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Annual Business Meeting & 2019-2020 Board Election





President's Letter || Catherine "Cat" Shea

It's Time for Our 42nd Convention!

Annual Business Meeting & Election Notice

The CWBA's Annual Business Meeting will be held during the 42nd Annual CWBA Convention on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at The Sebastian Hotel in Vail, Colorado. At that time, the 2019-2020 CWBA Board of Directors will be elected. Please note that the Meeting and dinner are open to all, so please join us!

This year's Convention theme is "All Rise," and our programming is designed to show attendees all the ways in which they can rise up—in their profession, in their communities, and in their personal lives. Some of the highlights include the Friday afternoon "Grit & Growth" workshop; our Saturday Luncheon and fireside chat with the Legal Director of the National Women's Law Center, Sunu Chandy, and founding member of the "Press Forward" initiative, Dianna May; and our Sunday morning "Rise to the Occasion" panel, highlighting our members' efforts to make the world a better place outside the day-to-day practice of law. Other special features include our "Outside the Courtroom" roundtables for transactional/government/in-house attorneys and displays of historical items of interest unearthed from the CWBA archive last year.

If you are unable to attend Convention this year, you may use the ballot and Proxy Form enclosed with this issue to cast your votes for the 2019-2020 CWBA Board.

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS:

We are not using paper ballots or proxy forms this year. If you do **not** plan to

attend the Annual Business Meeting in Vail, you may easily vote using the electronic Google doc [linked here](#). Please do so by **Thursday, May 16, 2019**. For those planning to attend the Annual Business Meeting, you may cast your votes in person.

Thanks to the 2018-2019 Board for their phenomenal efforts in moving both the CWBA and the profession forward. And special thanks to this year's Nominating Committee—led by President-Elect Sarah Parady—for recruiting and affirming 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. Thank you for your support of women lawyers and all women in Colorado. I hope to see you at Convention!

Very truly yours,

Catherine "Cat" Shea
2018-2019 President
Colorado Women's Bar Association

Catherine "Cat" Shea is the current President of the Colorado Women's Bar Association. Cat 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.

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- Legal Services Kate Russell
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- Public Policy Jennifer Carty
Gina Glockner
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Lord-Blegen
- At Large Reps . . . Judge Adam J. Espinosa
Magistrate Melina Hernandez
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- Ad Hoc – CLC Anna-Liisa Mullis
- Ad Hoc – CO Legal Services . . . Kara Veitch

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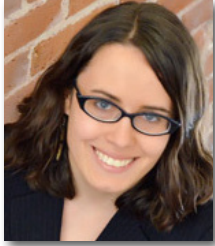
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Meet the Candidates for your 2019-2020 Board

PRESIDENT:

SARAH PARADY

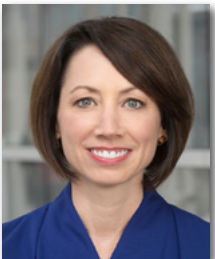


Sarah Parady is a partner at Lowrey Parady, LLC, where she practices plaintiff's-side employment and civil rights law. Sarah received her J.D. (Order of the Coif) from New York University School of Law. After law school, she received a Skadden Fellowship to build a foreclosure prevention program at Colorado

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 2018, she received Case of the Year awards from the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association and the Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association for two different cases.

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

MIRANDA HAWKINS



Miranda Hawkins is a shareholder at Goddard Hawkins, where she specializes in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and estate and gift tax planning. Throughout her career, she has been actively involved with the CWBA and most recently served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as the Historian,

Co-Chair Pro Tem of the Convention Committee, and as an At-Large Representative. Miranda also serves on the Board of Directors of the Denver Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Miranda was selected to the 2018 and 2019 lists of Colorado Super Lawyers. She is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law and Baylor University.

VICE PRESIDENT:

GINA GLOCKNER



Gina L. Glockner has been practicing law since 2004. With bar licenses in Colorado, New York and Connecticut, she specializes in complex civil litigation where she represents individuals, businesses and large corporate entities in professional liability matters, health and business-related law, as well as regulatory,

compliance and licensing issues. Gina has been active in the CWBA since moving to Colorado in 2012, having served as the Co-Chair of the Legal Services Committee and the Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee. She has also been a member of the Membership, Convention, and Public Policy Committees. Gina sits on the Board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA), where she represents the CWBA nationally. The NCWBA advocates for equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change in gender-based processes and laws.

SECRETARY:

KATHRYN STARNELLA



Kathryn Starnella is Special Counsel at Wells, Anderson & Race LLC, where she handles trial-level defense litigation and civil appeals in federal and state court in the areas of civil rights, employment law, products liability, insurance defense, and other commercial litigation. Previously, Kathryn served as an Assistant Attorney General for

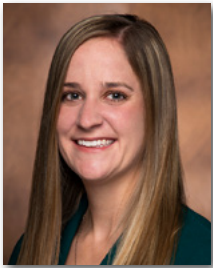
the State of Colorado where she represented the Colorado Department of Corrections in state and federal court and the state's top elected officials in constitutional challenges to state laws and election-related issues. Kathryn was a law clerk for the Honorable Christine M. Arguello in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. In 2018, Kathryn served as president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA), as well as CHBA's representative on the CWBA board. She also serves as Vice Chair of the *Colorado Lawyer's* Advisory Board and is a mentor in the law school pipeline program, Law School...Yes We Can. Kathryn graduated from Northwestern University and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

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TREASURER:

ABIGAIL O'CONNOR



Abigail "Abby" O'Connor, an Associate at Harper Hofer & Associates, specializes in litigation support services such as forensic accounting, economic damages, and valuation analysis. She is a CPA, Certified in Financial Forensics and Accredited in Business Valuation. Abby graduated from Loyola University.

HISTORIAN:

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 and Judicial Committees. 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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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

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. Ms. Shea 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, Ms. Shea 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. Ms. Shea 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").

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 27 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:

MEGAN GARNETT



Megan Garnett is a Commercial Litigation Associate at Polsinelli. Prior to private practice, 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.

BETHANY GORLIN



Bethany Gorlin is Corporate Counsel for Gates, focusing on compliance, litigation, and employment matters. Before going in-house, Bethany was a commercial litigation associate at Snell & Wilmer in Denver. She began her legal career as an antitrust and litigation associate at a large firm in Washington, D.C. Bethany received her J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 2010. After spending a few years as an active member of the CWBA's Programs and Convention Committees, this will be Bethany's second year as Co-Chair of the Convention Committee.

JUDICIAL:

ALISON CONNAUGHTY



Alison Connaughty is a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Special Prosecutions Unit of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. She is originally from Chicago but came to Colorado in 2002 to attend the University of Colorado, where she obtained her undergraduate degree in philosophy. She began her career in 2010 as a Deputy District Attorney in the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office after graduating from DU Law School. She handled felony criminal dockets and oversaw the Jefferson County Veteran's Treatment Court. She joined the Colorado Attorney General's Office Financial Fraud Unit in 2015 and moved to the Special Prosecutions Unit in March of 2019.

HETAL DOSHI



Hetal Doshi is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Economic Crimes section of the United States Attorney's Office where she prosecutes complex white-collar crimes. Hetal initially joined the Department of Justice in 2014 as part of its Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force where she led investigations of international investment banks for their role in the 2008 global financial crisis.

Before joining the DOJ, Hetal was in private practice where she litigated complex commercial matters, including white collar criminal defense. Hetal also took a one-year sabbatical to Kenya where she volunteered with constitutional law and human rights efforts with various NGOs. Hetal moved to Denver from New York City in 2012, and spends her free time catering to her very demanding pup, Cole, and planning her next international travel.



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LEGAL SERVICES:

JUDGE ADAM ESPINOSA



Adam J. Espinosa is a Denver County Court Judge. He has served in the Civil, Municipal Criminal, and State Criminal Divisions of that Court. Prior to his appointment, he served as senior trial attorney for the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel and as a Deputy District Attorney in several Colorado

counties. Judge Espinosa earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas and his law degree from Washburn University. He spent his final year in law school as a visiting student at the University of Denver College of Law and upon graduation began practicing in Colorado as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Michael A. Martinez, the current Chief Judge for the Second Judicial District. He is active in the community, having been appointed and served on numerous boards, committees and commissions, including the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission, the Colorado Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, the ABA Standing Committee on Client Protection, the CWBA Board, and the CHBA Board. Judge Espinosa has dedicated his legal career to public service, public safety, and access to justice.

KATE RUSSELL



Kate Russell is a staff attorney at Colorado Legal Services, where she focuses primarily on debt collection defense and protecting consumers from abusive and predatory debt collectors. Prior to joining CLS, Kate was in private practice where she also focused on consumer rights litigation. Kate is passionate about providing

quality legal services to those who may not otherwise be able to afford them. She is thrilled to be the continuing co-chair of the CWBA Legal Services Committee, and hopes to use this platform to roll out pro bono opportunities that are accessible both to the attorneys providing the services, and to the people receiving the services. Kate attended the University of North Carolina for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees, and maintains a deep love for Carolina basketball.

MEMBERSHIP:

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 and her BA from the University of Texas. Emma joined CWBA in 2014 and started out participating in the membership

committee. She has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2016 and has served as Convention Committee Co-Chair and Membership Committee Co-Chair. Emma has held a variety of leadership positions in the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, including serving as Chair of the Colorado Bar Association Young Lawyers Division in 2013-2014. She is also a graduate of the COBALT leadership program. Outside of the legal world, Emma serves on the City of Golden Historic Preservation Board.

COURTNEY WRIGHT



Courtney Wright is a Real Estate Specialist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife where she manages real estate transactions for parks and wildlife areas throughout our beautiful state. Prior to her work protecting Colorado's natural resources, Courtney was an associate attorney with McCarthy Holthus LLP, representing large

financial institutions in foreclosure actions, evictions, and homeowner association litigation. She received her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Florida in 2008 and her JD degree from Florida International University in 2011. Courtney is a member of both the Colorado and Florida bars.

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PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

JESSIE PELLANT



Jessie Pellant, founder of StudioIP, specializes in identifying, acquiring, developing, protecting or 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* has recognized Jessie as one of its Rising Stars every year since 2015. 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 IP at Lathrop & Gage LLP, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

KYM SORRELLS

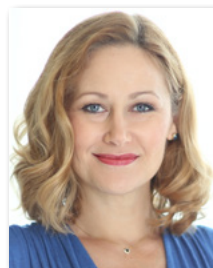


For the past two years, Kym Sorrells has served as the First Assistant Attorney General for the Tort Litigation Unit of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. In 2018, Attorney General Cynthia Coffman honored Kym with the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Performance. In May 2019, Kym will transition from the Attorney General's Office to Jefferson County, where she will serve as the next Jefferson County Attorney. 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 as 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:

ALMIRA MORONNE



Almira is an Associate at Davis, Graham & Stubbs, working on natural resources, public lands, and foreign investment. She moved to Colorado from Jakarta, Indonesia, where she worked since graduating from law school in 2011, specializing in mining, agriculture, and emerging market development. She has been an active member of the CWBA Public Policy Committee and loves politics. As Programs Committee Co-chair, she hopes to provide engaging and entertaining events to the members. She holds a BA from UC Berkeley and a JD from Duke University.

HANNAH WESTMONT



Hannah Westmont is a Partner 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 in 2007. After living and working in New Zealand, 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." Hannah frequently lectures on various domestic relations topics, and *Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine* recognized Hannah as one of its Rising Stars in 2018 and 2019.

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PUBLICATIONS:

MARIA-VITTORIA “GIUGI” CARMINATI



Dr. Giugi Carminati is a women's advocate and litigator. She founded The Woman's Lawyer, a firm focused on representing women, people of color and members of the LGBTQ community. She particularly focuses on representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The firm practices family law, protection orders, and civil litigation. Giugi also works at Darling Milligan PC, a full-service firm in Denver, CO, where her practice is more focused on commercial litigation. Giugi speaks four languages, sails, is a certified technical scuba diver and writes on her blog Argue Like A Girl (when she finds a minute). She lives in Aurora and has four children.

VERONIQUE VAN GHEEM



Veronique Van Gheem is Senior Assistant Legal Counsel for the Colorado Judicial Department. Veronique works in the Executive Division of the State Court Administrator's Office providing general advisory counsel for the Colorado courts, probation departments and the State Court Administrator. She is the Chair of the CWBA's Publication Committee. She is also a member of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, the CBA Spanish Speaking Lawyers Committee and a Lead Attorney for the Project Safeguard Spanish-speaking Family Law Clinic. Prior to joining the Colorado Judicial Department in 2013, Veronique clerked for the Honorable Norman Haglund of the Denver District Court and served as the Conservation Easement Staff Attorney for the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office. Veronique, originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin, received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Forestry and Biology. She worked as a Restoration Ecologist from 2005 to 2007. Veronique is a 2010 graduate of the University of Colorado Law School.

PUBLIC POLICY:

JENNIFER CARTY



Jennifer Carty is an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Section of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General handling felony conviction and sentencing appeals on behalf of the State of Colorado. Prior to her work as an AAG, Jennifer was an associate family law attorney at Robinson & Henry, P.C. focusing on dissolutions of marriage and allocation of parental responsibilities, both pre and post decree. She frequently presented on family law issues facing the LGBT community and served as a faculty member for the 2017 Annual Family Law Institute. Prior to joining R & H, Jennifer worked as an appellate law clerk for the Honorable Steven Bernard on the Colorado Court of Appeals. In her pre-law school life, she spent five years as an active duty maritime inspections officer for the United States Coast Guard conducting regulatory compliance on the international shipping industry. Jennifer continues to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as an attorney and was recently deployed in support of response efforts for Hurricanes Irma and Maria. She is active member of both the Colorado and the LGBT Bar Associations and is currently serving as the CWBA's Public Policy Committee Co-Chair.

MEAGAN MOODIE



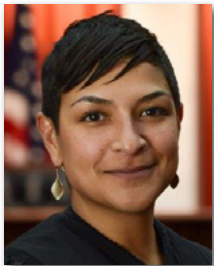
Meagan Moodie is a Founding Partner of Gebhardt, Emerson, & Moodie Family Law ("GEM Family Law"), focusing her practice exclusively on family law matters in Colorado. Meagan is an attorney, mediator, Child & Family Investigator, and Parental Coordinator/ Decision Maker. Meagan graduated from Regis in 2008, and after living and working abroad for a year, earned her J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law. Meagan returned to her hometown to begin her career as an attorney in 2012. Meagan is involved within and outside of the legal community, including Family Tree, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, Junior League, and the Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee and Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar. Meagan is a partner attorney with Project Safeguard, having helped over 100 victims of domestic violence obtain protection orders during her career. She was recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2018 and contributes to the CTLA's Trail Talk Magazine. Meagan served on three CWBA committees prior to joining the Board.

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AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:

MAGISTRATE MELINA HERNANDEZ



Magistrate Melina Hernandez has worked as a magistrate in the Denver Juvenile Court since early 2017 and as a family court facilitator in the Denver District court since 2013. She specializes in family law issues specific to unrepresented indigent parties. She graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder in

2007 and from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2011. Melina is bilingual, a member of the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee, and has served as a coordinator for the Colorado Judicial Domestic Relations Institute for the last five years.

RUCHI KAPOOR

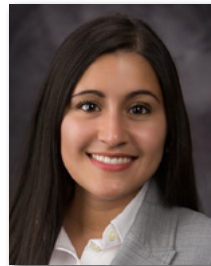


Ruchi Kapoor is the Appellate Director and Legislative Liaison for the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel where she oversees the appellate program for all indigent parents with attorneys appointed through the office and works on child welfare-related policy issues at the capitol. Ruchi received her undergraduate

degree from Creighton University and her law degree from the University of Colorado. After graduating in 2010, she clerked for the Denver Juvenile Court, igniting a passion for child welfare law. After clerking, she spent three years in private practice solely devoted to appellate and post-conviction work. She is a past president of the South Asian Bar Association of Colorado and is currently serving on its board as secretary. She has served on the CWBA Board of Directors since 2014. She is also a 2017 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Program ("COBALT") and currently serves on its Sessions Committee.

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:

CARIME LEE



Carime Lee is an associate attorney with West Huntley Gregory PC, one of the oldest firms in Summit County Colorado. Carime's practice is primarily focused on real estate and business transactional matters, landlord-tenant disputes, and HOA governance. Carime was born in Colombia, SA and lived most of her life in Florida

where she attended Florida State University for undergrad and Ave Maria School of Law for law school. Carime is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and Florida as well as Colorado. Carime is currently pursuing an LLM in Real Property Development through the University of Miami.

MICHELLE SYLVAIN



Michelle is a successful stress coach and attorney-mediator committed to helping people who deal with chronic or episodic stress situations cope effectively, with resiliency and greater inner wisdom. She is especially passionate about helping professional and personal "first-responders" holistically nourish their ability to

provide care while maintaining safe personal space to grow and regenerate. Michelle has worked with trauma victims and in alternative and traditional conflict resolution processes in the court system and in private practice. She has provided educational seminars for organizations such as the Colorado Organization of Victim Services, the District Attorney's Office, the Colorado Judicial Conference on Youth and Family, National Association for the Mentally Ill, Colorado court interpreters educational forum, judges, attorneys and professionals serving in the Colorado judicial Self-Help centers. Previously she served as a law professor at Washburn University and at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. Michelle received her BS degree from CU Boulder, and her MBA and JD degrees in organizational leadership from the University of Denver. She is a published author on ethics and stress reduction, and created one of the first Colorado Self-Help Centers for Colorado SRLC. Michelle completed post-graduate work on impactful training at Harvard Law School.

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AD HOC – MENTORSHIP:

LEILA HOCK



Leila Hock is the Senior Manager of Innovation and Training for Diversity Lab, an organization that boosts diversity in law firms through innovation, data, and behavioral science. Before joining Diversity Lab, she ran a private coaching practice helping mid-career professionals take a long-term, strategic approach to

their careers. Leila practiced law for nine years, primarily as in-house counsel, before transitioning to support the practice of law. She earned her JD from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2007 and her BA from Tulane University in 2004.

KELLI RILEY



Kelli Riley practices plaintiff's employment, criminal, and family law at Peek Goldstone, which provides premier legal services to Northern Colorado. Kelli has devoted her legal career to advocacy for workers' rights. Ms. Riley earned her law degree, cum laude, at University of St. Thomas School of Law, where she

served as Membership Editor for the school's flagship law review. She received her undergraduate degree in both History and Spanish & Portuguese Language and Culture at University of Colorado at Boulder. She is passionate about mentoring and is thrilled to be co-chairing the new mentoring committee as it blazes a trail in the coming year! Ms. Riley is a member of the Weld Chapter of the CWBA.

CBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPRESENTATIVE:

MAGISTRATE MICHAL LORD-BLEGEN



The 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 cases as well as an expert in education-related cases including teacher dismissals and school choice. On July 7, 2016, Denver District Court Chief Judge Michael Martinez appointed Magistrate Lord-Blegen to the district court bench, where her docket consists of post-decree domestic matters.

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CENTER FOR LEGAL INCLUSIVENESS REPRESENTATIVE:

HERMINE KALLMAN



Hermine Kallman is an attorney at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, where she focuses on complex commercial litigation, intellectual property, and business torts, as well as ballot initiative, legislative drafting, election, and campaign finance law. She was born and raised in Armenia and attended Moscow State University in Moscow, Russia, before moving to the United States. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Center for Legal Inclusiveness since 2017.

The board composition also includes additional appointed representatives from the following organizations:

- CWBA Chapters: Boulder, El Paso, Larimer, Mountain, Pueblo, and Weld
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado
- Colorado Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender Bar Association
- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
- Sam Cary Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association of Colorado
- Law Students from University of Colorado Law School and University of Denver Sturm College of Law

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 Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Personnel & Administration. In this role, Kara is responsible for many statewide functions including HR, benefits, accounting, procurement and contracting, construction, and risk. Kara is the CWBA's appointee 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.

Cast Your Vote!

We are not using paper ballots or proxy forms this year. If you do **not** plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting in Vail, you may easily vote using the electronic Google doc [linked here](#).

Please do so by **Thursday, May 16, 2019**. For those planning to attend the Annual Business Meeting, you may cast your votes in person.