

# Colorado Lawyers Committee

Pro bono legal advocacy for children and the underserved

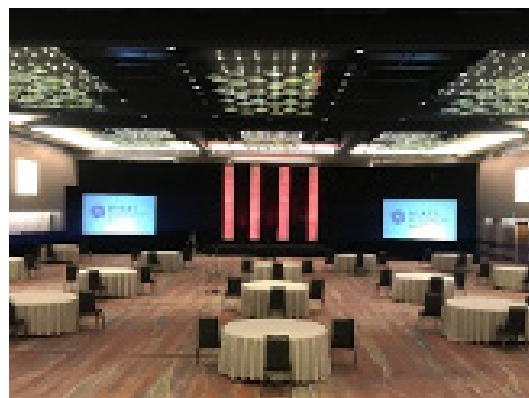
## Colorado COVID Legal Relief



Partnering with the Colorado Attorney General, the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Wilmer Hale, and Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, the Colorado Lawyers Committee launched its small business relief initiative in June 2020. Small businesses provide half of Colorado's jobs and have been especially hard-hit by the COVID-19 economic crisis, with minority and women-owned small businesses being hit the hardest. The program matches volunteer lawyers with small businesses that need limited legal advice regarding COVID-19 related issues. Since inception, more than 100 businesses have applied for assistance and over 150 volunteer lawyers have offered to provide limited legal representation to help small businesses get back on their feet. The Program also offers webinars on topics relevant to small business needs. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who needs small business legal assistance, please visit the [website](#) today!

## Election Call Center

Every two years, the Colorado Lawyers Committee co-sponsors a Nonpartisan Election Call Center where volunteers answer phone calls from Colorado voters on the national 866-OUR-VOTE hotline. Typical questions include, "Has my ballot been received?" "Where do I register?" and "Where can I drop off my ballot?" The 2020 Call Center will take place in person on Monday, November 2nd and Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. The Call Center will take place in the Capitol Ballroom (capacity 650) and we have taken **considerable steps** to assure the safety of our volunteers. The Call Center is now full (we don't need more volunteers). If you are interested in other nonpartisan election volunteer opportunities before and on Election Day, please visit our [website](#).



## Racial Justice Task Force

The Colorado Lawyers Committee has a long history of working to eliminate systemic injustices. Our Hate Crimes Education program for more than 25 years has educated communities and students about overcoming racial and ethnic animosity. Many other projects have challenged economic inequities; our new **Small Business Program** offers legal assistance to small businesses struggling with the impact of COVID-19, particularly minority-owned businesses that have long suffered from economic discrimination. But these times require more. The Colorado Lawyers Committee recently formed a Racial Justice Task Force to reexamine our motivations and processes to ensure that all our actions, internally and externally, support the goal of a responsible, strong, and racially equitable community. Kenzo Kawanabe (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP), Abby Hinchcliff (Bartlit Beck) and Connie Talmage co-chair the Task Force. It is not intended to be a long-standing task force, but to serve as an outlet for ideas that will help CLC become more racially equitable. The Task Force expects to submit its recommendations early next year on what the CLC can do proactively to promote racial justice.

## 2020 Annual Lunch Rescheduled

In an effort to keep our community safe, the Colorado Lawyers Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Awards Luncheon (originally scheduled for May 12th and subsequently rescheduled for September 24th). We look forward to honoring our 2020 nominees and award recipients at the **2021 Awards Luncheon on May 19, 2021**. Details to follow!

# Task Force Updates

## DENVER LEGAL NIGHT

Denver Legal Night is now virtual! To honor the many needs of our community while maintaining safety in the current times, Denver Legal Night is now offered remotely, on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 5 to 8 PM. The virtual clinics continue to be a success and have served over 450 people since switching formats in April 2020. Instead of meeting in person at Centro San Juan Diego, volunteer lawyers consult over the phone to help determine significant legal issues, refer individuals to legal services, and answer other questions about the legal process. Interpreters are available if needed. Visit our website to [sign up](#). Also, if you know of interpreters or Spanish-speaking lawyers willing to help, please contact [Kathleen McCrohan](#). We are always in need of Spanish-speaking volunteers!

## HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Housing Task Force is currently focused on the widespread noncompliance with HB19-1106, which limits what portions of a tenant's eviction and criminal history can be considered in processing rental applications. Based on the number of non-conforming applications discovered, apartment owners are either unaware of or are ignoring the new law. Task Force members recently sent demand letters to numerous landlords.

## IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

Early this year, the CLC supported new legislation (SB20-083) that protects individuals from civil arrest while they are present at a courthouse, or while going to, attending, or coming from a court proceeding. When the Colorado courts reopen, we anticipate that ICE will ignore this new Colorado law. The ICE in the Courthouse Subcommittee of the Immigration Task Force is drafting a complaint to file if ICE agents begin arresting non-citizens at the Courthouse again. The team is also drafting letters to be sent to local sheriffs, chief judges, district attorneys, state courts and ICE agents educating each group on the new law.

## ARE YOU A BILINGUAL ATTORNEY?

Are you a bilingual attorney looking for ways to use your knowledge of Spanish and have a rewarding pro bono experience at the same time? CLC offers many ways for you to get involved.

Please reach out to the CLC staff for further details and to get involved in programs that offer Spanish speaking opportunities:



**Colorado COVID Legal Relief Program:**  
On a rolling basis as cases arise needing a translator

**Denver Legal Night Virtual Clinic:**  
On a monthly basis, 1st & 3rd Wednesday

**Election Call Center:**  
November 2nd & November 3rd

**Immigration Task Force:**  
On a rolling basis, when the Task Force collaborates with RMIAN on projects

**Project Homeless Connect:**  
Each Fall (canceled in 2020 due to COVID 19)

## YLD UPDATES

### NEW YLD CHAIR AND CHAIR ELECT

September brought new leadership to the YLD. Thank you to Abby Hinchcliff (Bartlit Beck LLP) for your wonderful leadership this past year as YLD Chair! Thank you, Ryan and Liz, and we look forward to your leadership this coming year!



#### CHAIR: RYAN THURBER

Ryan is a 2013 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. He practices Health Care Law at Polsinelli PC.



#### CHAIR ELECT: LIZ FROEHLKE

Liz is a 2013 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. She practices Employment Law at Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti, LLP.

### YLD LUNCHES WITH LEGENDS

The Young Lawyers Division is offering a series of one-hour lunch talks with local legal legends to help inspire young lawyers on their path to greatness. The inaugural Lunches with Legends was held on July 1, 2020 and featured Justice Melissa Hart. Following Justice Hart, the YLD welcomed Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold and Former Colorado Secretary of State Bernie Buescher. We thank all of our Legends for sharing your time and wisdom with us. As a reminder, you do not need to be a member of the YLD to attend. All are welcome! Stay tuned for the announcement of upcoming speakers.



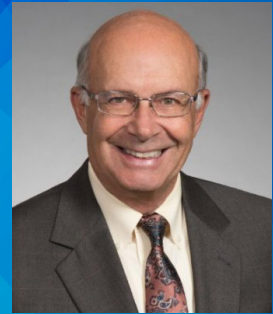
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### YLD BARRISTERS BEHIND THE BAR

As we are unable to gather for our usual mixers and celebrations, the CLC Young Lawyers Division recently held an exciting new virtual event: Barristers Behind the Bar! This free mixology happy hour presentation is an opportunity for young (and not-so-young!) lawyers to enjoy a virtual mixer with one of Denver's top mixologists. At the first event, attendees learned how to make their own drink under the instruction of Seven Grand's favorite bartender, Dylan Holcomb, who has been slinging drinks around the country for over 20 years. Registration included a free virtual raffle ticket to win a \$50 gift card to Seven Grand Denver. The event was so successful, we will be hosting another event this Fall. Stay tuned!

## Welcome Kasha Halbleib, our Fall MixDIP Intern!

We welcomed a new intern this fall, Kasha Halbleib, who is a 2L at CU Law School. Kasha received her B.S. in Environmental Science from Purdue University, Phi Beta Kappa. At CU Law, Kasha is Vice President of the Women's Law Caucus and Treasurer of the Health Law Society as well as a member of the Acequia Water Project. After graduation, she is interested in working in the public sector or the nonprofit world. Kasha's work with the CLC is made possible by Magistrate Judge Kris Mix's MixDIP Internship Program. Thank you Magistrate Judge Mix and welcome Kasha.





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*Chris Carrington*  
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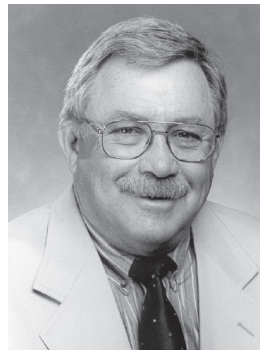
*Andrew Glenn*  
Husch Blackwell LLP

### SAD NEWS: PASSING OF THREE AMAZING CLC VOLUNTEERS

The CLC has been rocked this year with the loss of three of our incredible volunteer attorneys (all of whom have been honored with the CLC Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award). **Jim Hubbell** passed away on March 29th. Jim was the recipient of the **2011 CLC Award**. On April 25th, we lost **Bill Schoeberlein**, a longtime CLC volunteer, who worked for years on the Taylor Ranch case. And on August 28th, the champion of the **Taylor Ranch case**, **Jeff Goldstein** passed away. As lead attorney in the landmark case known as Lobato v. Taylor, Jeff filed a class action lawsuit in 1981 to protect the rights of residents in the San Luis Valley, one of the poorest areas of the state. This epic land rights struggle garnered national and international recognition and has been a tremendous victory. Countless generations of families who will use their land grant rights will be forever grateful to Jeff and Bill for their tenacity and success in this classic David versus Goliath battle. These three wonderful lawyers will be greatly missed!



**Jim Hubbell**



**Bill Schoeberlein**



**Jeff Goldstein**

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