

President's Message

By Lee J. Morehead



On August 8, 2016, the Colorado Supreme Court, the President of the Colorado Bar Association, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professional Development, and the Deans of the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, declared October 2016 as Legal Professionalism Month for Colorado. The purpose of Legal Professionalism Month is to encourage members of the legal profession to rededicate themselves to demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, promote public trust in the rule of law, and foster diversity and inclusion within our profession. All judicial officers and members of the legal profession are invited to attend a Special Session of the Supreme Court of Colorado at Boettcher Concert Hall on October 31, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. to welcome to the legal profession those who will be admitted to the practice of law.

In honor of Legal Professionalism Month, this month's CLE is Professionalism: New Challenges – Enduring Principles presented by Justice Richard Gabriel and Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Robert Hawthorne. The presentation has been approved for 1 ethics credit. The CLE is on October 18, 2016 at noon in the Court's West Jury Room. Please RSVP to lmorehead@nocoattorneys.com. We look forward to a strong showing from our bar.

As some of you may know, 2017 marks the 100 year anniversary of our historic Courthouse. In honor of this momentous milestone, the Weld County Bar Association is combining our annual dinner and meeting with the celebration of the Courthouse's anniversary. The celebration is scheduled for June 2, 2017 at the Courthouse. Events are still being planned but our annual "dinner" and meeting will be from noon to 2:00 p.m. on June 2, 2017 so please mark your calendars. We plan to serve lunch and provide entertainment for CLE credit. Please be on the lookout for more information about events and the cost to attend.

Don't forget that the Weld County Bar Association's annual Nuts and Bolts Conference is December 9, 2016. The venue has changed this year and the event will be at the University Northern Colorado Ballroom in the Student Center. We encourage all members of the legal profession to join us. Please share this date with your colleagues practicing in other counties. Please be on the lookout for registration information.

It is with a heavy heart that I make the following request of our bar. As some of you may know, Jared Sommervood and Genevieve (Froid) Sommervood tragically died in a car accident a few weeks ago on I-25. Thankfully, their two-year old daughter survived. The Weld County Bar Association was contacted by a family friend of the Sommervoods to see if any of our members have their estate planning documents. The Sommervoods informed their family and friends that they have a will, but their family and friends have been unable to locate it. They have contacted the Larimer County District Courts and the Weld County District Courts but the Sommervood's will(s) were not lodged with either Court. If you have any information on the Sommervoods' estate planning documents, please contact me at (970) 330-6700, or lmorehead@nocoattorneys.com.

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