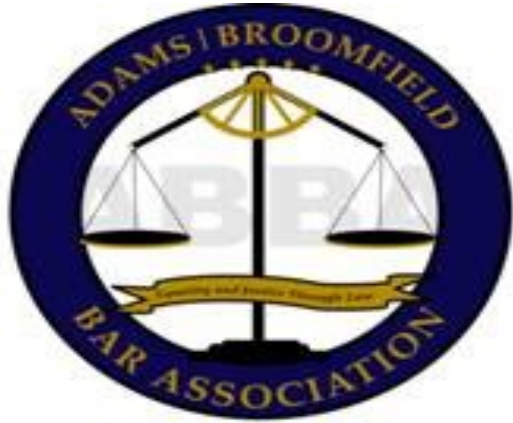


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LAW DAY IS FRIDAY MAY 4TH, 2012

Law Day 2012 will be held on Friday May 4th at the Waymire Building (aka the Dome) located at 9577 Henderson Road. Festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m. This year's theme is **"No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom"**.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the following Law Day Awards:

Court Clerk of the Year

Legal Secretary of the Year

Paralegal of the Year

Volunteer Attorney of the Year

Peace Officer of the Year

Liberty Bell Award (Outstanding Citizen)

Probation Officer of the Year

Please submit your written nominations to Stacey Moore at abbadirector@aol.com. The deadline for nominations is **Monday April 2nd, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

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2012 Floyd Marks Scholarship Application Is Now Available

APPLICATION FOR THE FLOYD MARKS MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP 2012

You must be a resident of Adams or Broomfield counties, and a currently enrolled law student. Please complete all information on this form. Return the completed form with a cover letter and your resume no later than Friday, March 30, 2012 to Stacey Moore via email or fax (information below). The Adams/Broomfield County Bar Association will make the selection for this scholarship.

Stacey Moore, Executive Director Adams/Broomfield Bar Association
Fax: 303-835-5500 Phone: 303-319-9501 abbadirector@aol.com

Name:

Home Phone:

Present Address:

Year in Law School for 2011-12:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

GPA:

Date of Birth:

State of Legal Residence:

Marital Status:

Children/Ages:

Amount of Education indebtedness as of Summer 2012:

Past and Current law school grants/scholarships/fellowships (please include amounts):

Any financial assistance anticipated for next school year (From GI bill, parents, relatives, etc.)

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A Letter from Justice Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court

Dear Pro Bono Colleagues,

If, your firm or in-house counsel group is currently on our Colorado Supreme Court pro bono recognition list, would you please let my law clerk/judicial assistant, Katy Lum, know by reply e-mail message whether or not your firm achieved the goal in calendar year 2011. As a reminder, below is a description of the commitment and recognition program. Every hour of pro bono is valuable so, if your firm or group did not achieve the goal in calendar year 2011, we would like to continue to recognize your firm's commitment by keeping your firm or group on the list as you work towards achievement in future calendar years. If your firm or in-house counsel group is not on the commitment list, we invite you to join the list.

Please respond by February 15, 2012

Please, we need your yes or no response regarding 2011 achievement of the goal by February 15, 2012, so we can prepare the certificates of pro bono achievement signed by the seven justices for those firms and groups who achieve the goal.

Location of the 2012 Supreme Court's recognition event

Also, please hold the date of Friday afternoon April 13, 2012 for the Court's pro bono recognition program. We will offer a hard-hat tour of the new Ralph Carr Justice Center at 3:30 and hold the recognition program at the new History Museum at 4:30! Members of the Colorado Supreme Court will also be attending local judicial district and bar association pro bono recognition programs. We can bring your firm or group's achievement certificate to one of those events if you let us know which event you will attend, the metro event or your local event.

Description of Pro Bono Commitment and Recognition Program, Colorado Supreme Court

Each year, the Supreme Court recognizes law firms and in-house counsel groups that commit to an annual goal of 50 hours of pro bono legal services per attorney, averaged across the firm each year for its Colorado licensed attorneys and pro-rated for part time attorneys, primarily for the indigent and/or non-profit organizations that serve the indigent. It awards certificates signed by the justices to those firms and in-house counsel groups that achieved this goal in the prior calendar year and lists your firm or group on the judicial web page. If your firm or in-house counsel group met the goal in calendar year 2011 or, if not, your firm or group would like to make the annual commitment starting in calendar year 2012, please notify Justice Gregory Hobbs by February 15, 2012 at katharine.lum@judicial.state.co.us

Thank you very much,
Justice Greg Hobbs

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ABBA CIVIL PRACTICE SECTION PRESENTS:

**“Win or Lose: What You Need to Know to Preserve Your Client's
Rights for Appeal”**

Presented By Sharlene Aitken, Esq.

WHEN: Wednesday February 22, 2012 @ NOON

**WHERE: Branter Gulch “A” Room, Adams County Government
Center**

4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Brighton, CO

1 FREE CLE CREDIT APPLIED FOR

BOX LUNCH: \$10.00

(Choice of Roast Beef, Turkey or Veggie)

SEATING LIMITED TO FIRST 25 REGISTRANTS

RSVP TO MIKE GRILLS

(MICHAEL@MJGRILLS.COM OR 303-453-4929)

ON OR BEFORE 2/20/12

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Save the Date for the Sean May Memorial Run/Walk

Be sure and Save the Date for the Fourth Annual Sean May Memorial Run/Walk which will be held on Saturday May 12th, 2012 at Barr Lake State Park located at 13401 Piccadilly Road in Brighton to benefit the Sean May Memorial Fund and the Access to Justice Committee. Registration starts at 7:30 with the 9 mile race beginning at 9:00, the 5K beginning at 9:15 and the Kids fun run immediately after the races. Cost is \$35 per person until May 4th when the price goes up to \$40. Registration on the day of the race is \$45. To register visit www.runningguru.com.

If you would like to sponsor the Sean May Memorial Run/Walk please contact Loren Brown at lorenbrown@colo-law.com or Mariana Vielma at mvielma@da17.state.co.us.

New Magistrate for 17th Judicial District

The 17th Judicial District has a new Magistrate, Laurie Clark. Magistrate Clark attended Metro State College of Denver and received a degree in Sociology. She received her J.D. from the University of Denver. After graduating law school, she worked in domestic and juvenile law. She was also a guardian ad litem. Magistrate Clark is currently assigned to Division K-1 at the Adams County Courthouse. Congratulations Magistrate Clark!

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“ACDC-Adams County Drug Court”

Presented by Judge Kirby, Adams County Court

Wednesday February 8th at Noon

Adams County Government Center, Conference Center, 4430 South
Adams County Parkway in Brighton, Platte Valley River Room B

1 CLE credit has been applied for.

CLE Only -\$ 10 CLE & Lunch (your choice of Steak, chicken or veggie burrito
from Qdoba) -\$20

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ABBA's Criminal Practice Section Presents:

**“Out of the Frying Pan and Into the Fire:
Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases”**

Presented by Abe Hutt, Esq.
of the Law Firm of Abraham Hutt, P.C.

Friday February 24th at Noon

Adams County Government Center, Conference Center, 4430 South
Adams County Parkway in Brighton, Platte Valley River Room B

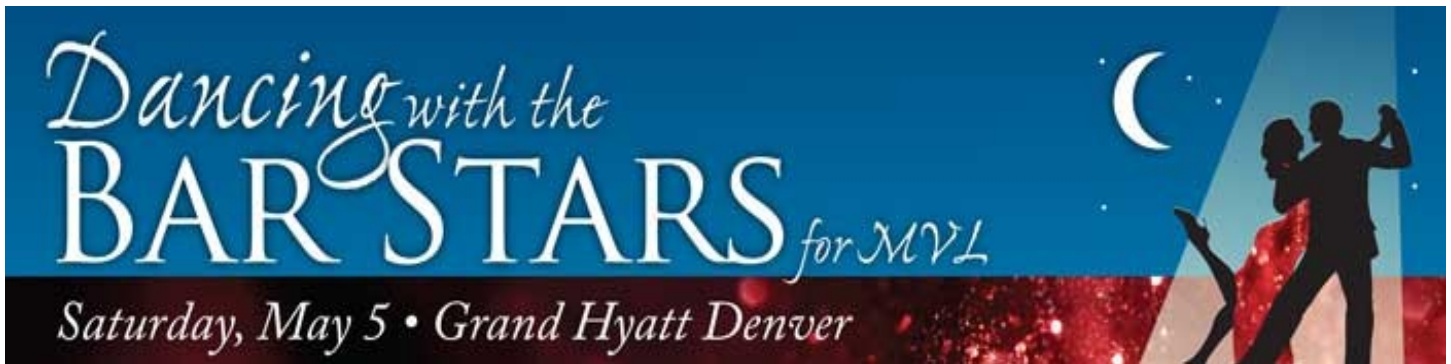
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Space is limited to the first 50 people

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Those who attended last year's Barristers Benefit Ball know that attorneys Cyndy Ciancio, Hubert Farbes, Vicki Johnson, and John Moyer worked it on the dance floor with professional dancers in a "Dancing with the Stars"-esque competition.

As important as remembering those dance steps was helping raise funds for Metro Volunteers Lawyers. The four raised approximately \$15,000, leading to nearly \$95,000 raised for MVL, which coordinates *pro bono* legal services by volunteer lawyers in Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, and Jefferson counties to people who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues.

Back by popular demand, the "Dancing with the Bar Stars for MVL" theme is returning to this year's Ball, slated for May 5 at the Grand Hyatt Denver. But this year, there's a twist: three former Denver Bar Association presidents will face off on the dance floor, and their partners will be their spouses. Competitors include: Mark and Pat Fogg; Elsa Martinez Tenreiro and Steve Theis; and Bill Walters and Christy Cutler.

They all will receive instruction from pro dancers prior to the competition. Including spouses in this year's competition seemed fitting, Walters told the Denver Bar Association's member publication *The Docket* in its February issue.

"For those of us who work and do bar activities, anybody that's ever done that knows that your significant other or spouse is a major part of whatever you do—being with you or supporting you or listening to you decompress, whatever it might be," he said. "In a way, if you're going to feature the DBA presidents, it really should include the significant other as well."

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Again, the dancers will compete for applause to be the crowd favorite, and for dollars, to be the top fundraising couple. You can support any or all of the couples online at givingfirst.org/metrovolunteerlawyers, and select the couple names from the links on the page.

Also, the Adams and Broomfield Bar Association's Cyndy Ciancio, last year's crowd favorite and top fundraiser, will do an exhibition dance before the competition.

This is a fun way to get involved with your bar and a good excuse to spend a night out in downtown Denver. But, this is also a crucial event for MVL. As funding for legal services organizations continues to deteriorate,

We hope you'll join us. A patron table of 10 is \$3,250 per table; a patron ticket is \$275 per person; an individual ticket is \$165 per person; judge tickets are \$120 per person; and young lawyer and non-lawyer tickets are \$100 per person. Those who purchase a patron table or ticket will have preferred seating at the Ball and will be recognized in the dinner program.

To RSVP, please visit cobar.org/bball. Questions? Contact Dana Collier-Smith at 303-824-5318.

We look forward to seeing you there, in your formal wear.

COMING SOON!

Back by popular demand is the 2nd Annual ABBA Night at the Rockies!

Keeping watching for more information coming soon!

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