



COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE

Special Update

July 17, 2007

The 28th Annual Luncheon was held on May 22, 2007. More than 475 people attended the event. Congratulations to all of this year's nominees and award recipients. To see more pictures and information on the event, visit our website at www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org

ON THE MOVE

The Colorado Lawyers Committee has moved to our wonderful new space at Patton Boggs LLP at 1801 California Street, Suite 4900. Thank you to our new landlord and to Arnold & Porter LLP who provided us with office space for the previous two years.

Mental Health Task Force:

The Task Force has been exploring barriers to health care services for children and the underprivileged. The Task Force recently joined in an amicus brief urging certification of a class for individuals with serious mental health problems at the El Paso County Jail. In addition, the Task Force actively supported House Bill 1369 which was recently passed by the Colorado Legislature and will ensure that inmates will be connected with proper mental health benefits on their release from correctional facilities. The Task Force is currently exploring legal issues on three separate fronts: children's mental health care, preventative mental health care, and the interplay between mental health care and the criminal justice system. To participate in the Task Force, contact Co-Chairs John Voorhees (Patton Boggs LLP) or Daphne O'Connor (Arnold & Porter LLP).

Project Homeless Connect: Congratulations to all 56 volunteers who attended Project Homeless Connect on April 20th. The volunteers assisted 140 homeless individuals. In addition, Alice Norman (Denver municipal indigent defense counsel) was able to bring Homeless Court to Project Homeless Connect and volunteers helped 38 people to resolve outstanding warrants. For information on volunteering at the next Project Homeless Connect, on October 19th, contact Tim Macdonald (Arnold & Porter LLP) or Peter Schwartz (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP).



Chris Lane of Sherman & Howard L.L.C. received the Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Lawyers Committee.

SENTENCING REFORM

Kudos to Jim Scarboro and the other members of the Sentencing Reform Task Force on the passage of House Bill 1358, creating the Colorado Criminal and Juvenile Justice Commission. The Task Force's Report on Sentencing Costs in Colorado was instrumental in the passage of the bill that created the new commission.

Young Advocates Network: Sign up today for a reception to be held by the Young Advocates Network on Thursday, July 19 at Holland & Hart LLP, 555 17th Street, Suite 3200. We will begin at 4:00 with a special presentation of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Teaching Tolerance mock trial. The reception will follow at 5:30, providing an opportunity to socialize with associates and partners in Colorado Lawyers Committee contributing law firms. Please join us for the reception even if you are unable to attend the mock trial. To RSVP, please contact Rae McGaughey at raemcgaughey@hillandrobbs.com or 303-296-8100.

Colorado Lawyers Committee Welcomes New Associate Director!

Please join us in welcoming our new Associate Director, **Nora Earnest**. Nora has been with The Arc of Colorado, an organization advocating for people with developmental disabilities, for the past 6 years. Nora received her bachelor's degree in social work from Loyola University-Chicago and a J.D. from Creighton University School of Law.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAW FIRM



Tim Macdonald and Daphne O'Connor accept the **Law Firm of the Year Award** on behalf of **Arnold & Porter LLP**.

AND INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR



Sean Connelly of **Reilly Pozner & Connelly LLP** was the recipient of the **Individual of the Year Award** for his work on the **Homeless ID Task Force**.

Deans' Diversity Council: The Deans of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and the University of Colorado School of Law have convened the Deans' Diversity Council intended to increase diversity in the Metro Denver legal community. The vision statement for the Council's "Campaign for Inclusive Excellence" states: "By the year 2016, all Denver metro law firms and corporate legal departments will have successfully developed and implemented initiatives that create cultures of inclusion where attorneys of all backgrounds succeed without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation." For more information on the Deans' Diversity Council or to become involved, contact Kathleen Nalty at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law at knalty@law.du.edu or 303-871-6525.

Nonprofit Working Group: A coalition of legal service providers, nonprofit organizations, private attorneys and corporate counsel will host two events in the near future:

- On August 24, attorneys are needed for 1/2 day to conduct legal audits for nonprofits (training will be provided).
- In early September, the Nonprofit Working Group will hold a 3 hour clinic where attorneys will provide legal information and referrals to nonprofits regarding specific legal issues.

Transactional attorneys are needed to participate in upcoming clinics. To sign up, contact Peter Schwartz at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP

Volunteers are needed for both events. For more information or to volunteer, contact Peter Schwartz at peter.schwartz@dgsllaw.com or 303-892-7381.

Don't forget to sign up TODAY for the Young Advocates Reception and Teaching Tolerance Program, to be held at Holland & Hart LLP on Thursday, July 19th at 4:00. Please R.S.V.P. to Rae McGaughey at raemcgaughey@hillandrobbins.com or 303-296-8100.

LEGAL NIGHT CLINICS *Volunteers Wanted!*

Legal Night is held from 5:00 to 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month at Centro San Juan Diego and on the third Tuesday of every month at the Mi Casa Resource Center For Women. Please sign up to provide legal information and referrals to individuals and families. For more information, contact Tim Macdonald (Arnold & Porter LLP). To volunteer, email Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.



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