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Celebrate the 2004 DBA Award Winners

You're invited to the Denver Bar Association Annual party on June 9, 5:30 p.m., at the Denver Public Library. Besides free food and drink and the best socializing, we'll be honoring some very special members.



John Castellano

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit will be presented to John Castellano, partner at Holland & Hart and former DBA president. John started a program for at-risk kids at Greenlee Elementary School in 1988 and it's still going. He was instrumental in getting the Gov. Ralph Carr memorial on the capitol grounds. He's a current Waterman Fund Administrator, has been on the DBA Conciliation Panel, has participated in the DBA YLD Celebration of Excellence and has been very active in a number of community projects.

Judicial Excellence



James Breese

Denver County Court Judge James Breese is awarded the Judicial Excellence Award, for being "the essence of excellence," along with being "respectful, firm and fair." He is a creative, enthusiastic leader in the DBA and has changed the jury service system.

Denver District Judge John Coughlin is awarded the Judicial Excellence Award for his skill, intelligence, fairness, pleasant demeanor to all litigants and attorneys despite acrimony in a case, and for the dignity he maintained during a troublesome 2004.



John Coughlin

Volunteer Lawyer of the Year



Jim Castle

Volunteer of the Year Jim Castle volunteers generously for indigent defendants, is a Boy Scout leader, coaches both soccer and Odyssey of the Mind. He "is known for personal sacrifice on behalf of the accused without regard to personal gain."

Volunteer of the Year Elsa Martinez Tenreiro has spearheaded the Denver regional tournament for mock trials for more than a decade, and worked in most public legal education projects. "She's the first to step up to the plate, the last to complain about workload and incredibly dedicated to the success of all she participates in."



Elsa Martinez Tenreiro

Young Lawyer of the Year

Young Lawyer of the Year Ilene Bloom chairs the DBA's Legal Services Committee, volunteers regularly for Metro Volunteer Lawyers, has spearheaded an innovative immigration clinic and spends half her time doing pro bono work.



Ilene Bloom

Young Lawyer of the Year Kenzo Kawanabe is on numerous boards, is active in leadership in the DBA and other bar associations, is involved in civic matters such as the Boettcher Foundation, the Community Resource Center, and the Denver Future Forum.



Kenzo Kawanabe

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