

# Colorado Lawyers Committee

Pro bono legal advocacy for children and the underserved

## NEWS FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

### NEW CHAIR AND CHAIR ELECT



#### Abby Hinchcliff

Abby is a 2012 graduate of Yale Law School and a Partner at Bartlit Beck LLP where she practices Commercial Litigation.

She currently serves on the YLD Board as YLD Board Chair and is Co-Chair of the YLD Strategic Planning Team.



#### Ryan Thurber

Ryan is a 2013 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School and an Associate at Polsinelli PC where he practices Health

Care Law. He currently serves on the YLD Board as Chair Elect and is Co-Chair of the YLD Special Projects Team.

Make sure  
you sign up for  
the YLD CLE

## SAVE THE DATE

FOURTH ANNUAL  
YLD CASINO NIGHT  
February 28, 2020

## New Board Members

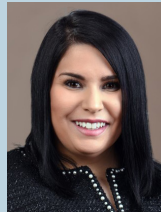
Four new members were recently elected to the YLD Board in September: **Edgar Barraza** (Fox Rothschild LLP) Co-Chair of the Legal Night Team; **Jon Goldstein** (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP) Co-Chair of the PR & Membership Team; **Alexis Hailpern** (Jackson Kelly PLLC) Co-Chair of the Fundraising & Events Team; and **Alyssa Levy** (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.) Co-Chair of the Fundraising & Events Team. Welcome Edgar, Jon, Alexis and Alyssa! The four new Board members replace four talented Board members who have served since the YLD was founded: **Tess Hand-Bender**, **Stephanie Kanan**, **Ellie Lockwood** and **Jennie Wray**. Thank you to Tess, Stephanie, Ellie and Jennie for your service on the YLD Board.



Edgar Barraza



Jon Goldstein



Alexis Hailpern



Alyssa Levy

## YLD BOARD LAW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

New this year, the YLD Board has added a CU and DU Law Student Representative to sit on the YLD Board. This year's Student Board Members are:



**Annika Adams** is a 2L at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.



**Miles Williams** is a 3L at the University of Colorado Law School.

## YLD CLE Series

The Young Lawyers Division is offering a series of NITA-like trial skills CLE's. The first session was in August 2019. Session Two on **Direct Examination** will take place on **November 7, 2019** from 8am to 1pm at Polsinelli PC. Thank you to Polsinelli PC for hosting. We are delighted that the following experienced attorneys will serve as faculty: **Judge Karen Steinhauser** (Aurora Municipal Court and Adjunct Professor at University of Denver Sturm College of Law), **Pamela Mackey** (Haddon, Morgan and Foreman P.C.) and **Stacy Carpenter** (Polsinelli PC) as presenters and coaches; Stephen McCrohan (Arapahoe County Public Defender's office) and John Posthumus (Polsinelli PC) as coaches.

Each CLE begins with a panel discussion with distinguished attorneys and judges. After the panel, participants receive their assignments and prepare for their small group presentations. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Four CLE credits (application pending). **Deadline to register on our website for Session Two is November 4, 2019.**

## YLD Grant Program

The CLC YLD Grant Program funds YLD members to assist in their efforts to further the CLC mission by making a difference for children and the underserved through education, advocacy, and systemic change. Members can apply for grants to help defray costs in pro bono representation, fund materials or space for clinics or other direct services, or provide scholarships for trainings that assist lawyers in providing pro bono services. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis, based on need and availability of funding. Grants are generally limited to \$1,000 per lawyer/project. Apply on our website.

## Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect was held on Thursday, October 10th at the Colorado Convention Center in Downtown Denver. In one day, typically over 1,000 homeless individuals receive important services, including basic health care, public benefits, jobs, and legal assistance.

Thank you to our 90 volunteers who provided legal information in the Legal Resource Area and represented clients in Homeless Court to resolve outstanding warrants for violations of Denver City's Ordinances. It was an incredible opportunity to help individuals in need.

## Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic held on July 17th at Polsinelli PC. In all, 65 lawyers volunteered and representatives from 22 nonprofits attended, a record turnout! At the clinic, teams of volunteer transactional attorneys reviewed checklists with participating nonprofits to evaluate their legal health. Client meetings were preceded by a CLE training for participating lawyers on Colorado nonprofit law.

The event was co-sponsored by the CLC, the Association of Corporate Counsel-Colorado Chapter, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, and Holland & Hart LLP. Don Yost (Holland & Hart LLP) videotaped the CLE portion, and the video is posted on the CLC website. Thank you to Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP for hosting and providing lunch. The next Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic will take place on February 19, 2020.

## Denver Legal Night

Since 2006, more than 5,000 volunteer attorneys have helped almost 30,000 people in the Denver-metro area. Denver Legal Night is co-sponsored by the Colorado Lawyers Committee, Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and the Denver Access to Justice Committee. Volunteers help determine significant legal issues, refer individuals to legal services, and answer other questions about the legal process. Volunteers are not required to provide legal advice and do not need expertise in a particular area of law to participate. Legal resource binders, which include referrals in 15 areas of law, are provided. For more details, visit our website to sign up.

### Denver Legal Night

**Every first & third Wednesday of the month**

**5:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Centro San Juan Diego**

**2830 Lawrence Street, Denver, CO 80205**



*Denver County Court Judge Nicole Rodarte presides during Homeless Court at Project Homeless Connect.* \*



*Kathleen Sutton (Polsinelli PC), Rich Castleton (Ball Corporation), and David Miller (Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation) assist a Colorado nonprofit with their legal questions during the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic.*



*Sam Edwards (Holland & Hart LLP), Katie Thomas (Colorado Nonprofit Legal Center), Connie Talmage (Colorado Lawyers Committee), and John Valentine (Balson & Faix, LLP) await the start of the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic.*



*Timothy Scalo (Snell & Wilmer) provides legal assistance at Denver Legal Night at Centro San Juan Diego.*

## Chair's Roundtable Reception

The annual Chair's Roundtable Reception took place on September 12th on the rooftop deck at Polsinelli PC. Thank you to Polsinelli PC for hosting. It was a great event. The Chair's Roundtable is a select group of individuals who show their support for the Colorado Lawyers Committee through a personal contribution of \$1,000 per year for five years. If you are interested in joining the Chair's Roundtable, please contact Connie Talmage.



Jay Sturhahn (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.) and Peter Schwartz (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP) \*



Tamir Goldstein (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.) \*



Connie Talmage (Colorado Lawyers Committee) \*



Richard Westfall (Hale Westfall, LLP), Erica Tarpey (Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC), and Kelsey Siebel (DU Law) \*

## Task Force Update

### CIVIL GIDEON

**Scott Llewellyn** (Morrison & Foerster LLP) has agreed to lead this task force, along with **Martha Fitzgerald** (Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP) and Ed Kahn (retired). This group will examine whether there is a legal basis, under Colorado law, to argue that individuals who cannot afford an attorney are entitled to free legal representation in areas involving possible loss of essential rights, including housing, public benefits, employment and custody of their children.

### IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

The fear of being deported has kept victims of domestic violence and other witnesses of crimes from appearing at Colorado courthouses to testify. ICE agents, both in uniform and in plain clothes, have been appearing at courthouses awaiting the appearance of these crime victims, hoping to detain them under an ICE warrant. CLC formed a subcommittee to explore challenges to this behavior in Colorado courts.

The subcommittee is considering three possible approaches to stop ICE arrests (without court orders) at Colorado courthouses: (1) A lawsuit similar to one filed in Boston, MA which relied on common law privilege (a TRO has been granted); (2) A Chief Justice Directive similar to one adopted in New York; (3) An order by the local Chief Judge similar to one entered in Albuquerque, NM.

## Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

### Denver Legal Night

Centro San Juan Diego  
Wednesday, November 6th  
Wednesday, November 20th  
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### YLD CLE Series

Direct Examination  
Friday, November 7th  
Polsinelli PC  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

### 4th Annual YLD Casino Night

Friday, February 28th  
Rathod Mohamedbhai LLC  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### Annual Awards Luncheon

Tuesday, May 12th  
Hyatt Regency Denver at  
Colorado Convention Center  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm



### Welcome Kelsey Siebel, Fall 2019 Intern

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is pleased to welcome Kelsey Siebel as the Fall Intern. Kelsey is a 2L at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where she is an Article Editor for Water Law Review. She received her B.A. in Economics and Environmental Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and spent a summer abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark studying Arctic Ecology. Kelsey is seeking to specialize in Environmental Law and plans on using these skills to improve conditions throughout Colorado. Welcome, Kelsey!



### Welcome Olivia Weed, CLC Office Manager

Olivia joined the Colorado Lawyers Committee staff in May as Interim Office Manager and has recently moved into a permanent, full-time position as Office Manager. Olivia graduated from Eckerd College with a B.S. in Psychology and a Minor in French. She has studied abroad in France, Indonesia and Japan, and is excited to join Denver's local activism and nonprofit communities. Welcome Olivia!



### Thank You, Emily Yale

Emily Yale joined the Colorado Lawyers Committee in February 2017 as Office Manager. After giving birth to her son, Harrison Arthur Yale, in May, Emily has decided to stay home full time. Thank you for all you did for the CLC, Emily!

## Annual Awards Luncheon SAVE THE DATE May 12, 2020

Our **Annual Awards Luncheon** is an opportunity to celebrate all of our exceptional volunteers and contributors who work together to make a difference in our community. The 2020 Annual Luncheon will take place on **May 12, 2020** at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. Our Keynote Speaker will be **Lee Gelernt**, Deputy Director of the American Civil Liberties Union Immigrants' Rights Project and Director of the Project's Access to the Court's Program. During the past 18 months, he has argued several groundbreaking challenges to Trump Administration policies regarding immigrants.



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