

As many of you have probably recently received the dues notice from the Colorado Bar Association, it raises the question that many jurisdictions are discussing as to whether the fees assessed are appropriate. This inquiry is also part of an on-going discussion as the Colorado Bar Association asked the Supreme Court for an increase in attorney registration fees to assist with the funding of services provided by Colorado Legal Services. At last week's board meeting, we discussed at length ways to grow our bar association members yet at the same time, take into consideration the fees associated with becoming a member. If you recall in last month's bar call, the article about the Future of the Weld County Bar Association reflected on our desire to grow and become a stronger legal community and now we are trying to move forward in this direction but having to evaluate all the various factors to take into account.

Currently, the Weld County currently assesses the following fees: Senior (8+years) \$125.00; Junior (5-7 years) \$75.00; New (0-4 years) Free. While looking at other Local Bar Association's fees, some jurisdictions have different ranges for years of practice between Senior, Junior and New while other Jurisdictions provide a discounted rate for Government Employees. At this time, we are looking for input from our local bar association members on their opinions as we want to know that we have discussed and have obtained as much information as we can in the event we need to make a decision. With that being said, I ask that you take this brief survey and if you have any additional comments or concerns, please feel free to [email me](#) and the board can discuss them at our next meeting.

We have also discussed opening up our CLE's to non-members to reach out to other local attorneys as well as attorneys from other jurisdictions. In doing so, members of the Weld County Bar Association would be offered the CLE at a rate lower than the non-members. We look forward for our journey to become a stronger local bar association and hope you join us along the way.

Stay up to date with upcoming CLE's, presentations and announcements by liking us on facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Weld-County-Bar-Association/206389956226157> or following our website at: <https://weldcountybar.org/>

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