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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



WELCOME

Kristin Bronson, Executive Director, Colorado Lawyers Committee Richard A. Westfall, Westfall Law, LLC, Board Chair, Colorado Lawyers Committee

SPECIAL PRESENTATION—YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION

Mack Wilding, The Rodman Law Group, LLC, YLD Board Chair Edgar Barraza, Clark Hill PLC, YLD Board Chair Elect

KEYNOTE INTRODUCTION

Tamir Goldstein, Sherman & Howard L.L.C., Executive Committee, Colorado Lawyers Committee

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Colorado Supreme Court Justice Melissa Hart

HONORING VOLUNTEERS

Presentation by Jessica Yates, Attorney Regulation Counsel, Colorado Supreme Court Legal Legacy Award to David W. Stark, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Presentation by Kristin Bronson Team of the Year Award Law Firm of the Year Award Special Recognition Awards

FAREWELL Richard A. Westfall

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| Salad | Entree | | Dessert | |
| Harvest Mixed Greens | Grilled Chicken, | Seared Cauliflower Steak | Peach Honey | |
| Cucumbers, Tomatoes, | Truffle Tomato Emulsion | Coconut Carrot Curry, | Cheesecake | |
| Candied Pecans, | Risotto, Squash and | Roasted Carrots, | Bee Squared Honey | |
| White Balsamic | Zucchini | Gremolata, Agro Dolce | Cheesecake, Peach | |
| Vinaigrette | (GF) | on Parsnip Puree | Gelee, Grand Marnier | |
| (GF) | | (V) | Chantilly and Peach | |
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER COLORADO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE MELISSA HART





Justice Melissa Hart was appointed to serve on the Colorado Supreme Court on December 14, 2017. She is coordinator of the court's Pro Bono Pledge and liaison to the Access to Justice Commission. In 2021, Justice Hart worked with the Commission to coordinate a "Listen and Learn" virtual tour of all judicial districts in the state, meeting in 41 sessions with legal representatives and non-legal community service providers to assess how the courts could better serve Coloradans. She has also worked with the Standing Committee on Family Issues to simplify the discovery and trial process in simple divorce cases and helped to stand up the Judicial Department's Pathways to Access Committee.

Justice Hart grew up in Denver, where she graduated from East High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Harvard-Radcliffe College and then spent a year teaching at a high school in Athens, Greece. She returned to study at Harvard Law School, where she was the Articles Editor for the Harvard Law Review and Book Review Editor on the Harvard Women's Law Journal. After graduating from law school in 1995, she clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court. She practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C., including as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Prior to joining the Court, Justice Hart was a professor at the University of Colorado Law School, where she directed the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law. Throughout her years as a professor, Justice Hart maintained an active pro bono practice, taking on cases on behalf of individual clients and writing amicus briefs in appellate courts. Her teaching and scholarship focused on access to justice, constitutional law, judicial decision making, legal ethics, employment discrimination, and civil procedure.

Justice Hart is a founding member of the Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court, a 2017 graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's Leadership Denver program, a 2016 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training (COBALT) program, and a Commissioner on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission.

For her active work in community service, Justice Hart has been recognized with the 2023 Denver Bar Association Judicial Excellence Award, the 2016 Women Who Light the Community Award from the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, the 2014 Raising the Bar Award from the Colorado Women's Bar Association, the 2012 Chase Faculty Community Service Award from the University of Colorado, the 2011 Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award from the University of Colorado Law School, the 2009 Serving Communities Award from the CU-Boulder Institute for Ethical and Civil Engagement, and the 2008 Outstanding Community Service Award from the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.

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"Congratulations to the Colorado Lawyers Committee on 45 years serving the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community by delivering legal services to those most in need. We applaud the outstanding investment of time and resources by the law firms and pro bono teams nominated and recognized at the 2023 Annual Awards Luncheon and congratulate them on their achievements. Your work inspires us all."

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Congratulations to all honorees — including our own **Dave Stark** — for their commitment to equal access to justice!

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LEGAL LEGACY AWARD DAVID W. STARK Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP



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66 My pro bono work has been the most fulfilling and rewarding of all that I have done as a lawyer. I have handled several cases for veterans including a successful appeal to the Board of Veterans Appeals regarding Agent Orange exposure, Amicus briefing on the Colorado School Finance litigation, and prisoner civil rights claims for those incarcerated in state and federal facilities. All these cases involved clients who had no way to assert their rights or access our justice system without representation by pro bono lawyers. I believe it is the duty of all in our profession to endeavor to do whatever they can to assist these clients. It is why we chose this life and what kindles the fire in all of us to do what we do every day.

The Legal Legacy Award honors an attorney whose legacy of dedicated service and leadership has fostered a culture within a firm or the larger legal community that elevates the importance of pro bono legal work. This year's recipient is **David W. Stark** at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

For Dave Stark, pro bono work is not an aspirational goal, it is part of his identity as a lawyer, and he has inspired countless others to follow in his footsteps. We honor Dave's career-long commitment to giving back and righting systemic wrongs, particularly on behalf of children's rights and education, veterans, and access to justice.

Children's Rights and Education. Dave has served as Chair (sometimes with a Co-Chair) of the Children's Task Force in its efforts to improve conditions for children in Colorado since 2001. He has volunteered countless hours to ensure the availability of essential services to children on Medicaid. Through his advocacy, Dave convinced the State that it was denying critical treatment to autistic children in violation of federal law. He and a colleague filed an *amicus* brief arguing that the State's \$1 billion per year cuts to school funding violated the Colorado Constitution. Dave assembled a team to explore possible litigation to protect Colorado's foster children. He took on a Federal Civil Pro Bono Panel matter representing a juvenile prisoner who was the victim of sexual assault by a jailor.

Veterans Rights. For over 15 years, Dave has advocated for Veterans improperly denied benefits by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He was successful on several pro bono appeals, ensuring that Veterans injured by IEDs and suffering from PTSD received the benefits they deserved. In a significant victory for Vietnam vets, Dave also won a case that expanded automatic benefit eligibility for vets exposed to Agent Orange.

Access to Justice Work. For the past 23 years, Dave has chaired the Colorado Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Practice of Law and was integral to the creation of the Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program (promotes the wellbeing, resiliency, and competency of the legal community); Colorado Attorney Mentor Program (provides a means to assist Colorado's new lawyers in a successful transition from law school to practice); Colorado Succession to Service Program (coordinates a statewide pro bono portal); and Licensed Legal Paraprofessional Program (allows non-attorneys to apply for licensure to provide certain legal services in certain types of family law matters). Dave has been actively involved in the Access to Justice Commission serving as the Pro Bono Chair since its inception. He served on the exploratory committee that ultimately led to the Federal Pro Se Clinic and helped set up the Civil Pro Bono Panel.

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is sincerely grateful to Dave for his many contributions, too many to even list here! We are proud to honor Dave Stark with the Legal Legacy Award.



NOMINEE FOR TEAM OF THE YEAR DENVER LEGAL NIGHT





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Since 2006, the Colorado Lawyers Committee has co-sponsored (with the Denver Bar Association Young Lawyers Division) two monthly Legal Night clinics to provide advice and referrals to individuals and families who cannot afford legal services. The most common questions raised involve immigration, criminal, family, consumer, and housing matters; volunteer interpreters are available to assist when needed but thanks to a generous CLC donor, Denver Legal Night can now rely on a steady stream of paid interpreters.

In 2020, in response to the pandemic, Denver Legal Night switched from in-person to a virtual clinic, which was a huge transition. Instead of meeting at Centro San Juan Diego, volunteer lawyers consulted with clients over the phone to help determine significant legal issues, refer individuals to legal services, and answer other questions about the legal process. In July 2022, Legal Night returned to an in-person clinic at Centro San Juan Diego. In 2022, 403 volunteers assisted 969 clients. Since Denver Legal Night began, almost 32,000 individuals have been served.

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> Kudos to John McHugh and the Hate Crimes Education Team, Team of the Year nominees – your commitment to fostering understanding is exceptional!



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Anjie Zhi (Ballard Spahr LLP)
*not pictured

For almost 30 years, volunteers have presented an educational program on Colorado's Hate/ Bias Motivated Crimes Statutes to schools and community groups around the state. Using a fictional trial format involving a high-school student charged with hate crimes against a Muslim teacher, a perceived LGBT student (using social media), BIPOC students, and others, the presentation empowers student participants to act as jurors to improve their community culture in areas concerning discrimination, stereotyping, bias and belonging and to prevent the severe harm caused by hateful slurs and biased-motivated actions.

While the pandemic significantly reduced the number of opportunities to present the Hate Crimes Education Program in person, the Task Force was able to modify the program to offer it virtually in 2020 and 2021. Volunteers were delighted to return to in-person presentations at the end of 2021, and the Task Force is currently looking to expand to more areas across Colorado.



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Western Union congratulates the Honorees and the Colorado Lawyers Committee on another year of service.

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Thanks to departing Chair, **Sam Edwards** (Crowell & Moring LLP).

Since 2006, the Colorado Lawyers Committee has partnered with the Colorado Nonprofit Association to hold a Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic for small nonprofits with limited operating budgets. Teams of pro bono transactional attorneys work one-on-one with participating nonprofit leaders to answer questions and review a checklist to evaluate the legal health of their organization. Client meetings are preceded by a CLE training for participating volunteer lawyers on Colorado nonprofit law.

In 2021, the clinic moved to a virtual format. The team was excited to return in-person at the July 2022 Clinic at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP. In July 2022, 71 volunteers helped a record 35 nonprofits from across Colorado. Since 2006, nearly 800 CLC volunteers have assisted 300 small nonprofits through the Clinic.



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The School Discipline Subcommittee partnered with the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center and the Colorado Juvenile Defender Center to launch a new pilot program. The School Expulsion Pilot Project provides direct pro bono representation to students facing expulsion from school districts across the state.

Under Colorado law, starting in third grade, students can be expelled from school for a calendar year with minimal procedural safeguards. Students have a right to an expulsion hearing and related appeal rights, but many families do not have legal assistance to navigate this process. Moreover, many of the hearings proceed with little or no due process. Six law firms (The Harris Law Firm, Ireland Stapleton, Holland & Hart, Holland & Knight, Davis Graham & Stubbs, and Moye White) have taken on these cases. The team developed and held trainings for volunteers in January and July of 2023. Volunteers compile data after each case, which CLC will use to evaluate needed reforms.

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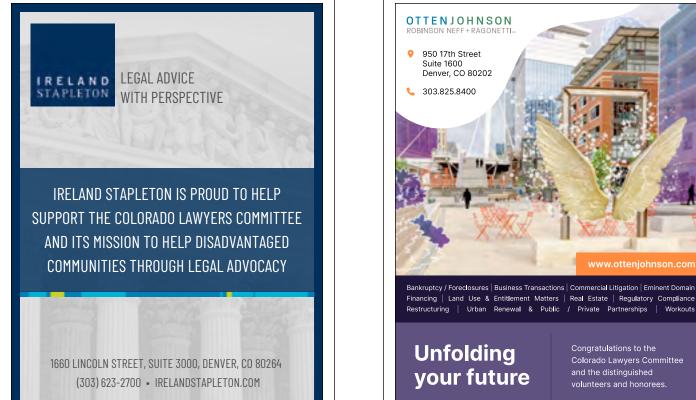


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We are glad to help recognize those individuals and law firms honored this year by the Colorado Lawyers Committee.

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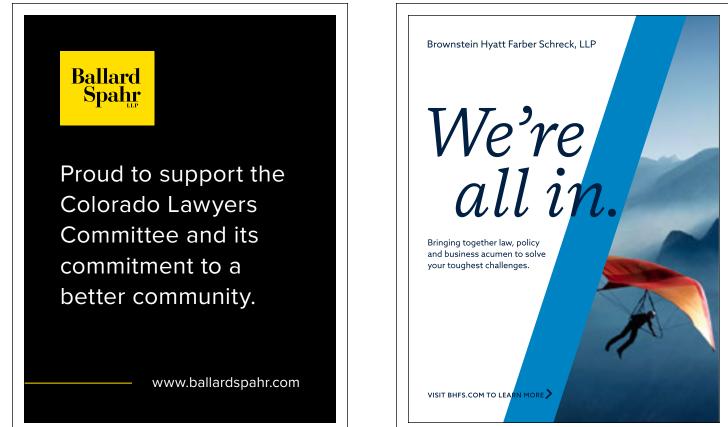
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During 2022, 25 attorneys and staff in the Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. Denver office (96% of the firm's lawyers and staff) participated in 8 Colorado Lawyers Committee projects and donated 413 hours of time. Ceri Koski served on the Board of Directors. Steven Williams participated as Co-Chair of the Immigration Task Force and Immigration ICE at the Courthouse Subcommittee. He also participated on the Afghan Asylum Project Subcommittee and Racial Justice Task Force. Twenty-four attorneys and staff participated in the Afghan Asylum Project where volunteers helped fill out asylum applications for Afghans seeking relief from persecution who had resettled in Colorado: Molly Beaudreau, Bridget Buckler Demers, Alex Diego, Christie Fitzwilliam, Avery Fletcher, Meg Groeling, Jake Kanyusik, Ceri Koski, Josh Lamson, Maddie Lips, Rachel Naasz, Megan Niemitalo, Rebecca Nuwayhid, Maggie Porter, Kaitlyn Quiring, Alejandra Ramirez, Kiley Roach, Marla Sanchez, Zoey Sheedy, Meg Swartley, Anne Trinh, Jordyn White, Hannah Wilczewski, Steven Williams and Sara Bezrukavnikov. Ceri Koski participated in the Immigration Task Force. Steven Williams was a member of the Young Lawyers Division.

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During 2022, 26 attorneys and staff in the Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP Denver office (68% of the firm's lawyers) participated in 14 Colorado Lawyers Committee projects and donated 348.8 hours of time. Mindy Sooter served on the Board of Directors. Eleven attorneys and staff were Immigration PASS participants (Preparing Asylum Seekers for Success) and helped detainees prepare for their "credible fear interviews" which determine whether detainees are eligible for asylum: Troi Davis, Aretha Frazier, Jennifer Gao, Hilary Greene, Danielle Hartley, Reina Hutchinson, Michelle Keast-Nachtrab, Samantha Picans, Lillie Shobe, Mary Sooter, Phillip Takhar and Jamie Wolf. Five attorneys and staff participated on the Small Business CCLR Steering Committee (housed at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and Trade) which provides one-hour free legal consultations to small businesses with nine or fewer employees: Avi Bakshani, William Meyer, Chalyse Robinson, Lorri Strizich and Keith Trammell. Four attorneys volunteered with the School Finance Subcommittee of the Education Task Force: Michael Hazel, Phillip Takhar, John Walsh and Matthew Worthington. Three attorneys volunteered with the Nonpartisan Election Call Center: Liz Graffeo, Keith Trammell and Rylee Wells. Three attorneys volunteered with the Hate Crimes Education Task Force, which offers presentations on Colorado's Hate Crimes Statute to schools and community groups around the state: Jack Hodge, Virginia Pavlick and Chalyse Robinson. One attorney and one staff member participated on the Afghan Asylum Project: Hilary Greene and Michael Kaplan. Two attorneys volunteered with the Racial Justice Task Force: Aretha Frazier and Chalyse Robinson. John Walsh participated in the Education Task Force. Chalyse Robinson volunteered for the Small Business Legal Assistance Program. Nathan Moore participated in the Business Advisory Services program. William Meyer was a member of the Young Lawyers Division.

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The Colorado Lawyers Committee is delighted to honor the Colorado Afghan Asylum Project for its extraordinary support of Afghan asylum seekers. The Project was also honored with the 2023 Outstanding Pro Bono Program of the Year by the Denver Bar Association.

In 2021, the United States evacuated thousands of Afghans who fled persecution by the Taliban. At that time, more than 2,000 Afghans resettled in Denver. In early 2022, the Colorado Lawyers Committee was approached by Catholic Charities Denver, to explore how we could help Afghans complete their asylum applications—which needed to be submitted within just one year of their arrival date in the United States.

The Colorado Lawyers Committee swiftly built a team of dedicated volunteers. The Steering Committee put together a 9-month plan that began with a five-hour training. Twelve clinics were held over eight months. Approximately 100 volunteers were at each clinic: lawyers and non-lawyers working together in teams with interpreters to help families complete their asylum applications. Firehouse Subs generously donated food for the volunteers and families. Additional volunteers scanned documents, made copies and printed applications so that every family left with their completed applications.

At the end of the 9-month period, 355 volunteers and 41 interpreters spent almost 5,500 hours volunteering. The Steering Committee's original goal was to complete 200-300 applications – incredibly, the volunteers completed 604 applications.

The Afghan Asylum Project's efforts on behalf of Colorado's Afghan refugees were truly remarkable, and the Colorado Lawyers Committee is proud to honor those who made it possible with the CLC's Special Recognition Award.



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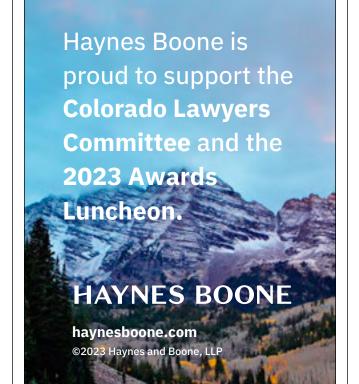
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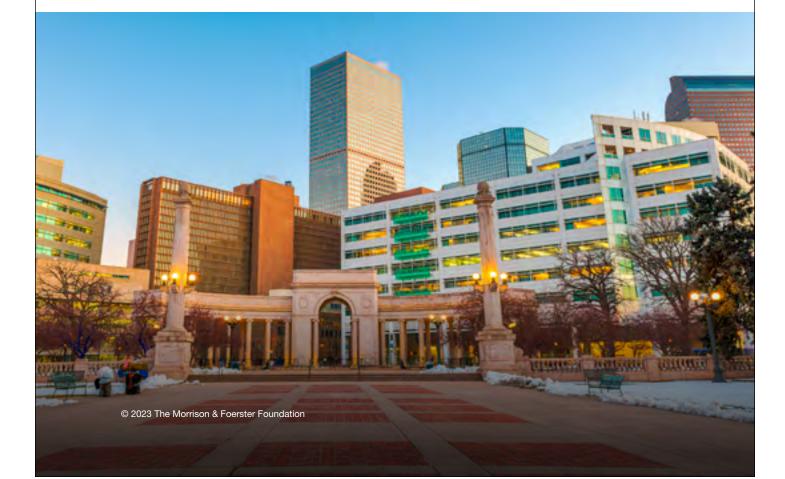
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Jerome A. DeHerrera, Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award, 2022.

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- 2022 Hernandez & Associates, P.C.
- 2021 The Harris Law Firm
- 2019 Snell & Wilmer
- 2018 Husch Blackwell LLP
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- 2009 Arnold & Porter LLP
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- 2006 Kelly/ Haglund/Garnsey + Kahn L.L.C.
- 2005 Musgrave & Theis LLP
- 2004 No award given
- 2003 Arnold & Porter LLP
- 2002 Stern and Elkind, LLP
- 2001 Hillyard, Barnhart, Ekker & McNally, L.L.P.
- 2000 Faegre & Benson LLP
- 1999 McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P.
- 1998 Morrison & Foerster LLP
- 1997 Kelly/Haglund/Garnsey + Kahn L.L.C.
- 1996 Hill & Robbins, P.C.
- 1995 Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
- 1994 Holland & Hart LLP
- 1993 Rothgerber, Appel, Powers & Johnson, LLP
- 1992 Sherman & Howard L.L.C.
- 1990 Holland & Hart LLP

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Individual/Task Force of the Year

- 2022 Pascal Schunk
- 2021 Hate Crimes National Team:
- 2021 Colorado COVID Legal Relief (Pandemic Hero Award)
- 2019 Jail Wait Litigation Team
- 2018 Christine Snider
- 2017 Jail Wait Litigation Team
- 2016 Aaron A. Boschee
- 2015 Amendment 23 (Dwyer v. Colorado) Litigation Team:
- 2014 Susan Cole
- 2013 Lobato v. State of Colorado Appellate Team Leaders:
- 2012 Lobato v. State of Colorado Litigation Team:
- 2011 John H. Tatlock
- 2010 Homeless ID Steering Committee:
- 2009 Daniel A. Sweetser
- 2008 Project Homeless Connect Team:
- 2007 Sean Connelly
- 2006 Kristen L. Mix and Tarek F.M. Saad
- 2005 Computer Benefits Management System Litigation Team:
- 2004 No award given
- 2003 Richard F. Hennessey
- 2002 Steven M. Kaufmann
- 2001 Medicaid Litigation Team:
- 2000 Welfare Reform Task Force and Litigation Team:



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- 1998 William F. Schoeberlein
- 1997 James E. Scarboro, Kathleen Nalty, F. Stephen Collins
- 1996 Edwin S. Kahn
- 1995 Gale T. Miller, Richard A. Westfall, Anthony Medeiros
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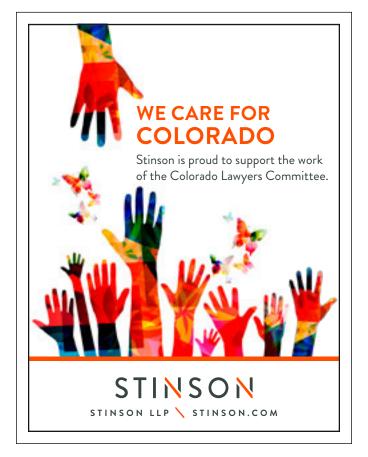
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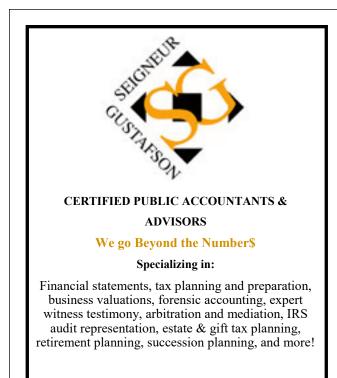
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