and Routt Counties	
<u>PITKIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Pitkin County	
<u>PUEBLO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Pueblo County	
<u>SAN LUIS VALLEY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties	

Bar Association

[SEVENTH J.D. BAR ASSOCIATION](#)

Geographic Area

Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties



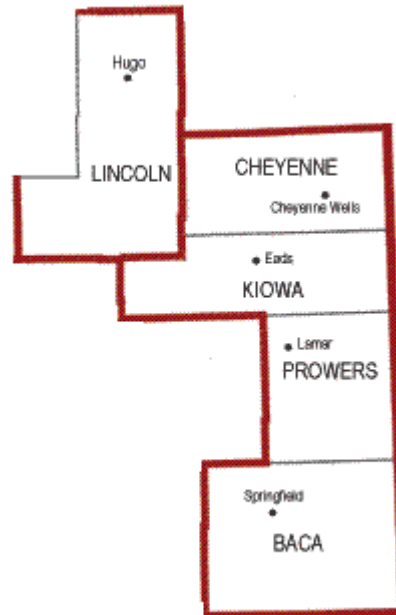
[SIXTEENTH J.D. BAR ASSOCIATION](#)

Bent, Crowley, and Otero Counties



[SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION](#)

Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Lincoln, and Prowers Counties



Bar Association	Geographic Area	
<u>SOUTHERN COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Huerfano and Las Animas Counties	
<u>SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan Counties	
<u>THIRTEENTH J.D. BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties	
<u>WELD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	Weld County	