



# The Docket

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## Legal Affairs

*Most of the following may be true; some partially correct; some may be slightly libelous. We feel certain you'll let us know.*

**GOOD FOR YOU:** We got a note from **Mark Willis** (DU Law '99) and his brother **Matt Willis** (CU Law '02) congratulating their father **Peter Willis** on his recent appointment to chair the Colorado Judicial Institute, his acceptance into the American Arbitration Association, and becoming a fellow of the ABA, plus 33 years of practice in Denver. "From your two sons, both of us agreeing we have not been influenced by you in any way in our own career paths!"

**John Low** is the 10th recipient of the Eleanor P. Williams Arthritis Award. This award is presented to a Colorado lawyer for distinguished service to the legal community and community at large. John, with Sherman & Howard, also celebrates his 50 years in the law.

Four of the five members of the Board of Ethics, appointed by Denver Mayor **Wellington Webb** and the Denver City Council, who deal with complaints from citizens are attorneys: **Harry MacLean**, **Marcelina Rivera**, **Charles Savage** and **Carolyn Lievers**. The interim staff director, **Michael Henry**, was former chief investigative counsel at the Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel's office and former acting executive director of the Denver Civil Service Commission.

Inman Flynn & Biesterfeld is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year—they're very proud that **Bob Inman** won the DBA Lifetime Achievement Award.

At the Colorado Lawyers Commit-tee's annual meeting, with 450 in attendance, these awards were given: Firm of the Year to Hillyard, Barnhart, Ekker & McNally; Individuals of the Year to the Medicaid Task Force, which included **Teresa Ashmore** of Perkins Coie, **Lawrence Volmert** of Holland & Hart, **Lawrence Treece** of Sherman & Howard, **Gregory C. Parham** of Parham & Associates and **B. Lawrence Theis** of Perkins Coie. Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award went to **James E. Scarboro** of Arnold & Porter. Attorney General **Ken Salazar** made introductions for keynote speaker Gov. **Bill Owens**.

The Colorado Judicial Institute gave Judicial Excellence Awards to Hon. **Kenneth Stuart** and Hon. **James R. Leh**. Keynote speaker at their annual meeting was **Troy Eid**, chief counsel to Gov. Owens, who spoke about the need for judicial independence.

The Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado elected eight new trustees: **Kent H. Borges**, **Gretchen Miller Busch**, **David Briscoll**, **Stephen A. Duree**, **Elizabeth M. Steele** and **William A. Wright**. **Stephen Closky** will represent the Young Lawyers and **Laird T. Milburn** will serve a one-year term as president of the CBA.

The Colorado Criminal Defense Bar gave the Jonathan Olom Award to **James A. Castle**. The award is given "for personal sacrifice on behalf of the accused without regard for personal gain."

**Jonathan Steeler** has been named CEO of Isaacson, Rosenbaum, Woods & Levy and **Gary Harrop** is the firm's Chief Operating Officer.

**Doug Tisdale**, partner in the Denver office of Baker & Hostetler, was elected chair of the Board of Directors of Eagle Health Care Center, Inc.

**C. Scott Crabtree**, of Alexander and Crabtree, was appointed new



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district judge in the 17th Judicial District.



Tisdale

For the second year in a row, United Way of America has recognized Holland & Knight as one of three Spirit of America Summit Award winners.

**Keith Block** of Block, Markus, Williams has become the first attorney from the Rocky Mountain Region to be elected a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Attorneys.



Harrop

Shareholders of Long & Jaudon have elected **James Dierker** as president and **Michael McConnell** as president-elect.

**Rico Munn** of Baker & Hostetler was awarded the Rising Star Award by the Colorado Democrats.

Munn told us that **David Starbuck** of Baker & Hostetler hurt his knee while dancing at the Barristers Benefit Ball in April. He was having such a good time that he kept dancing and when he woke up the next morning, he decided he needed to visit the emergency room. That's dedication!

#### IN THE NEWS:

**Don Eberle**, Denver attorney and former state legislator, wrote a nice column for *The Denver Post* in May.

*The Colorado Journal* reported that the number of women in the largest 50 firms in Colorado jumped from 158 to 600. The number of minority attorneys employed at these firms went from 28 to 133. **Kenzo Kawanabe** is quoted as saying there's still a long way to go, but that this rise is the result of a concentrated effort. Credit is given to diversity programs that most law firms have and efforts by various bar associations. Kenzo of Davis, Graham & Stubbs is president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. *The Journal* had a special edition in mid-May, called "Making Strides."

Our thanks always to **Miriam Goldberg** at the Intermountain Jewish News who gives us such generous coverage. All 12 honorees from the DBA Annual Party were pictured, with a nice story. There was also a great picture of **Dale Harris**, sitting at a desk covered with cell phones, for a story on a collection the bar association did for a drive to collect phones that will be refurbished and given to victims of domestic violence.

CHANGES: **Debra A. Conroy** is now with Fairfield and Woods, practicing estate administration and planning, tax, and business law.



Goldstein

**Robert S. Goldstein** has joined Shughart Thomason & Kilroy as an associate. **William H. Fischer** is the newest shareholder to join the firm.

**Katy J. Hill** has joined Cage & North.

Pendleton Friedberg Wilson & Hennessey elected **Timothy M. Kratz** as a director-shareholder.

Former Colorado Senate Minority Leader **Mike Feeley** has joined Baker & Hostetler.

**Ronda Sandquist** joined Baker & Hostetler as a partner.

Greenberg Traurig has added **Dean G. Panos**, formerly of Berenbaum, Weinshienk & Eason; **Rodney C. Atherton**, **Douglas J. Mitchell**, **Scott J. Smith** and **Kristi Blumhardt**, all from Reinhart, Boerner, Van Dueren, Norris & Rieselbach; and **David G. Palmer**, **Brian L. Duffy**, **Craig V. Richardson**, **Naomi G. Beer**, **Christopher J. Neumann**, **Michele Stone** and **Christine Wise Ludban**, all from Zevnik Horton Palmer.



Fischer

Pearson, Milligan & Horowitz has added **Dan S. Cross** and **Colleen R. Belak**.

Brownstein Hyatt & Farber has added **Martha P. Allbright** as Senior Counsel and **Mark F. Rogers**, **Lara Spencer Smith**, **Wendy R. St. Charles**, **Avra O. Morgan** and **Benjamin A. Kahn** as associates.

DU NEWS: The latest DU magazine was stuffed with news about our members. DBA Executive Director **Chuck Turner** (soon to be a DU Law Star) had four pictures. Former CBA President **Dale Harris** had



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three. *Docket* writer **David Erickson** and his wife **Jeanne** were pictured as alumni reunion volunteers. The magazine featured pictures of the Barristers Ball. The picture of the class of '51 included many of those who were honored at the DBA Seniors Spring Banquet in May.



Velasco

**MORE CHANGES:** Holland & Hart has added **Sandra P. Velasco** as a partner in the Business Department. **Sheldon Smith** has joined as a partner in the Employment Law Group.



Kratz

**Neil B. Oberfeld** and **Bonnie L. Larson-de-Paz** have joined Isaacson Rosenbaum, Woods & Levy to practice in the real estate department.

**Jennifer Cavel** and **Nancy Hummel** have joined Ritsema & Lyon in the firm's Denver office.

**Harmon S. Graves** has joined Myer, Swanson, Adams & Wolf as Of Counsel.



Smith

Patton Boggs has merged with the boutique intellectual property firm of Duft, Graziano & Forest. New partners are **Carl A. Forest**, **James M. Graziano** and **Halina S. Dziewit**, with new associates **Craig Belar** and **Will Wilbar**.

**Richard Gonzales**, former chief legal counsel for Stapleton Development Corporation, has joined Lindquist & Vennum as a partner.

**AND MORE:** **Frederick W. "Tim" Damour** has joined Block Markus Williams as Of Counsel in the Denver office.

**Marie E. Drake** is now with Litvak, Litvak, Mehrtens & Epstein.



Oberfeld

**Federico C. Alvarez** has joined Kelly/Haglund/Garnsey/Kahn as a member. Formerly a Denver District Court judge, he was most recently an in-house strategic litigator for Qwest.

Lohf Shaiman Jacobs & Hyman welcomes **Charles H. Jacobs** back from his Of Counsel status and **Don D. Jacobson** upon his return from a sabbatical in Israel. Another shareholder, **Jeffrey A. Hyman**, has joined the firm after collaborating as special counsel for the several years and **Rodney D. Knutson** has joined as special counsel.



Larson-de-Paz

Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn announces that **Stephen D. Ochs**, J.D., M.D., M.B.A. has joined the firm as Special Counsel.

**S. Jane Mitchell** has associated with Long & Jaudon.

Yu Stromberg Cleveland announces the firm name has changed to Stromberg Cleveland Crawford & Schmidt, with address, phone and fax remaining the same.

Kennedy & Christopher has added **Erin Chatham-Applegate**, **George H. Brachler** and **Mark J. Jackimiak** as associates.

Socha, Perczak & Anderson welcomes **Brian C. Petroff** and **T. Charice Miles** as associates.

**Marc Musyl** has joined Dorsey & Whitney, Denver office, as partner.

Hatch & Moschetti has added **Laura C. Catron** as an associate.

**Jennifer Miller Dechtman** formerly of the Colorado A.G.'s office, has joined her husband in their Internet business, Internet Design & Development. Their info is (303) 837-8100 or 1280 Sherman St., #216, Denver, CO 80203.

CX: **Lee Terry** reports that while he did join Gorsuch Kirgis in 1982, his more recent news is that he left there after 19 years to become a partner in the Denver office of Coudert Brothers, where he has been joined by other new hires **Janette Ferguson**, **Judy Gooch**, **Anastasia Khokhryakova** and **Meghan Dougherty**. Lee hopes his latest move can be reported by *The Docket* a little sooner than the last one, but says he recognizes the deadline pressures we are under. Thanks Lee.

CU NEWS: According to the Office of Career Services, 97 percent of the students in the class of 2000 found jobs in the legal profession within six months of graduation, giving that class the highest employment rate of any in the school's history. They also reported that 90 percent of the 200 grads who sat for the bar exam passed it. CU Law is now ranked #38, up from #45, in the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* 2002 Best Graduate Schools.

Prof. **William Pizzi** authored the original draft of the Governor's Columbine Review commission report as one of the commission's unpaid staff members. Pizzi teaches criminal law and procedure and was quoted extensively by the national media during the Oklahoma City bombing trial and the Ramsey murder investigation.

NEW FIRMS: **Patti Hudson Marks**, after serving as corporate counsel to U.S. Bank for the last 15 years, has opened her private law office in Cherry Creek at 3003 E. 3rd Ave., #105B. Contact her at pmarksaw@aol.com, (303) 370-2000 or (303) 370-2001 fax.

**Marilee Langhoff** and **Amy L. Miletich** have formed Langhoff & Miletich. **Mark E. Nolan** is an associate with the firm. The offices are in Dominion Plaza, 600 17th St., Suite 2010 South, Denver, CO 80202. Phone is (303) 407-0830.

**Todd J. McNamara** and **William J. Martinez** announce the merger of their practices: McNamara & Martinez LLP. **Kristina James** is an associate. The new address and phone: 1640 E. 18th Ave., Denver, 80218. Phone (303) 333-8700.

PASSED: The service for **Hugh A. Burns**, who died June 10, will be Aug. 18, 11 a.m., at the First Unitarian Church. Hugh, who had MS, retired from Burns, Figa & Will in 1988. He had previously worked for Sherman & Howard for 25 years. He was held dear by so many who worked with and for him. Even in the face of much pain and discomfort, he was always kind, wonderfully literate and comforting to others. We offer our sympathy to his wife **Bev**, his children and the many who loved him.

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