



COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE

Special Update

July 26, 2010

Thank you for making the Colorado Lawyers Committee 31st Annual Awards Luncheon a huge success. For more information about the awards luncheon, please visit our website at www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org.



Representatives of the Homeless ID Task Force accepted the 2009 Task Force of the Year Award.



John Walsh, left, (Hill & Robbins, P.C.) accepted the 2009 Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award. Kathy Gebhardt (Kathleen J. Gebhardt, L.L.C.) and Alex Halpern (Alexander Halpern LLC), right, accepted the 2009 Community Contribution Award.

On May 4, 2010 the Colorado Lawyers Committee held its **31st Annual Awards Luncheon** at the Denver Marriott City Center. Thank you to our generous sponsors for your support of this important event. Congratulations to this year's honorees and thank you to our 650 volunteers who gave of their time and energy to Colorado Lawyers Committee projects in 2009. It is the strength of our volunteers that makes us successful. If you're new to the Colorado Lawyers Committee, join us! Volunteer opportunities range in topic, duration and scope and new volunteers are always welcome.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is pleased to welcome the following new Board members:

- Angela L. Ekker (Ekker & McNally, LLP)
- Daniel E. Friesen (Friesen Lamb, LLP)
- Nicole K. Gorham (Sam Cary Bar Association)
- David M. Johnson (Johnson & Cord, P.C.)
- James D. Kilroy (Snell & Wilmer L.L.P.)
- Scott F. Llewellyn (Morrison & Foerster LLP)
- Titus D. Peterson (Law Offices of Titus D. Peterson, P.C.)
- Cole A. Wist (Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.)



Representatives of Morrison & Foerster LLP accepted the 2009 Law Firm of the Year Award.

Thank You Colorado Bar Association! Thanks to the generous financial support of the Colorado Bar Association, the Denver Legal Night Clinic program has hired **Angela Reyes** to provide administrative support at the twice-monthly clinics. Volunteers are always needed at Legal Night. Upcoming Denver clinic dates are **Wednesday, August 4, 2010** at Centro San Juan Diego (2830 Lawrence Street), and **Tuesday, August 17, 2010** at Mi Casa Resource Center for Women (360 Acoma Street), both from 5:30pm-7:30pm. If you would like to volunteer, please RSVP to Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.

*** COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS ***



Legal Volunteers Brian Luther (Lexis Nexis) and Emily Powell (Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC) met with many clients at the 8th Project Homeless Connect at Coors Field.



Hate Violence Task Force Chair, Tarek Saad, right, (Jin, Schauer & Saad LLC), Lucia Padilla and Doug Cohen (both from Qwest) present a fictional hate crime trial to middle school students.

Project Homeless Connect. Project Homeless Connect continues to be a project that inspires and motivates our legal volunteers. The 8th Project Homeless Connect, held on May 22, 2010 at Coors Field, was another great success. Thanks to Project Homeless Connect, hundreds of homeless individuals in Denver were connected with valuable services including legal information, housing, employment, medical services, and public benefits. Thirty-five volunteer lawyers, paralegals and law students generously donated their time to provide legal information and referrals to 169 homeless individuals. **Thank you to the Steering Committee and all our dedicated volunteers for making Project Homeless Connect another success!**

Save the Date. The next Project Homeless Connect will be **October 29, 2010** on the Auraria Campus. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.

Volunteer Opportunities for Transactional Lawyers. The Nonprofit Working Group continues its collaboration with the Colorado Nonprofit Association. As a result, the number of transactional pro bono opportunities available to interested attorneys has significantly increased. Opportunities include representing nonprofit organizations, reviewing and writing educational materials for the Colorado Nonprofit Association website and developing legal workshops for the nonprofit community. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Schwartz (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP).

Hate Violence Task Force. The Hate Violence Teaching Tolerance Task Force recently concluded another very successful year. 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. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for continuing to make the Hate Violence Task Force such a success! If you are interested in volunteering during the next school year or if you'd like to recommend a school to the task force, please contact Tarek Saad (Jin, Schauer & Saad LLC).

New Legal Night in Greeley—Volunteers Needed
Upcoming Legal Night Clinics are scheduled for **September 8** and **November 10**. For more information, contact Mark Bailey or Michelle Berge (both at Reilly Pozner LLP).

Volunteers Needed. *Lobato v. State*, currently pending in Denver District Court, challenges Colorado's method for funding K-12 education. The case was recently remanded and trial preparation is now under way. Although this is not a "Colorado Lawyers Committee project," members of our Education Task Force have been involved in the lawsuit and the Colorado Lawyers Committee has actively supported the litigation. The case is being handled by a group of volunteer lawyers from Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP and Children's Voices. They need additional volunteer attorneys to assist with document review, which will likely lead to deposition experience. There may also be volunteer opportunities at trial. If you would like to assist, please contact Kenzo Kawanabe and Terry Miller (both at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP).



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