

## President's Message

*By Lee J. Morehead*



I went to the grocery store last weekend and could not help but notice the aisles of back-to-school supplies. With back-to-school in full swing, it must be August. I am reminded of what I used to look forward to when heading back to school; socializing with friends and learning new things. Although we survived countless back-to-school seasons, we can still look forward to socializing with our colleagues and learning new things at the WCBA's 2016 events.

Board member Liz Minnerop has been instrumental in starting WCBA's Monthly Social Hour events. The first one is August 26, 2016 at Right Coast Pizza, 811 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Greeley, Colorado, sponsored by Peek Law Firm. Mark your calendars. The sponsor provides light appetizers and there will be a happy hour cash bar. Thank you Peek Law Firm for being our first sponsor.

The purpose of these monthly events is to promote and strengthen the Weld County legal community with opportunities to unwind with colleagues, meet attorneys practicing in areas outside of our own, and introduce new attorneys to our community. These events are not exclusive to WCBA members, so invite all, the more the merrier. If you are interested in sponsoring the next WCBA Social Hour, please let either myself or Liz Minnerop know and we can provide you with more information.

I am also excited about our learning opportunities for the remainder of the year. On August 25 (changed from August 23) in Court's West, Judge Scott Crabtree will present "Proficiency & Professionalism: Top 20 Trial-Related Mistakes As Seen Through the Eyes of a Judge". This presentation promises to be interactive and very helpful to the litigators among us. Also, Amanda Larson and Adam Espinoza will be presenting "Unbundled Legal Services," and the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (OARC) will be presenting "Peer Professionalism". In November, our new Colorado Bar Association President, Patricia Jarzobski, will be talking about the Colorado Bar Association and its new strategic plan REFOCUS 20/20. On December 9, 2016, our annual Nuts & Bolts Conference will be at the University of Northern Colorado Ballroom. Please mark your calendars.

I look forward to seeing many of you on August 26 at our first Monthly Social Hour and at our monthly CLEs. If you have ideas for CLE subjects or presenters, or thoughts on the CBA's REFOCUS 20/20 Plan, please share them with a WCBA Board Member or me. We look forward to hearing from you.

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