

President's Message

By Brandi Lynn Nieto

Howdy partners! After an incredibly cold winter and with the first day of spring (Thursday, March 20, 2014) right around the corner, lots of people have been dreaming about sunshine and warmth. And so have the members of the Board of Directors of the Weld County Bar Association.

We are busy planning CLE's, FAC's, fundraisers and the annual bar dinner – which is going to be a hoot this year!

We will be sponsoring a 2 hour ethics CLE fundraiser for the benefit of Weld County Legal Services next month featuring NBC Chicago Business Columnist, Author and Chief Innovation Officer of Digital Marketing Agency, Jabez LeBret. Mr. LeBret has given hundreds of presentations all over the world to organizations both big and small. Each person that attends will receive a copy of Mr. LeBret's book "How to Turn Clicks into Clients". The program will be held just following the domestic law brown bag on Friday, April 11, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will cost just \$50.00. Please consider attending as this is not only a chance for you to get 2 ethics credits – which are always hard to find – but it is also a chance to help raise some much need money through your registration fee for Weld County Legal Services. The plan is to follow the CLE with a long overdue, start of spring, FAC at a local watering hole. Be on the lookout for an email blast in the next week with additional information!


Law Day is also coming up on May 1st. This year's theme is "American Democracy and the Rule of Law, Why Every Vote Matters." The WCBA will be sponsoring our annual law day breakfast at the Courts starting at 7:30 a.m. that morning. Invitations should be hitting your inboxes within the next month.

We will have a presentation on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 by John T. Baker, the Director of the Colorado Attorney Mentoring Program (CAMP). John was a co-presenter at our last CLE on peer professionalism and did a great job. He is a very fun and engaging presenter and I'm sure that the presentation he will give in May will be just as well received. His presentation is focused on "Mentoring a Professional Identity: Learning how to Deal with "Rambo" Attorneys without Becoming One" and given that John is a self-confessed prior "Rambo" attorney he knows what he is talking about. The cost of the presentation will be \$10.00 and includes lunch and 1 CLE (pending approval). We'll have more information for you on this presentation as it gets closer.

Finally, we are in the process of gearing up for our annual dinner and board meeting. As many of you remember, last year's dinner was quite a success. It was our 100th Anniversary dinner and we celebrated in style at the Greeley County Club. This year, for anniversary #101, we are going to do things a little bit different, actually, a lot different. This year's annual banquet will be held at Bill Suhre's "farm" here in Greeley, on Friday May 2, 2014, beginning at 5:00 p.m. And this year, we are inviting your whole family to join in the party. There will be barbecue, beers and possibly bouncy houses. We are also going to have one heck of an auction this year with both the

boards of your Weld County Bar Association and Weld County Legal Services donating items to auction. I wouldn't miss it and I hope you don't either! A "Save the Date" should be coming your way soon.

Y'all come back now, you hear 😊

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Lynn Nieto', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brandi Lynn Nieto, WCBA President