

## **Presidents Message**

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### **2016 LAW DAY BREAKFAST**

The Weld County Bar Association hosted its Seventh Annual Law Day Breakfast on Friday, May 6, 2016 honoring those that work in the legal community. In attendance were many District, County and Municipal Judges, court facilitators, representatives from the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Greeley Police, Evans Police, Frederick Police, Sheriff's Office, State Patrol, local attorneys and the Commissioner's office. As usual, there was plenty of food and good conversation. This year's motto was *Miranda, more than words*. Law Day 2017 will take place on Friday, May 5, 2017 so mark your calendars.

### **2016 WELD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER**

The Weld County Bar Association had its annual dinner on Friday May 6, 2016 at the Eaton Country Club. Thank you to all of those who attended this year. The food was amazing and the Comedy Brewers entertained us with their improv comedy. They even included two of our own, current president Lisa Harbour-Weibel and incoming president Lee Morehead, in one of their skits. The WCBA also honored this year's very deserving award winners.

Congratulations to Matthew Athey for being this year's Sandy Carr Award recipient. This award recognizes an attorney or non-attorney who works to assist those who cannot afford legal services to make the legal process accessible to those without counsel. Mr. Athey is a familiar face at all of the WCBA's pro bono events including ask-a-lawyer, Project Connect and many others just to name a few. Mr. Athey is an associate attorney with Jorgenson Brownell & Pepin, P.C. practicing in the areas of real estate, family, corporate and business, construction, criminal and appeals. If you see an attorney or non-attorney helping people find representation they otherwise could not afford, please let us know by nominating them for the Sandy Carr Award. You don't have to wait until next year's event.

Congratulations to Crofton Sacco for being this year's Andrew Borg Award recipient. This award honors an attorney for outstanding contributions to the representation and availability of legal services to indigent persons. Mr. Sacco regularly volunteers his time to teach pro se litigant courses through Weld County Legal Services in a variety of different areas. Mr. Sacco is an associate attorney with Sacco Law Firm, LLC practicing in the areas of estate planning, business and commercial, e-business and information technology, transactions, intellectual property, medical marijuana and patient/dispensary rights. If you see an attorney helping those who could not otherwise afford to find representation, please let us know by nominating them for the Andrew Borg Award. You don't have to wait until next year's event.

Congratulations to Mark Rapp for being this year's Frank Henderson Award recipient. This award honors an attorney for a life and practice that displays sterling character and unquestioned integrity, and ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession. Mr. Rapp has practiced in Weld County for 23 years and is a past board member of the Weld County Partners, Inc. and a past

president of Weld County Legal Services, Inc. Mr. Rapp practices in the area of family law including divorce, child custody, paternity adoption, child support and parenting time. If you know of attorneys who practice with sterling character, unquestioned integrity and dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession, please let us know by nominating them for the Frank Henderson Award.

Congratulations to Stan Peak for being this year's Walker Miller Lifetime Achievement Award. This award honors an attorney 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. Mr. Peak began practicing in Weld County in 1973 as Deputy District Attorney. In 1981, Mr. Peak was elected the District Attorney of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and served until 1988 when he moved into private practice in the areas of family and criminal law. He is a former member of the State Commission on Judicial Performance, and is on the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Nominating Commission. He is also a former president of the Weld County Bar Association. If you know of attorneys who have practiced with a lifetime dedication to excellence, and are an inspirational example for others in the legal profession, please let us know by nominating them for the Walker Miller Lifetime Achievement Award.

Next year's event will be on May 5, 2017 so mark your calendars. Watch for updates and more details in our monthly Bar Call.