



COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE

Special Update

February 23, 2011

The Colorado Lawyers Committee offers a number of volunteer opportunities ranging in topic, duration and scope. Please visit our website at www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org to learn how you can get involved.



Volunteer lawyers Marcela Mendoza (Qwest) and Jeanne Lee meet with a representative of a local nonprofit organization at the Clinic in a Box event on February 1.



Volunteer lawyers Michael Kramer and Brooke Fritz (IBM) meet with a representative of a local nonprofit organization at the Clinic in a Box event on February 1.

Clinic in a Box. On February 1, 2011, the Colorado Lawyers Committee Nonprofit Working Group partnered with the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, the Colorado Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, the Community Resource Center, and Hogan Lovells U.S. LLP to sponsor a legal audit clinic for nonprofit organizations that serve low income or underserved communities. Thanks to 29 volunteer lawyers, nine small nonprofit organizations benefited from a comprehensive legal assessment.

The Nonprofit Working Group offers opportunities for transactional lawyers to provide legal assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout Colorado. New volunteers are always welcome! If you'd like to join the email distribution list for the Working Group, please contact Peter Schwartz (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP).

Legal Night Clinics. The successful Legal Night Clinic program is now offering a clinic in Greeley. Greeley Legal Night was created to reach individuals in Weld County, where legal resources are scarce and a brief discussion with a lawyer can be immensely beneficial.

Volunteer lawyers are needed at both Denver locations, as well as in Greeley. New volunteers are paired with experienced volunteers and no specific knowledge is required. Upcoming clinic dates include:

Denver

- March 2, 2011 at Centro San Juan Diego
- March 15, 2011 at Mi Casa Resource Center
For **Denver Legal Nights**, RSVP to Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.

Greeley

- March 23, 2011 at Our Lady of Peace
For **Greeley Legal Nights**, RSVP to Michelle Berge at mberge@rplaw.com.

Thank you

Nora Earnest

for your wonderful contributions to the Lawyers Committee over the last four years as our Associate Director. We will miss you. Good luck!

Colorado Lawyers Committee Law Firm Presentations.

The Colorado Lawyers Committee welcomes the opportunity to meet with your law firm (partners, associates, paralegals, law clerks) to discuss volunteer opportunities through the Colorado Lawyers Committee. To schedule a presentation, please contact Connie Talmage at 303-894-6363.

*** COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE NEWS & EVENTS ***

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is pleased to welcome

Mary Stuart (Husch Blackwell LLP)

to the Board of Directors.



Election Day Call Center volunteers: (back) Jon Lehmann (Lindquist Vennum PLLP); (front left) Dan Muse (Pendleton Friedberg Wilson & Hennessey P.C.), Nelson Boyle (Carter Boyle LLC) and Ben Wick (Law Offices of Gary M. Gilbert & Associates).

Colorado Lawyers Committee Welcomes New Associate Director. The Colorado Lawyers Committee is pleased to introduce **Julie Carroll**, our new Associate Director. Julie was the Director of the Center for Professional Development at the Phoenix School of Law and spent seven years as the Director of Professional Recruitment & Development for Holland & Hart LLP in Denver. Julie brings a high level of skill and enthusiasm to the position and we are excited to have her join the Colorado Lawyers Committee. Welcome Julie!

Volunteer Opportunity—Hate Violence Task Force

The Hate Violence Task Force continues to offer meaningful volunteer opportunities for lawyers and non-lawyers. The program utilizes volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students to present a fictional trial based on Colorado's Hate/Bias Crimes Statute. The students serve as jurors and obtain a greater understanding of the legal system, as well as an appreciation for standing up against hate crimes. During the 2010 school year, over 800 middle-school and high-school students participated in the mock trial program. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making the Hate Violence Task Force such a success! If you would like to volunteer or if you'd like to recommend a school to the task force, please contact Tarek Saad (Jin, Schauer & Saad LLC).

Nonpartisan Volunteer Opportunities on Election Day a Huge Success. The Colorado Lawyers Committee, in partnership with *Just Vote! Colorado Election Protection* (Colorado Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People, and the Latina Initiative) ran a nonpartisan Call Center on Election Day. Legal volunteers served as Election Monitors and staffed the 1-800 Call Center. Thank you to the 40 lawyers and law students who volunteered on Election Day!

Litigation Update—Sixth Amendment Task Force

Members of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Sixth Amendment Task Force filed suit in U.S. District Court on December 2, 2010, challenging the constitutionality of the Colorado statute that requires misdemeanor defendants to meet with the prosecutor before counsel is appointed. During this meeting, the prosecutor often engages the defendant in plea discussions and many defendants agree to a plea agreement without requesting or benefiting from the appointment of counsel. For more information on the Task Force or the status of the litigation, please contact co-chairs Scott Llewellyn (Morrison & Foerster LLP) or Trip DeMuth (Faegre & Benson LLP).

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join the Colorado Lawyers Committee at our
Annual Awards Luncheon
May 17, 2011 • 11:30-1:30
The Marriott City Center
1701 California Street

Aponté & Busam. Thank you to Edie Busam and the lobbying firm of Aponté & Busam for agreeing to be our *pro bono* lobbyist again this year. Edie's valuable services are critical for the efforts of the Colorado Lawyers Committee. Thank you!



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