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## SPECIAL EDITION

# Annual Business Meeting & 2017-2018 Board Election





President's Letter || Sarah Chase-McRorie

# It's Time for Our 40th Convention!

## Annual Business Meeting & Election Notice

The CWBA's Annual Business Meeting will be held at the 40th Annual CWBA Convention on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at The Sebastian Hotel in Vail, Colorado. At that time, the 2017-2018 CWBA Board of Directors will be elected.

I strongly encourage you to attend in person. We have an amazing Convention planned to celebrate our 40th Anniversary! On Friday afternoon, we will kick things off with an interactive workshop on implicit bias presented by NITA. This program will allow participants to collaborate on effective ways to counteract implicit bias in your practice and at trial.

On Saturday morning, Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne will give opening remarks before turning things over to keynote speaker Gesche Haas, whom a CNN Money article once described as what it would be like "if Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg were to have a baby." She will speak about entrepreneurial mindset, branding, and healthy client relationships.

For the keynote lunch on Saturday, we are thrilled that former U.S. Soccer star Cat (Reddick) Whitehill will join pay equity expert Andrea Kramer to speak about pay equity, equality in the workplace, and women in sports.

On Saturday afternoon, for the first time ever, we will host a Judicial Roundtable event. Eleven judges from different courts around the state – including our "Judge in Residence" Magistrate Judge Nina Wang - will each discuss a different topic in a small group setting while participants rotate through the tables.

And Sunday morning – another first – we will host a legislative panel discussion. Rep. Faith Winter (D), Sen. Beth Martinez-Humenik (R), lobbyists, and CWBA public policy committee members will discuss "how a bill becomes a law" using the new pregnancy accommodation as a case study. The pregnancy accommodation law was a bipartisan effort that greatly benefited from the work of the CWBA and will make for an interesting presentation.

Did I mention that Convention has been approved for 15 CLE credits including 4 ethics credits?

In other words, you don't want to miss Convention this year! But if you are

unable to attend, you may use the ballot and proxy forms enclosed with this correspondence to cast your votes for the 2017-2018 CWBA Board.

### BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS:

If you do not plan to attend the Business Meeting in Vail, please mark your ballot, PRINT and sign your name where indicated, and mail it to the CWBA by close of business on Tuesday, May 16, 2017:

Colorado Women's Bar Association  
P.O. Box 1918  
Denver, Colorado 80201

OR use the Proxy Form if you wish to have another CWBA member vote at the Meeting on your behalf. You should sign the Proxy Form and give it to your appointed Proxy to bring to the Business Meeting with your ballot. Do not mail your Proxy Form to the CWBA.

For those planning to attend the Business Meeting, please use the ballot form provided (with this correspondence or posted on the website) to cast your votes in person.

We've had a tremendous year, and we are very optimistic about the year ahead. Many thanks to President-Elect Wendy Weigler for leading the Nominating Committee charge. The entire Board appreciates the work of this year's Nominating Committee to recruit and affirm commitments for the proposed slate of Board members, officers, and committee chairs.

If you have any questions about the annual Business Meeting or the election, please contact Executive Director Kim Sporrer at (303) 831-1040 or [execdir@cwba.org](mailto:execdir@cwba.org).

Thanks for your membership and commitment to the CWBA. I hope to see you at Convention!

Sarah Chase-McRorie is Senior Legal Counsel for Matrix Settlement & Clearance Services, LLC, a Broadridge company, and one of the nation's largest providers of back-office, trust, custody, trading and mutual fund settlement services for financial institutions.

### 2016/17 Board of Directors

- President . . . . . Sarah Chase-McRorie
- President-Elect . . . . . Wendy E. Weigler
- Vice President . . . . . Alison Zinn
- Secretary . . . . . Catherine (Cat) Shea
- Treasurer . . . . . Gretchen Moore
- Historian . . . . . Janet Drake
- Immediate Past President . . . . . Jessica Brown

### Committees

- Convention . . . . . Ryann Fogel  
Emma Garrison
- Judicial . . . . . Sara Bellamy  
Megan Garnett
- Legal Services . . . . . Gina Glockner  
Sally Roller
- Membership . . . . . Whitney Beck  
Casey Cassinis
- Prof. Advancement . . . . . Melanie Corrin  
Elizabeth Howard
- Programs . . . . . Elizabeth Meck  
Deborah L. O'Neil
- Publications . . . . . Jessie Pellant  
Diane Wozniak
- Public Policy . . . . . Alli Gerkman  
Sarah Parady
- CBA Bd. Of Governors . . . . . Magistrate Michal  
Lord-Blegen
- At Large Reps . . . . . Sarah Domke  
Miranda Hawkins
- Ad Hoc – CLI . . . . . Danielle Felder
- Ad Hoc – CLC . . . . . Lisha R. McKinley
- Ad Hoc – Non Attorney  
Legal Professionals . . . . . Jenna Klos

### Chapter Representatives

- Boulder . . . . . Mary Sue Greenleaf
- El Paso . . . . . Susan Marhoffer
- High Plains . . . . . TBD
- Larimer . . . . . Kimberly Burnham
- Mountain . . . . . Courtney Holm
- Pueblo . . . . . TBD
- Southwest . . . . . TBD
- Weld . . . . . Kelli Riley

### Diversity Bar Representatives

- Asian Pacific American Bar . . . . . Judge Cindy H. T. Dang
- CO LGBT Bar . . . . . Jennifer Guzman
- CO Hispanic Bar . . . . . Judge Adam J. Espinosa
- Sam Cary Bar . . . . . Pax Moultrie
- South Asian Bar . . . . . TBD

### Law Student Representatives

- Univ. of Colorado . . . . . Jennifer Benson
- Univ. of Denver . . . . . Kristin Arthur

### CWBA Executive Director

Kim M. Sporrer, APR

### CWBA Foundation Board of Directors

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- Sheri L. Betzer, Treasurer
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- Lauren Schmidt
- Julia T. Thompson
- Wendy Weigler, CWBA President-Elect
- Maureen Reidy Witt

### CWBA Foundation Executive Director

Kathie Barstnar

## || EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ||

### 2017-2018 BOARD CANDIDATES

# Meet the Candidates for your 2017-2018 Board

#### PRESIDENT:

##### WENDY WEIGLER



Wendy Weigler is Of Counsel with Winzenburg, Leff, Purvis & Payne, LLP, following a merger with Lansky, Weigler & Porter, P.C., a women-owned law firm Wendy founded in 2006. Wendy's practice focuses on community association law, including the representation of condominium communities and homeowners associations throughout Colorado.

She received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Albany in 1991 and her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1994. Wendy is a member of the Colorado Bar Association, the Denver Bar Association, and the CWBA, where she served as Judicial Committee Co-Chair (2008-2013), on the Executive Committee (2013-2017), and as a mentor. She also served two terms on the Board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, where she was on the Executive Committee and chair of the Awards Committee. Wendy is a frequent lecturer on condo and HOA law and has published several articles in industry publications.

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT:

##### CATHERINE "CAT" SHEA



Catherine "Cat" Shea is an Assistant Regulation Counsel for the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. In that capacity, she investigates attorney discipline and disability and magistrate matters. Cat received her undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University and her law degree from

the University of Michigan Law School. After a brief stint in private practice, Cat clerked for the Honorable Robert D. Hawthorne at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, she served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado in the Business & Licensing Section for nearly five years. She is a member of the Colorado Bar Association's Ethics Committee and Professionalism Coordinating Council and has served on the CWBA's Board of Directors since 2010. She is also a 2015 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Program ("COBALT") and serves as Chair of its Sessions Committee for 2016-17.

#### VICE PRESIDENT:

##### JESSICA BROWN



Jessica Brown, a Gibson Dunn partner, has been ranked by Chambers for thirteen years as a "Leading Lawyer for Labor & Employment." In 2015, the *Denver Business Journal* named her an "Outstanding Woman in Business"; in 2017, Jessica won the Ms. JD "Sharing Her Passion" award. Jessica is a CWBA Past President (2015-2016),

Past Chair of the Legal Aid Foundation, and serves on the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations and Stanley British Primary School boards. Jessica clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Jim R. Carrigan and graduated with High Honors from University of Texas-Austin, where she served as Executive Editor for the *Texas Law Review*.

#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

##### SARAH CHASE-McRORIE



Sarah Chase-McRorie is Senior Legal Counsel for Matrix Financial Solutions, Inc. a Broadridge company, and oversees the legal department for the business unit based in Denver. Matrix is one of the nation's largest providers of back-office, trust, custody, trading, and mutual fund settlement services for financial institutions. Her practice focuses on the financial services

industry and the corporate retirement and institutional services business. Sarah is a graduate of Colorado State University and California Western School of Law. Sarah is a member of the Broadridge Women's Leadership Forum and the Association of Corporate Counsel's Emerging Leaders Group and sits on the planning committee for the Libations for Life fundraising event for the CU Women's Cancer Clinics. She also is an active member of the CWBA and prior board positions include President (2016-2017), Programs Committee (2013-2016), Public Policy Committee (2011- 2013), and Professional Advancement Committee (2009-2011).

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#### SECRETARY:

##### RYANN FOGEL



Ryann Fogel graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Business in 2005 and from the University of Denver College of Law in 2009. Since graduating, she worked as a Judicial Fellow for the 18th Judicial District; as a contract attorney at Reilly Pozner, LLP, where she focused on commercial litigation;

and as an Associate at McConnell Fleischer & Houghtaling, where her law practice consisted of professional liability defense, typically in legal malpractice actions. Currently, Ryann is taking a break from the active practice of law to raise her son. This will be Ryann's sixth year serving on the CWBA Board. Previously, Ryann was actively involved with the CWBA Legal Services Committee for three years, serving as Co-Chair of that committee for two years. She has also served as the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee for one year, Co-Chair of the Convention Committee for 2014-2015, and Co-Chair of the Programs Committee for one year.

#### TREASURER:

##### GRETCHEN MOORE



Gretchen Moore is a Tax & Accounting associate at Harper Hofer & Associates, LLC. She provides tax planning, tax preparation, and litigation support services related to tax and accounting. Gretchen has previous experience in both the public and private sectors that span a vast array of clients and entities. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

#### HISTORIAN:

##### DIANE WOZNIAK



Diane Wozniak is a family law attorney in Baker Hostetler's litigation group. Diane clerked in Arapahoe County District Court for the Honorable Judge Cheryl Post and the Honorable Judge Charles Pratt. Diane has co-chaired the Membership Committee, Publications Committee, and served on the Judicial Committee for the CWBA.

Diane graduated magna cum laude from the University of Oklahoma in and earned her law degree from the University of Houston. In her spare time, Diane enjoys spending time with her husband, dogs, family, and friends. Diane is an avid runner and also enjoys yoga, food, and travel. Diane is a member of the Runners Roost racing team and has completed more than 15 marathons, including multiple Bostons and two Ironman triathlons.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

##### KIM M. SPORRER, APR



Kim Sporrer joined the CWBA in July 2014 as Marketing Director and was appointed as Executive Director in April 2015. Kim reports to the CWBA's President and Board of Directors and is responsible for strategic leadership and management for the effective achievement of the CWBA's mission and goals.

Kim brings 26 years of public relations, marketing, and communications experience to the CWBA, including 15 years with nonprofit organizations and 11 years with PR agencies in Colorado and Iowa. She was previously Director of Marketing & Communications for The Women's Foundation of Colorado. Her work has been recognized with numerous local and national awards. In 2007, Kim earned her Accreditation in Public Relations (APR), a distinction held by less than 25 percent of PR practitioners in the world. Kim has also served on several nonprofit boards, including as 2013 President of the Public Relations Society of America, Colorado Chapter. She is an alum of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's "Impact Denver" program.

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#### CONVENTION:

##### EMMA GARRISON



Emma Garrison is Staff Counsel at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, where she focuses on legal research and writing for commercial litigation cases. She received her JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2004. Emma joined CWBA in 2014 and served as Convention Committee Co-Chair for 2016-2017. Emma is very involved in the "big bar." She is the incoming Senior Vice-President of the Colorado Bar Association, a member of the Denver Bar Association Board of Trustees, and is a regular contributor to the *Denver Docket*. She also served on the Colorado Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Executive Council for five years, and was Chair for 2013-2014. She graduated from the COBALT leadership program in 2013. Outside of the legal world, Emma serves on the City of Golden Historic Preservation Board. Emma loves to stay physically active. When she's not working or honoring her volunteer commitments, you might find her at the pool, out for a run, riding her bike, or taking a yoga class.

##### ALLI GERKMAN



Alli Gerkman is Director of *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers*, a national initiative to align legal education with the needs of an evolving profession. Ms. Gerkman leads all major projects of *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers*, including Foundations for Practice, which is identifying the foundations entry-level lawyers need to practice and steering legal education toward that end. *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers* encourages collaboration among educators and the legal profession and supports the work of forward-thinking legal educators and law schools. Prior to joining IAALS, she worked in continuing legal education and private practice. She is a commissioner of the Colorado Chief Justice's Commission on Professional Development and the chair of that commission's New Lawyer Working Group.

#### JUDICIAL:

##### SARA PAPPAS BELLAMY



Sara Bellamy is Assistant Regional Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel for the Social Security Administration (SSA). She advises and represents the agency in employment matters, as well as disability benefits appeals. Prior to working at SSA, Sara practiced civil litigation at Davis Graham & Stubbs in Denver and Heller Ehrman in San Francisco. She received her law degree from Stanford and her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia. She volunteers with Reading Partners Colorado and has been an active member of the CWBA Judicial Committee since 2014.

##### ELIZABETH MECK



Elizabeth Meck is Vice President at The Northern Trust Company where she works closely with individuals and families to implement estate planning and wealth transfer planning objectives. She has been a member of the CWBA since 2010 and has served on the Board since 2015. She previously served as Co-Chair of the Programs Committee. Elizabeth received her J.D. from the University of Denver, her Master's degree in Education from the University of Denver, and her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia. In addition to the CWBA, Elizabeth is an active member of the Colorado Bar Association's Trust and Estate section and is involved with community organizations focused on education and women's health issues.

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#### LEGAL SERVICES:

##### SARAH DOMKE



Sarah Domke is a Deputy District Attorney for the First Judicial District of Colorado. In that capacity, she prosecutes adult felony matters. Sarah received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and her law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. In 2012, she left the practice of law and the state of Colorado to travel the world for one year. Upon her return she worked as a contract attorney before returning to the District Attorney's Office in the fall of 2014.

##### ERIKA HOLMES



Erika Holmes is the founder of ELHolmes Legal Solutions, LLC – a modern law practice focusing on family law and attorney ethics and regulation. Erika's legal career began at the Denver District Court where she served as a law clerk and a pro se case manager. During that time, Erika also interned at the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, assisting the trial division and inventory counsel. Erika is the current chair of the Colorado Bar Association's Modern Law Practice Initiative, as well as a member of the CBA Ethics Committee, the Professionalism Coordination Council, and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professional Development. She is a volunteer attorney for Project Safeguard and various Colorado Legal Services clinics.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

##### MEGAN GARNETT



Megan Garnett works in the Professional Liability Defense and Commercial Litigation practice groups at Gordon & Rees. Before joining Gordon & Rees, Megan served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Nathan B. Coats in the Colorado Supreme Court. Megan is active in the community serving as a board member for the Colorado Women's Bar Association, as a committee member in the Colorado IP Inn of Court, as a mentor to a college student in Law School Yes We Can, and on the ABA House of Delegates as the DBA liaison. Previously, Megan externed for the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and externed for the Honorable Michael E. Hegarty at the U.S. District Court of Colorado.

##### HANNAH WESTMONT



Hannah Westmont is an associate attorney with Polidori, Franklin, Monahan & Beattie LLC. She has concentrated her practice in the area of domestic relations law throughout her career. Hannah graduated from Colorado College with a B.A. in History in 2007. After living and working in New Zealand for one year, Hannah earned her J.D. from Vermont Law School in 2011. Upon graduating from law school, she served as a law clerk for Magistrate Hübler in Denver District Court. In May 2016 Hannah co-wrote an article for the *Colorado Lawyer*: "Who's Their Daddy: Navigating Allocation of Responsibilities and Paternity Actions" and has lectured on the same topic.

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#### PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

##### ELIZABETH HOWARD



Elizabeth Howard formerly worked at Childs McCune LLC where she focused on litigation involving professional negligence defense. Prior to joining Childs McCune LLC, Elizabeth practiced family law, representing clients in all types of domestic relations matters. Before beginning her career in private practice, Elizabeth clerked at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Elizabeth was named as a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers Magazine* in 2016 and 2017. Elizabeth earned her undergraduate degree and Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver where she graduated in the top 3% of her law school class. Elizabeth is a mentor for DU law school students and serves on the Executive Committee of the William E. Doyle Inn of Court. Elizabeth is currently taking a respite from her litigation practice to enjoy time with her newborn daughter.

##### KYM SMILEY



Kym Smiley joined the Colorado Attorney General's Office in April 2017 as the 1st Assistant Attorney General for the Tort Litigation Unit. She is a seasoned attorney with more than 20 years of combined litigation and transactional experience, serving clients ranging from Fortune 100 companies to small business entities and individuals in a broad range of subject matters, including complex commercial, employment, and product liability litigation in addition to education and insurance law. Kym's background also includes serving as in-house and outside general counsel to a public K-12 charter school and three years of transactional practice at a national telecommunications company, where she acted as in-house counsel and director of strategic negotiations. Kym received her B.A. in Philosophy and Psychology in 1991 from Tulane University, and her J.D., *cum laude*, from Georgia State University College of Law in 1996. During law school, she was a summer intern for Justice Carol Hunstein of the Georgia Supreme Court. She also was a member of the *Georgia State University Law Review*, serving as the Legislation Co-Editor. Kym is active with the Colorado Defense Lawyers Association,

having served on the Board of Directors as the Chair of the Legislative Committee, and she currently is the Vice Chair of the Employment Law Committee. She also previously served on the Board of Directors for Qualistar Colorado and acted as the Board Chair from 2012-2014. She has been a member of the CWBA Professional Advancement Committee since July 2015.

#### PROGRAMS:

##### DEBORAH O'NEIL



Deborah L. O'Neil is a registered representative who offers securities through AXA Advisors, LLC (NY, NY 212-314-4600), member FINRA, SIPC and an agent who offers annuity and insurance products through AXA Network, LLC. AXA Network conducts business in CA as AXA Network Insurance Agency of California, LLC, in UT as AXA Network Insurance Agency of Utah, LLC, and in PR as AXA Network of Puerto Rico, Inc. *Investment advisory products and services offered through AXA Advisors, LLC, an investment advisor registered with the SEC. AXA Advisors and AXA Network are affiliated companies and do not provide tax or legal advice. Representatives may transact business, which includes offering products and services and/or responding to inquiries, only in state(s) in which they are properly registered and/or licensed. Assured Equity Management Corporation is not a registered investment advisor and is not owned or operated by AXA Advisors or AXA Network. California Insurance License #0H61051*

##### CASEY CASSINIS



Casey S. Cassinis is a partner at Schaden & Cassinis, PLLC where she represents clients in a variety of matters requiring litigation expertise including personal injury, bad faith insurance, and contract disputes. Ms. Cassinis has litigated in state and federal courts across the country, and she has been recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyers "Rising Star" since 2014. Ms. Cassinis earned her undergraduate degree in business from the University of Colorado and her law degree from the University of Denver. Ms. Cassinis is licensed to practice law in Colorado and Florida. She was appointed to *The Colorado Lawyer's* Board of Directors in 2016 and has proudly served on the Board of the Colorado Women's Bar Association since 2012.

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#### PUBLICATIONS:

##### JESSIE PELLANT



Jessie Pellant, founder of StudioIP, specializes in identifying, acquiring, developing, protecting, and enforcing intellectual property rights domestically and internationally. In recognition of Jessie's ability to serve her clients as a trusted advisor, Colorado *Super Lawyers* Magazine recognized Jessie as one of its Rising Stars in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Jessie is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder and Gonzaga University School of Law, graduating with honors. Prior to StudioIP, Jessie clerked for Judge Hansen in the Fourth Judicial District of Idaho, and practiced intellectual property law at Lathrop & Gage LLP, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

##### GENET JOHNSON



Genet T. Johnson is a partner at Johnson Law Group, LLC focusing her practice on family law matters, including dissolution, allocation of parental responsibilities, child support, and mediation. She received her B.A. from Yale University and graduated from the University of Colorado Law School, where she received the Excellence in Clinical Education Award and the Irving P. Andrews Award for Outstanding Law Graduate. Genet serves on the Colorado Board of Continuing Legal and Judicial Education, Proactive Management-Based Regulation Committee, and Professionalism Coordinating Council. Genet is pleased to join the CWBA Board as Co-Chair of the Publications Committee.

#### PUBLIC POLICY:

##### SARAH PARADY



Sarah Parady is a partner at Lowrey Parady, LLC, where she practices plaintiff-side employment and civil rights law. Sarah received her J.D. (Order of the Coif) from New York University School of Law. After law school, she received a Skadden Fellowship to build a foreclosure prevention program at Colorado Legal Services. Sarah is a past President of the Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association and a former law clerk to the Honorable Carlos F. Lucero of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2017, she was recognized as The Center's Barrister of the Year for her work defending LGBT rights.

##### GINA GLOCKNER



Gina L. Glockner is an attorney at Childs McCune where she specializes in litigating professional and general negligence claims and advising healthcare providers on regulatory matters. She is a graduate of Dickinson College and Brooklyn Law School, and is a member of the Colorado, Connecticut and New York bars. Since moving to Colorado in 2012, Gina has been active in the CWBA and previously served as Co-Chair of the Legal Services Committee.

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|| REPRESENTATIVES ||

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AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:

MIRANDA HAWKINS



Miranda K. Hawkins is a partner at Goddard & Goddard, P.C., specializing in estate planning and administration. She has previously served on the CWBA Board of Directors and as a member of the Professional Advancement Committee and Convention Committee. Miranda is also a member of the Women's Estate Planning Council, Denver Mother Attorney Mentoring Association, Trust and Estate Section of the Colorado Bar Association, and the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section of the American Bar Association. She received her law degree from the University of Denver in 1999 and her undergraduate degree from Baylor University in 1996.

WHITNEY BECK



Whitney owns her own law firm, Whitney K. Beck, Attorney at Law. As a licensed trial attorney in both Indiana and Colorado, Whitney focuses her practice in the areas of personal injury and family law. She has served on the CWBA Board of Directors for three years, previously as co-chair of the Membership Committee. In addition to her family here with the CWBA, she stays active in both the Indiana and Colorado Trial Lawyers Associations. She earned her undergraduate degree from Miami of Ohio. After living in South America for a year, she moved back stateside and earned her J.D. from Indiana University - Bloomington.

AT-LARGE NON-ATTORNEY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTATIVES:

JENNA KLOS



Jenna Klos is a licensed CPA and an associate at Harper Hofer & Associates, LLC. She provides business valuation, marital dissolution, and litigation support services. Jenna has previous experience in both assurance and advisory accounting services for public, private and government clients. She is a graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This is her third year serving on the CWBA Board of Directors.

LEILA HOCK



Leila Hock helps successful, mid-career professionals take a strategic approach to their career so they feel excited about their work and clear in the direction they are heading. She founded her company, Alignment Coaching, in 2015. Before that, she spent the majority of her 9 years practicing law in-house, supporting the daily commercial needs of her clients. She received her JD from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2007 and her undergraduate degree in Political Economy from Tulane University in 2004. Leila joined the CWBA in early 2016 and serves as a member of the Professional Advancement Committee.

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#### CWBA REPRESENTATIVE TO CBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

##### MAGISTRATE MICHAL LORD-BLEGEN



Honorable Michal Lord-Blegen received her undergraduate degree from Hood College in 1990 and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2009. Before moving in to the law, Magistrate Lord-Blegen worked as a teacher and principal for 18 years. Magistrate Lord-Blegen initially worked as a solo practitioner focused on criminal and family law. In 2012, she was one of the founding partners of Wohl Stetler Lord-Blegen, a law firm focusing on family law and mediation. Magistrate Lord-Blegen served as a Child and Family Investigator on nearly 300 casa as well as an expert in education-related cases included teacher dismissals and school choice. On July 7, 2016, Chief Judge of the Denver District Court, Michael Martinez, appointed Magistrate Lord-Blegen to the district court bench. Her docket consists of post-decree domestic matters.

#### CENTER FOR LEGAL INCLUSIVENESS REPRESENTATIVE:

##### DANIELLE FELDER



Danielle Felder is an attorney with the law firm Rollin Braswell Fisher LLC (RBF Law) where she works with business, individuals, charter schools, and nonprofits advising on issues and handling litigation on business disputes, employment needs, and real estate matters. She received her Bachelor of Science in business from the University of Denver and her J.D. from the University of Colorado. She is a board member for the Center for Legal Inclusiveness Board and leads the Women's Initiative Working Group. She is passionate about education and serves on the board for the Emily Griffith Foundation and High Point Academy Charter School.

#### COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

##### ANNA-LIISA MULLIS



Anna-Liisa Mullis is a litigation associate at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, where she represents healthcare organizations and professionals in a variety of litigation, government relations, regulatory compliance, and patient privacy matters. A Colorado native, Anna-Liisa received her undergraduate degree and her law degree from the University of Colorado. She has been actively involved with both the CWBA and the Colorado Lawyers Committee since she was a law student. Anna-Liisa was named an Up and Coming Lawyer by *Law Week Colorado* in 2016.

#### COLORADO LEGAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE:

##### KARA VEITCH



Kara Veitch is the Deputy Executive Director and Chief of Staff at the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration. In this role, Kara is responsible for providing day-to-day leadership to the executive team, developing the department vision and strategy, program implementation, regulatory compliance, and operations. Kara is the CWBA's appointment to the Board of Directors of Colorado Legal Services and serves as the chair of its Priorities and Long Range Planning Committee. Finally, Kara is a past-president of the CWBA.

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