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CWBA Membership Committee Announces Plans

by Jessica Brown and Lydia Floyd, Membership Committee Co-Chairs

The Membership Committee, headed by Jessica Brown of Gibson Dunn, and Lydia Floyd of Davis Graham & Stubbs, has started making plans for the upcoming year.

On August 12, the Membership Committee is hosting a "Membership Social" at the Funky Buddha Lounge (776 Lincoln Street, Denver) from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person (\$20 for non-members). Join us, and bring a non-member who would be a great addition to our organization. See the flier in this issue for event details and registration information.

On October 5, the Membership Committee is hosting a "Membership Reception," time and place to be determined. Representatives from each of the CWBA's committees will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Additional information about this event will be forthcoming.

On November 9, the Membership Committee is hosting a "Phone Bank Pizza Party" at Gibson Dunn's offices from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee members and other volunteers will contact members

who have not yet renewed their membership to remind them to do so. To volunteer, send an e-mail to Jessica Brown at jbrown@gibsondunn.com.

Anyone interested in helping with Membership should join the Committee on the fourth Tuesday of every month at noon at the offices of Gibson Dunn or Davis Graham (we will alternate). Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at Gibson Dunn's offices, 1801 California Street, Suite 4200. Please contact Jessica at jbrown@gibsondunn.com or Lydia at lydia.floyd@dgsllaw.com to join the Membership Committee or for more information. ♦

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The CWBA's 2010-2011 Membership year is at hand, running August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011.

Watch your mailbox for your renewal form!

Questions about your membership? Contact the CWBA at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org.

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President's Letter: by Lucy Hojo Denson "Become Involved in The CWBA"

This is the first of six columns which I have the pleasure to write during my tenure as President of the CWBA. The question has been asked: in light of the progress made by women in the legal field, does there continue to be a reason for the existence of a women's bar association? Consider that women today generally comprise fifty percent of law school students. Also consider that women now outnumber men in the number of graduates from four year institutions. Do we continue to need a women's bar association? I am here to say emphatically "Yes!"



Lucy Hojo Denson,
CWBA President

One of the purposes of the CWBA is to encourage the advancement of women in the law. I have served on the CWBA Board for nine years now. I have attended nine conventions during this same time. I confess that I am a woman who is hooked on the CWBA. I think it is because I have experienced an environment of support and camaraderie which is unique to our organization. The majority of our membership has one thing in common---we are women lawyers. As lawyers we are all in need of support from our colleagues as we go through this career which can be, at times, immensely gratifying and, at times, immensely challenging. As women lawyers, have special skills unique to our profession which can enrich our community

The CWBA offers women a place to

advance in their profession through mentorship and social networking. Young lawyers hear on a continual basis the importance of having legal mentors. With luck, one finds maybe one or (if you are really lucky) multiple mentors during their career who are generous and kind enough to share their experience and wisdom. The CWBA offers a resource for young lawyers to forge relationships with experienced attorneys who can fulfill this mentor role. At the CWBA's May convention, attorneys who were attending for the first time were paired with attorneys who had attended a previous Convention, in a "mentor-mentee" match up. There are also numerous social events throughout the year where the CWBA is a resource for young attorneys to meet more experienced attorneys who are willing to serve in the mentor role.

The CWBA also has a public policy committee in place which monitors legislation which potentially impacts our members and issues related to the welfare of women and children. The CWBA has its own lobbyist which has strengthened the organization's ability to take positions on issues and our ability to voice our opinions.

In addition, the CWBA is committed to seeing more women appointed to the bench. The CWBA has a judicial committee which conducts due diligence when there is a

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President's Letter

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by Lucy Hojo Denson, CWBA President

judicial vacancy in a Colorado Court, with the exception of county courts. As part of this due diligence, the judicial committee polls our membership asking for comments about the judicial candidates. Other investigation done by this committee includes interviewing opposing counsels and judges. Ultimately, the committee sends a memo to the Governor sharing the information collected.

Moreover, the CWBA is committed to community service. At the recent CWBA convention, Rachel F. Moran, President of the American Association of Law Schools, spoke on the topic of the return of the citizen lawyer. Ms. Moran recently was appointed as Dean of the UCLA School of Law. During my year as President, I plan to have the CWBA become involved in a community project involving disadvantaged young women. The project will involve teaching life skills and encouraging adoption of career goals for these young women. We believe that reaching out to young women when they are of an age where they still impressionable and enthusiastic is important.

If you are not a member of the CWBA, I encourage you to join. Visit the CWBA website (www.cwba.org) and view the upcoming events and committee meeting dates. I encourage you to become involved in the CWBA by coming to an event or joining a committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I look forward to serving as your President in the upcoming year. ♦

WE LIKE TO SHARE NEWS ABOUT CWBA MEMBERS!
IF YOU HAVE NEWS ABOUT A CWBA MEMBER,
PLEASE SEND DETAILS TO *THE ADVOCATE* EDITORS,
AT EXECDIR@CWBA.ORG.

CWBA "Comings and Goings"

by Advocate Staff

The Advocate is pleased to publicize news about the "comings and goings" of CWBA members:

John T. Baker was named recipient of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's 2010 Alumni Professionalism Award.



Kristin M. Bronson has been re-appointed to a second three-year term to the Colorado Real Estate Commission.



Judge Mary A. Celeste was recently appointed to the Colorado State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.



Sheila M. Gutterman was elected Colorado Judicial Institute ("CJI") Chair during CJI's annual meeting held in May.



Fay M. Matsukage was named recipient of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award.



Kara Veitch was named the Denver Bar Association's 2010 Young Lawyer of the Year. Kara recently accepted the position of Associate Director of the Colorado Forum.



Wendy E. Weigler has been selected as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA). ♦



33rd Annual CWBA Convention - "Promoting Our Clients, Ourselves, and Each Other" in Review

by Holly Gummerson, CWBA Convention Committee Co-Chair

The 2010 Convention was the CWBA's most successful Convention. Almost 150 participants enjoyed the beautiful Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa setting, and the weekend was full of energy and excitement.

The Convention began Friday afternoon with a NITA seminar. NITA presented a terrific seminar called "The Articulate Attorney" presented by John T. Baker, Judge Robbie M. Barr, Marsha Hunter, and Terre Rushton. Ms. Hunter, world renowned NITA speaker, described how persuasion in the courtroom works through body language and tone of voice such as eliminating words like "um" and "you know" in speech which cause distraction in public presentations.

Over 150 attendees filled the Mary Lathrop Award Reception on Friday evening to honor Deborah Adams as this year's Mary Lathrop Award recipient. Reception attendees who helped us honor Deborah included friends and colleagues from the legal community, as well as Deborah's family and friends.

Lisa Simon, Neeti Pawar, and Laura Hazen engaged participants in an exciting seminar on the ever-expanding social web, focusing on the networking and business development potential of Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. They encouraged us to take advantage of this "new media, same game" to connect with people and spread the word about our practices, while staying mindful of ethical concerns and remembering to add value to make the most of our time and connections.

Judge Jim Miller of JAMS conducted a "Phil Donahue" style lively discussion around the issues of gender and mediation. The general consensus from the four very experienced attorney mediators, Elizabeth Starrs, Terri Harrington, Daniel Himelspach and Sheldon Friedman, was that the gender of the mediator plays less of a role than selecting a proper mediator for your client and your case. The panel encouraged all participants to conduct research on the mediator and learn about his/her background, style, demeanor, and any areas of special training. The end result is that you

will more likely achieve a less stressful and more successful mediation.

Judge Robbie Barr moderated an interactive panel on Family Responsibility Discrimination featuring Michelle Ferguson and Charlotte Sweeney. Their discussion of evolving developments in this area demonstrated the relevancy to all of us with family responsibilities, while highlighting the trend towards large verdicts and above average success rates for plaintiffs.

Zoe Littlepage of Littlepage Booth in Houston, Texas wowed convention attendees with her energetic, simple, cutting-edge ideas on using affordable visual evidence in our cases. She taught us how to be creative in ensuring our cases have the visual impact needed to persuade today's jurors. Her program motivated all of those who attended and created a lot of buzz. The CWBA hopes to continue our commitment to bringing in top national speakers.

Attorneys Erica Johnson and Elizabeth Mitchell guided attendees through the maze on how to protect parents when they can no longer care for themselves and planning for non-married couples. These attorneys pointed out that the average monthly cost of nursing home care in Colorado is \$6,267 and rising as there is a "silver tsunami" due to the aging baby boomer generation. Attendees learned that the state of Colorado has a "plan" for unmarried couples, unless those couples take charge and obtain an estate plan for themselves.

Judge Christine Arguello and Magistrate Judge Kristen Mix used a video to drive home their points in the "Deposition Conduct: What is Acceptable and What is Not" program. The video showed part of a mock deposition. Attendees were treated to an intimate conversation with Judge Arguello and Magistrate Judge Mix regarding ethical dilemmas, discovery disputes, and other issues that often arise during depositions.

Mark Fogg moderated the ethics panel discussing ethical ways to deal with difficult

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33rd Annual Convention - In Review

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by Holly Gummerson, Convention Committee Co-Chair

opposing counsel. Panel members, Nancy Cohen, Dr. Robert Mines, and John Holt, commented on the prominent mental health and substance abuse issues that attorneys have and how we can professionally deal with colleagues who are exhibiting these issues.

We were honored to welcome as our Keynote Speaker Rachel F. Moran, Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkley. Ms. Moran's presentation, "Return of the Citizen Lawyer," was very insightful about how law schools are moving toward more experiential learning.

Everyone enjoyed the competitive entertainment Saturday evening, "Team up for Trivia." The Truhlar and Truhlar team ended up on top with a win, with each team member receiving a bottle of wine and a Rocky Mountain Chocolate Bar.

Sunday morning Judges' Panel, another Convention tradition, provided the forum for an interactive discussion regarding the do's and don'ts of courtroom etiquette and ethics. Panelists included Judge Cathy Lemon (Denver District Court), Judge Mary A. Celeste (Denver County Court), Judge Karen A. Romeo (5th Judicial District), and Judge Christine M. Arguello (U.S. District Court).

Thank you to everyone, the speakers, the sponsors, and the attendees who participated in the 33rd Annual CWBA Convention. Special appreciation goes to the members of the Convention Committee for their dedication to the CWBA. Be sure to visit the "CWBA Convention Photo Gallery" on pages 10 and 11 in this issue for a look back at Convention activities.

Convention Sponsors are a big reason why the CWBA Convention is a success. We want to extend our most sincere "Thank You" to the sponsors listed here for their generous support. ♦

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Public Policy: Recap of 2009-2010, and Looking Forward

by Julia Thompson, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

The Public Policy Committee works to promote and protect the interests of women and children through monitoring legislation and lobbying efforts. The Public Policy Committee meets with the CWBA's lobbyists and reviews legislation. The Committee then makes recommendations to the CWBA Board of Directors regarding whether the CWBA should support or oppose legislation, and organizes an advocacy network of CWBA members who contact legislators, write letters or testify before a legislative committee. The committee also coordinates the amicus activities of the CWBA.

2010 Issues of Importance: Legislative Highlights

As is customary for CWBA, each year we track a variety of bills-of-interest and choose two banner pieces of legislation with which to engage. While there were many issues debated during the 2010 legislative session, the main event was the debate surrounding Colorado's budget shortfall. However, the CWBA did not take any positions on budget issues during this session, but focused instead on the Gender Equity and Pay Day Lending Bills.

The following is a summary of the highlights of bills that we supported and/or monitored:

- **Gender Equity Bill (HB 10-1008 Schafer/Carroll):**

Supported: After a two year struggle, legislation to eliminate gender rating in the individual health insurance market was passed by both chambers and signed by Governor Ritter. The CWBA was an active member of the coalition, working closely with several groups, as well as bill sponsors Representative Sue Schafer and Senator Morgan Carroll. Prior to the 2010 Session, CWBA participated in interim legislative and coalition committee meetings. As the legislation made its way through the process, CWBA members Jessica Kosares and Sherri Catalano testified in support of this bill. CWBA participation and perspective were appreciated.

- **Pay Day Lending Bill (HB 10-1351 Ferrandino/Romer):**

Supported: After three years of difficult work, pay day lending reform legislation was passed towards the end of Session. CWBA was again pleased to be part of a larger consumer protection oriented coalition aimed at bringing fairness to pay day lending. Over the years, studies have shown that current pay

day lending practices were devastating to families, especially women and children. With the passage of HB 10-1351, rates will be reduced by 60% and the loan term will lengthen to 6 months, thus allowing individuals a reasonable period of time to pay off the loans. CWBA participated in this success by offering witness testimony provided by CWBA Public Policy Committee member Pat Madsen, submitting a Board letter of support and reaching out to several legislators via meetings, phone calls and emails.

- **Identification Documents: (SB 10-006**

Boyd/Summers): Monitored: The passage of this bill will reduce barriers to certain poor individuals to obtain a free birth certificate, death certificate or state identification card upon the recommendation of the department of social services.

- **Required Coverage for Reproductive Services (HB10-1021 Frangas/Foster):**

Monitored: The passage of this bill will require coverage for maternity care in individual sickness and accident policies.

Events Hosted by Public Policy Committee in 2010

In addition to engaging in legislation, the CWBA hosted two legislator outreach events this year:

- **Annual Fall Legislator Breakfast:** Each year, the CWBA invites all legislators to join us in honoring their colleagues who have supported the CWBA's legislative priorities and efforts focused on women, children, and families. This year, each attending legislator was given the opportunity to briefly address the audience about issues they feel are important to the upcoming legislative session and/or important accomplishments from the previous year. With over 20 legislators attending, we also had the opportunity to hear special remarks from members of the Joint Judiciary Committee as well as the Office of Governor Bill Ritter.

- **Mardi Gras Legislative Reception:** To dust off the winter doldrums, the CWBA Public Policy Committee hosted a Mardi Gras happy hour party to provide CWBA members an opportunity to informally meet and talk to their Colorado state legislators. A silent auction also helped raise funds.

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Public Policy: Recap *(continued from previous page)*

by Julia Thompson, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

2010 Election: Candidates and Ballot Initiatives

Now that the session has ended, the push towards the November ballot has begun in earnest. With the Governor's office, State House and Senate seats, Federal Congressional and Senate seats and a handful of initiatives on the ballot, it will be a busy campaign season. The CWBA does not get involved in individual races.

Ballot Initiatives: While over 70 initiative petitions have been filed, only four have been certified for the ballot thus far. Three of the four initiatives (Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101) are being championed by the Colorado Union of Taxpayers, and will greatly decrease the state's tax and revenue system should they pass. A sub-committee of the Public Policy Committee is evaluating whether to take a position on *Amendment 62, Definition of Personhood*, which would amend the Colorado Constitution to apply the term 'person' to every human being from the beginning of biological development. The impact, if Amendment 62 passes, will not only be to ban abortion, but may also interfere with contraception and in vitro fertilization. Currently, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has opposed this initiative. The CWBA participated in the defeat of a similar measure in 2008.

Looking Ahead: Fall 2010- Spring 2011

In light of the budget deficit and the looming economic forecasts, the General Assembly voted to suspend all non-essential Legislative Interim Committees, including the Health Care Task Force, Early Childhood and School Readiness Task Force, Transportation Legislation Review Committee and several others. The one exception is the Economic Opportunity and Poverty Reduction Task Force, which will meet if sufficient gifts, grants, and donations are identified. While this means there may not be a formal forum for the generation of legislative concepts and ideas, there will surely be meetings in informal settings to discuss legislation for 2011.

The 2011 Legislative Session will prove to be one of change, as the state will have a new Executive Branch, as well as the potential for significant change in the House and Senate. Legislative leadership will also change due to the departure of Speaker of the House Terrance Carroll, House Minority Leader Mike May and Senate Majority Leader Josh Penry, among others. Once again, the main issue will be the state's budget deficit, and more impor-

tantly addressing a long term solution to Colorado's fiscal issues.

Meetings. We welcome and encourage anyone to participate on the committee and become involved in these and other issues. We will be holding our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon, starting on July 14th at the offices of Aponte-Busam, 303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 810, Denver, with the exception of August. Our meetings will be: July 14, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 13.

Annual Fall Legislator Breakfast. This year's event is scheduled for November 16, 2010, location to be announced. We encourage you to join us and attend, as much of the breakfast's focus will be on thanking our experienced legislators and meeting the many new legislators after the November election.

Evening with Colorado Legislators. Every two years, the Colorado Women's Bar Association in conjunction with the Women's Lobby and the Alliance of Professional Women holds a cocktail reception to meet the new Colorado legislators. This event will be held on January 20, 2011 at the Wynkoop Brewery. ♦

2020 Law Firm Initiative Balanced Hours Mentoring Circle

by Shelly Dill Combs, Publications Committee Co-Chair

If you are practicing balanced hours or interested in practicing balanced hours and want to meet quarterly in an informal and intimate group to discuss struggles, successes, gain advice, and give advice -- please indicate your interest to Shelly Dill Combs at shelly.dill-combs@judicial.state.co.us.

The Balanced Hours Mentoring Circle is open to attorneys working in all sectors, of all ages. ♦

CWBA Calendar of Events

by Advocate Staff

The CWBA is busy! We hope that you will plan to join us at one or more of the following upcoming CWBA events or meetings. Visit our website, www.cwba.org, for our full calendar. Contact the CWBA office at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org for more information about CWBA activities.

July 27, 2010 - CWBA Membership Committee meeting, offices of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 1801 California Street, Suite 4200, Denver. 12:00 noon. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jessica Brown at (303) 298-5944 or jbrown@gibsondunn.com or Lydia Floyd at (303) 892-7356 or lydia.floyd@dgsllaw.com.

July 27, 2010 - CWBA Convention Committee meeting, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP, 410 17th Street, Suite 2200, Denver. 5:45 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Holly Gummerson at (720) 320-9337 or hgummerson@clarkpcassociates.com or Susan Klopman at (303) 223-1173 or sklopman@bhfs.com.

July 28, 2010 - CWBA Board of Directors meeting, offices of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver. 5:30 p.m.

August 5, 2010 - CWBA Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 1437 Bannock Street, Room 108, Denver. 12:00 p.m.

August 10, 2010 - CWBA Professional Advancement Committee meeting. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sarah Chase-McRorie at (720) 956-5407 or sarahechase@gmail.com or Alexa Roberts Salg at (303) 575-9390 or ars@robertslevin.com.

August 12, 2010 - CWBA Membership Social. Meet CWBA Board members, catch up with friends and colleagues, meet other CWBA members, and network. Funky Buddha Lounge, 776 Lincoln Street, Denver. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See the flier in this issue for event details and registration information.

August 24, 2010 - CWBA Membership Committee

meeting, offices of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver. 12:00 noon. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jessica Brown at (303) 298-5944 or jbrown@gibsondunn.com or Lydia Floyd at (303) 892-7356 or lydia.floyd@dgsllaw.com.

August 25, 2010 - CWBA Board of Directors meeting, offices of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver. 5:30 p.m.

September 1, 2010 - CWBA Foundation's 5th Annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner. This year, honoring women lawyer leaders in non-profit organizations. Brown Palace Hotel & Spa, 321 17th Street, Denver. Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m. See the flier in this issue for event details, sponsorship opportunities, and registration information.

September 8, 2010 - CWBA Public Policy Committee meeting, offices of Aponte & Busam, 303 E. 17th Avenue, Suite 810, Denver. 12:00 noon. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shannon Stevenson at (303) 892-1624 or shannon.stevenson@dgsllaw.com or Julia Thompson at (303) 837-9000 or juliat@milehighlaw.com.

September 14, 2010 - CWBA Professional Advancement Committee meeting. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sarah Chase-McRorie at (720) 956-5407 or sarahechase@gmail.com or Alexa Roberts Salg at (303) 575-9390 or ars@robertslevin.com.

September 22, 2010 - CWBA Board of Directors meeting, offices of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver. 5:30 p.m.

September 28, 2010 - CWBA Membership Committee meeting, offices of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 1801 California Street, Suite 4200, Denver. 12:00 noon. For more information or to RSVP, contact Jessica Brown at (303) 298-5944 or jbrown@gibsondunn.com or Lydia Floyd at (303) 892-7356 or lydia.floyd@dgsllaw.com. ♦

Judicial Opportunities in The News

by Advocate Staff

Now may be the time for CWBA members with career aspirations for judicial service to take notice. A number of judicial opportunities, both in the Denver metropolitan area as well as around the state, have been in the news. The CWBA and Colorado's other specialty bar associations encourage members hoping to "get benched" to visit the Colorado Judicial Branch's website, www.courts.state.co.us, for information about upcoming vacancies and the judicial application process, and deadlines for application. ♦

CWBA Board of Directors at Work

by Advocate Staff

The CWBA Board of Directors for 2010-2011, elected at the Convention in May, is already hard at work planning CWBA events and activities, CLE programs, community and legislative involvement, and working to help CWBA members connect.

CWBA Board members bring a variety of background and experience to their work with the CWBA. Practice areas represented include law firms, judicial careers, government work and solo practices. From law student representatives to those in practice over 30 years, the CWBA Board enjoys a diversity of perspectives.

It is this diversity, combined with enthusiasm for the CWBA and Board service (some Board members met in April to brainstorm about the 2010-2011 year), that promises to deliver a year full of activities offering "something for everyone."

We hope that you will join us at our August 12th Membership Social (see flier in this issue for details) to meet CWBA Board members, and learn more about our work and plans for the 2010-2011 year. ♦

Save the Date - 5th Annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner

by Advocate Staff

Save the date for the CWBA Foundation's 5th Annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at the historic Brown Palace Hotel & Spa in downtown Denver. This year, honorees will include women lawyer leaders in non-profit organizations.

The annual "Raising The Bar" Dinner helps the CWBA Foundation implement the charitable and educational projects of the CWBA. Proceeds from the Dinner help the CWBA Foundation fund scholarships at both Colorado law schools, provide funding for CWBA educational and mentoring programs, sponsor the CWBA Convention's keynote presentation, and more. ♦



SAVE THE DATE ■ SAVE THE DATE

*The CWBA Foundation presents the
Fifth Annual
"Raising the Bar" Dinner*

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

*Brown Palace Hotel & Spa
Denver, Colorado*

*This year, honoring women lawyer
leaders in non-profit organizations.*

*See the flier in this issue for
event details, sponsorship opportunities,
and ticket sales information.*

CWBA Convention Photo Gallery

by Advocate Staff

The CWBA Convention offered opportunities for much more than a wide variety of CLE programs. Attendees also enjoyed opportunities for leadership development, professional recognition, networking, and camaraderie. We hope that you enjoy this photo gallery as a look back at Convention activities.

Leadership Summit



Members of the 2009-2010 and the 2010-2011 CWBA Boards of Directors participate in this year's Leadership Summit. Held annually at the CWBA Convention, the Leadership Summit offers an opportunity for leadership development and helps the successful transfer of CWBA governance from one Board of Directors to the next.

Mary Lathrop Award and Reception



L-R: Deborah R. Adams, Lathrop Award Recipient; Victoria V. Johnson, CWBA President 2009-2010; and, Sarah Chase-McRorie, Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chair 2009-2010 and 2010-2011



L-R: Christina Eigel, Tracy Rumans (both of Belveal Eigel Rumans & Fredrickson) and Deborah R. Adams, Lathrop Award Recipient



L-R: Hon. Ann B. Frick, Denver District Court; Susan Klopman, Convention Committee Co-Chair 2010-2011; and Diana Poole, CWBA Past President 1994-1995



L-R: Members of the 2009-2010 Convention Committee: Rachel Ellis, Catherine Shea, and Lisha Sorensen

CWBA Convention Photo Gallery

by Advocate Staff

Judge in Residence

This year's Convention launched the "Judge in Residence" program. Each year, a judge will be invited to attend the Convention and be available and approachable to Convention attendees throughout the weekend.

Our first Judge in Residence was the Hon. Mary A. Celeste, the first female presiding judge of the Denver County Court.



Judge Mary A. Celeste,
Denver County Court

Keynote Address

Rachel F. Moran, formerly the President of the American Association of Law Schools (2009) and Professor at the University of California Berkeley School of Law (Ms. Moran was recently appointed as Dean of the UCLA School of Law) delivered an interesting keynote address about the "Return of the Citizen Lawyer," a challenge to attorneys not just to practice law but to help improve society.

A lively question and answer session followed, moderated by John T. Baker, Denver Bar Association President 2009-2010.



Keynote Speaker
Rachel F. Moran

"Trials in an MTV World: How To Up Your Game on Visual Presentation of Evidence"



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