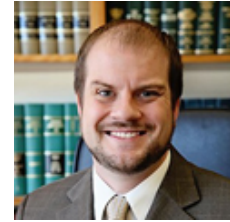


President's Message January 2017



Happy New Year! I trust everyone was able to take some time away from work and enjoy the holidays with friends and family. This year was my son's second Christmas and he loved opening his gifts. I think he liked the wrapping paper more than what's inside, but I am sure that will change in the coming years.

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend this year's Nuts and Bolts Conference. Thank you to all of our presenters and Magistrate Mark Gonzales for being our Master of Ceremonies. I would also like to thank my staff, Cindy Rivers, Christy Roche, Valerie Roche, Michael Peters, and Brian Wiedeman for their tireless efforts in making this year's Nuts and Bolts Conference a reality.

As we are settling back-in from the holidays and New Year, I wanted to remind all the members that on January 17, 2017, the Weld County Bar Association's monthly CLE program will be presenting New Technology for Evidence Preservation: Drones, Dash-cams, Black Boxes and More, presented by Fay Engineering Experts and Chad M. Lieberman, Esq. Please RSVP to Gayleen Gonzales, ggonzales@nocoattorneys.com. Lunch is provided and the CLE is approved for one general credit. Cost is \$10 for bar members and \$15 for non-members. Join us to learn about new ways to preserve evidence.

The regional High School Mock Trial competition is being held at the Weld County Courthouse on February 10-11, 2017, in celebration of the Courthouse's 100 Year Anniversary. We need volunteers! Please join the Weld County and Larimer County judicial officers in volunteering for the High School Mock Trial Competition. Go to the link, <http://signup.com/go/6iEHy1>, enter your email address, and then choose your spots. You will not need to register an account on SignUp.com. Please contact Stacey Aurzada at Stacey.aurzada@greeleygov.com for more information.

The Weld County Bar Association has partnered with the Weld County Courts and others for the 100 Year Anniversary of the Weld County Courthouse. The celebration will include events throughout June 2017 starting with our annual dinner on June 2, 2017 at the Court's West Jury Room starting at 11:30 a.m. and lasting until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered and Justice Hobbs will be presenting about the history of water law and seminal cases coming from our Water Division One – South Platte River Basin. More details to come in the next few months.

We are seeking nominations! Nominations are open for the following awards to be presented at the Weld County Bar Association's Annual Dinner on June 2, 2017 at the Court's West Jury Room.

Frank Henderson Award: Presented to a Weld County Bar member in recognition of a life and practice that displays sterling character and unquestioned integrity, and ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession.

Andrew Borg Award: Presented to a Weld County Bar member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the representation and availability of legal services to indigent persons.

Sandy Carr Award: Presented to a non-lawyer working to assist those who cannot afford legal services and striving to make the legal process accessible to those without counsel.

Walker David Miller Award: Presented to a Weld County Bar member for a lifelong dedication to excellence in the practice and administration of law, and for serving as a shining example and inspiration to others in the legal profession.

Please send your nominations along with a written explanation of why the person you are nominating deserves the award to Gayleen Gonzales at ggonzales@nocoattorneys.com. Nomination must be received by May 1, 2017 to be counted.

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