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## 35th Annual CWBA Convention - "When Push Comes to Shove: Grace Under Pressure"

*by Rachel Ellis, Convention Committee Co-Chair*

**T**he phrase "grace under pressure" calls to mind authority and power in the face of adversity. It is the ability to maintain mental poise even under the most stressful circumstances. No matter what our practice area, we work in a profession where we regularly perform under pressure: whether from opposing counsel, clients, partners, our personal lives, ourselves, or a combination thereof. We are unlikely to agree on an identical hierarchy of stressors, but we can agree that each of us feels pressure on a daily basis, and the ability to manage that stress translates into confidence.

We are fortunate to have shining examples of tough, graceful women in our profession. This year's CWBA Convention is the perfect opportunity to spend a week-end learning from—and mingling with—women attorneys and judges who exemplify grace under pressure and who will enthusiastically share their knowledge on the subject of maintaining mental poise, even with a racing pulse.

The CWBA's 35<sup>th</sup> annual convention will be held from June 8-10, 2012 at the beautiful Vail Marriott. The

Convention brochure has been mailed which outlines all of the details. You can look forward to a NITA program taught by Mary Ryan and Bryan Leroy and CLE sessions with engaging speakers. On Friday evening the prestigious Mary Lathrop award will be given to honorees Chief Judge Janice Davidson and Lynn Feiger in recognition of their valiant contributions to our profession. We are privileged to have all three female Colorado Supreme Court Justices as our keynote speakers for our Saturday luncheon: Justice Nancy Rice, Justice Allison Eid, and Justice Monica Marquez. For the first time ever, we have selected a theme for our Sunday Judges panel: Judges who preside over specialty courts in Colorado. There will also be multiple opportunities to network with attendees, including Saturday evening entertainment in the form of a Team Challenge.

Please plan to attend with friends and colleagues. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you are interested in contributing financially or in-kind to the CWBA Convention, please contact our Executive Director, Mary Holverstott, (303) 831-1040 at [execdir@cwba.org](mailto:execdir@cwba.org). ♦

### **Your vote counts!**

Enclosed are the ballot and proxy for this year's election. (Use a proxy if you can not attend the Convention, or if you are naming someone at the Convention to vote on your behalf).

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## President's Letter: by Kara Veitch

As my term as CWBA President comes to an end, I'm reminded of all the things that make the CWBA a great organization – one that am I proud and honored to have led.

The CWBA is an **active** organization that provides networking events, professional education opportunities, and community-focused projects for women lawyers with all levels of experience.

We are an organization of attorneys, judges and law students working together to “advance women in the legal profession and women generally.”

The CWBA **serves** our community. This year we held Permanent Protection Orders Training for attorneys willing to represent, pro bono, women in domestic violence relationships for Project Safeguard. We also held a book drive and a clothing drive for the Center for Work Education and Employment, and a baby shower where the donations were given to Wee Cycle, The Gathering Place and Family Star. We gave the donations from our annual holiday party to SafeHouse Denver. And we twice participated in LawLine 9 offering guidance to members of our communities facing legal challenges.

The CWBA is an **issues-driven** organization, advocating for and lobbying on behalf of all women in Colorado. We are the only specialty bar association with a registered

lobbyist. The CWBA helped pass legislation on pay day lending reform, gender equity in the insurance market, assistance for children in foster care, and increased funding for domestic abuse services.



Kara Veitch,  
CWBA President

The CWBA is **member-focused**, providing a forum for idea exchange and learning together. This year, among other events, we held a CLE on the Colorado Access Pilot Project Rules, a two-day

NITA trial skills training, a “Getting Benched” CLE to inform attorneys about the judicial appointment process, and a self promotion CLE for young attorneys. The CWBA is also the only bar association with an annual convention, attended by more than 100 people each year.

The CWBA **actively** engages in the decisions to appoint Colorado judges. We are the only bar association in the state that conducts due diligence and provides the Governor with a confidential memorandum about each of the short-listed candidates for all vacancies in district courts, Court of Appeals, and Colorado Supreme Court. Both Governor Hickenlooper and Governor Ritter have told us that the memorandums have been helpful in their appointment decisions.

The CWBA is a **welcoming** organization that many members describe as the “best part of being a lawyer.” We provide countless opportunities

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## President's Letter

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to meet with other members, network and form informal mentoring relationships. Also, we hold unique programs for moms, seasoned attorneys, and new attorneys.

We are an organization of women who inspire change, appreciate our differences, and foster a great community. It has been an honor serving you as the CWBA President and I look forward to many more good things under Patty Jarzowski's leadership as CWBA President. ♦

## "Getting Benched"

by Monica Loseman, Programs Committee Co-Chair

The CWBA, in partnership with Colorado's specialty bar associations, presented: "Getting Benched," held on Monday, March 26, 2012. Many thanks to host and sponsor Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP ([www.FaegreBD.com](http://www.FaegreBD.com)), for their generous support.

Promoting diversity in practice and on the bench is one of the CWBA's goals. Colorado has much to be proud of in terms of diversity in the state courts, particularly in the state's highest court. But while our state courts are better than in most states, women are still underrepresented in the Colorado judiciary. Five of the twenty-two Court of Appeals judges are women; two of the ten U.S. District Court judges are women; two of the seven U.S. District Court magistrate judges are women; just one of the five U.S. Bankruptcy Court judges is a woman; and the number of women in lower state court judgeships as compared to men remains similarly low.

This program provided an insider's view of how best to position yourself to pursue a judicial career. Panelists included a recently appointed judge, members of judicial nominating commissions, and others involved in the nominating and confirmation process. Each panelist provided advice on the process and steps to take early in your career that will best position you to pursue a nomination. ♦

## CWBA Foundation Planning 7th Annual "Raising The Bar" Dinner

by Advocate Staff

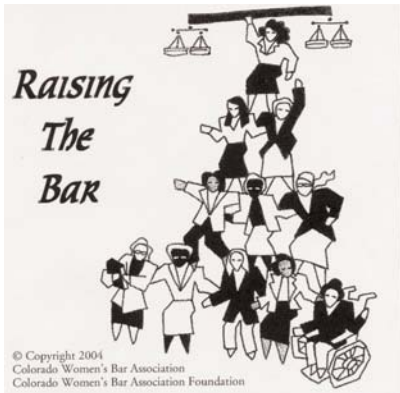
Make plans to join us at the CWBA Foundation's 7th Annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner, to be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012, at the historic Brown Palace Hotel & Spa in downtown Denver. This year, we will be celebrating "Raising the Bar, The Second Wave." In this way, we honor the second generation of women attorneys who continue to "raise the bar" after the first generation of women trailblazers.

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. Visit [www.cwba.org](http://www.cwba.org) for more details about this year's "Raising the Bar" Dinner. ♦

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The CWBA Foundation presents the  
Seventh Annual  
"Raising the Bar" Dinner  
Thursday, September 6, 2012

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# National Women's History Month: Women's Empowerment Through Education

by Jennifer H. Hunt, CWBA Historian

March is National Women's History Month. Each year, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) at the National Women's History Museum selects a unifying theme and recognizes national honorees whose work and lives represent that theme. This year, the theme is particularly relevant to our members: Women's Education - Women's Empowerment. As women attorneys, we all recognize and appreciate the value of education in empowering us to pursue challenging and rewarding careers and to make a difference in our communities. Those of us who graduated from law school in the last 20 years likely take that education for granted, as something to which we always knew we were entitled simply by virtue of our own hard work and ability. Women now outnumber men in American colleges nationwide, and in some law schools. In fact, this year's 1L class at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law is 53% women. But of course, that was not always the case.

As described on the NWHP website (<http://nwhp.org/whm>), "[t]he fight to learn was a valiant struggle waged by many tenacious women - across years and across cultures," many of whose names have been lost to history. In the early years of our country, reformers and advocates for secondary education for girls had to contend with arguments unheard of today that were generally accepted by experts and decision-makers at the time, i.e., "that females were incapable of intellectual development equal to men, or that they would be harmed by striving for it." Even after colleges and universities started admitting women, the subjects women were permitted to study often differed from those offered to men.

For all of the progress made by the early reformers and by the women who overcame all of the obstacles and were able to complete their educations (our own Mary Lathrop comes to mind), the equal opportunity to learn was not guaranteed in this country until the enactment of Title IX of the federal Education Code in 1977, which prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions. Although today Title IX is mostly known for its impact on athletics programs, its enact-

ment also provided an invaluable tool for women and girls to fully participate in all aspects of education. As the NWHP explains, Title IX has "transformed the educational landscape of the United States within the span of a generation."

This month the NWHP is honoring six women who exemplify both the struggle to obtain equal education for all and what can be accomplished through the benefit of that education - Emma Hart Willard (higher education pioneer), Charlotte Forten Grimke (Civil War era freedman bureau educator), Annie Sullivan (disability education architect), Gracia Molina de Pick (feminist educational reformer), Okolo Rashid (community activist and historical preservation advocate), and Brenda Flyswithawks (American Indian advocate and teacher). The organization's website provides detailed biographical information on all six honorees, and is worth looking at for more information. But we need look no further than our own backyard to find women who illustrate this year's theme.

On March 8, 2012, the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame recognized Women's History Month by inducting ten new members, many of whom exemplify the empowerment of education for women. This year's inductees include women who have excelled in many different professions, including medicine, business, engineering, education, the arts, and law. Dr. Kristi Anseth is a pioneer in biomedical engineering working on developing biological tissue substitutes who has received the highest award of the National Science Foundation for exceptional individual achievement in scientific or engineering research. Loretta C. Ford was a military nurse during World War II, earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in nursing from the University of Colorado, worked as a public health nurse, and became the co-founder of the national nurse practitioner movement, which has resulted in improved access to primary health care for underserved communities. And our own Mary J. Mullarkey is honored as the first female Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice

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## ...Empowerment Through Education

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and the longest serving Chief Justice in Colorado History, who established the Judicial Executive Development Institute to train court staff, instituted an extensive electronic filing system for the courts (which became a prototype for other states), and oversaw an increase in the number of judges during her tenure by 27 percent. (Source: Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, [www.cogreatwomen.org](http://www.cogreatwomen.org)).

We offer our sincere congratulations to our member Mary J. Mullarkey and upon her receipt of this well-deserved recognition, demonstrating the immeasurable value of education to empower women to reach their highest potential. ♦



Representatives of The Gathering Place, Family Star, and WeeCycle at the CWBA's April 26, 2012 Baby Shower.



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## Legal Services Committee Third Annual Baby Shower

*By Nicole M. Mundt, Legal Services Committee Co-Chair*

On Thursday, April 26, 2012, the CWBA Legal Services Committee hosted its third-annual Baby Shower event, benefitting three local non-profits: The Gathering Place, FamilyStar and WeeCycle. The Baby Shower is the Committee's largest, most well-attended event and attracted over 50 attendees. Guests brought gifts they would normally bring to a baby shower for a friend or family member, as well as monetary contributions for the non-profits.



The Legal Services Committee spends much of the year soliciting donation items for the silent auction held at the Baby Shower. Some of the great items for this year's silent auction included spa services, yoga and personal training, restaurant gift certificates, baby gear, pet care services, and jewelry. Proceeds of the auction go directly to the three non-profits.

Representatives from each of the three non-profits spoke about their respective missions: The Gathering Place provides a drop-in center for women and children experiencing poverty and homelessness (<http://www.tgpdenver.org/>); FamilyStar is a Montessori school focused on ethnic and economic diversity (<http://www.familystar.net/>); and WeeCycle accepts new and gently used baby gear to help local low-income families.

Our thanks to the Wine Loft (downtown at 15th and Wazee - 1527 Wazee Street, Denver, CO 80202) for hosting this event! Thanks also to event sponsors King & Greisen, and Wood Ris & Hames. ♦

# Candidates for the 2012-2013 CWBA Board of Directors

## President



Patricia M. Jarzowski

**Patricia M. Jarzowski** For over 20 years, her practice has focused on helping people seriously injured or killed in motor vehicle collisions, premises liability claims, aviation disasters, defective products and other injury and wrongful death cases. Patricia has served the CWBA as Convention Committee Co-Chair, Board of Governors Representative, Historian, and President-Elect. She is a founding member of the CWBA Foundation's "Raising the Bar" Committee. She has served on the CWBA's Judicial Nominating Committee and Public Policy Committee. She was also the CWBA representative to Colorado's Legislative Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation. Patricia is a member of the Community College of Denver Paralegal Program's Advisor board. She is a 1989 graduate of the University of Denver College of Law. [www.jarzowskilaw.com](http://www.jarzowskilaw.com).

## President-Elect



Shannon Stevenson

**Shannon Stevenson** is a partner in the commercial litigation group of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, where she focuses on natural resources and construction litigation as well state and federal appeals. Prior to joining Davis Graham & Stubbs, Shannon clerked

for the Hon. David M. Ebel at the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and attended Duke University School of Law, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Duke Law Journal. Shannon served as Judicial Committee Co-Chair in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, and Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee 2010-2011.

## Vice President



Lorraine Parker

**Lorraine E. Parker** is Of Counsel with Leventhal, Brown & Puga, P.C. Lorraine has spent her entire 28-year career as a trial lawyer in both the criminal and civil arenas. For the past ten years she has represented plaintiffs exclusively in a variety of professional malpractice, personal injury and civil rights cases. She is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and an officer on the Colorado Bar Association's Litigation Council. Lorraine is also a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Hearing Board. Lorraine is a past president of the CWBA (1999-2000), and has served in many positions on the Board in years past. For the last three years Lorraine has served as a faculty member for the CWBA's popular NITA Trial Skills Training course.

## Secretary



Cindy Dang

**Cindy Ha Dang** currently practices immigration law in Denver, Colorado. Prior to private practice, she worked as a Deputy District Attorney in the 4th Judicial District of Colorado. She is the current Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association - Colorado Chapter, and is a past-president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association - Colorado Chapter. She has previously served on the CWBA Board of Directors as Secretary and Convention Committee Co-Chair.

## Treasurer



Sheri L. Betzer

**Sheri L. Betzer** is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Colorado and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). As a partner in the Betzer Call Group, LLP, Sheri has assisted defense attorneys and prosecutors, and testified in civil and criminal litigation involving all types of white collar crimes. She also provides in-depth fraud investigations for private companies. Previously, she spent fifteen (15) years with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and has been an IRS expert witness in criminal tax trials for the U.S. Attorney in U.S. District Court and civil District Court and civil proceedings in U.S. Bankruptcy and Tax Courts.

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## Historian



Janet Stansberry Drake

**Janet Stansberry Drake** is a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Special Prosecutions Unit at the Colorado Attorney General's office. The Special Prosecutions Unit is part of the Criminal Justice Section. As an attorney in the Special Prosecutions Unit, Janet investigates and prosecutes organized and complex, multi-jurisdictional crimes. Janet presents evidence to the statewide grand jury, and handles all aspects of prosecution at the trial court level post-indictment, including court appearances, motions practice, plea negotiations and trials. Ms. Drake is dedicated to advocating on behalf of victims, and is a trained victims' advocate. She is also a member of the Colorado Human Trafficking Task Force, a multi-agency collaborative committed to investigating and prosecuting human trafficking.

## Immediate Past President



Kara Veitch

**Kara Veitch** is the Associate Director of the Colorado Forum, a membership organization of business leaders from across Colorado that provides a non-partisan, informed, objective voice on critical public policy issues. She has served as the CWBA's President (2011-2012), CWBA's President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Co-Chair of the Professional Advancement

and Public Policy Committees. Kara is a past-Chair of the Colorado Law Alumni Board, past-President of the Colorado Asian Pacific American Bar Association, past-member of the CBA's Executive Committee, and a past-CBA Board of Governors Representative. Currently, Kara serves on the board of directors for the Women's Bean Project and BabiesNow! Foundation.

## Convention Committee Co-Chairs



Emily E. Anderson

**Emily E. Anderson** has been a Magistrate since 2001, formerly in Denver County Court and currently in Adams County District Court. She presides over adult and juvenile criminal and civil matters. Prior to taking the bench, she had her own practice specializing in the area of family law and mediation. Emily serves on the board of directors of the CBA as Vice-President First District, the board of Colorado Lawyers Helping Lawyers, and is the Vice-President of the CWBA Foundation. This will be her fourth time to co-chair the Convention Committee!



Casey Schaden Cassinis

**Casey Schaden Cassinis** is a partner at Richard F. Schaden, PLLC. Utilizing her background as an aviation attorney, she represents clients in

matters requiring litigation expertise. Casey is also the founder of The Cassinis Pet Trust Firm, a firm dedicated to protecting pets through estate planning, and is Special Counsel to Beyond The Edge, a technology investment company. She has been quoted in Business Insurance Magazine and Law Week Colorado regarding aviation issues. Casey serves on the CWBA's Convention Committee and volunteers with her therapy dog, Patch. She holds her private pilot's license and enjoys skiing with her husband. Casey is a member of the Colorado and Florida bars.

## Judicial Committee Co-Chairs



Anna N. Martinez

**Anna N. Martinez** is a trial lawyer at Starrs Mihm LLP. Her practice areas include legal malpractice, personal injury, and insurance bad faith. Before joining Starrs Mihm, Anna clerked for the Honorable Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey on the Colorado Supreme Court. She earned her J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law with a Certificate in Federal Indian Law, and her B.A. from Columbia University. Anna is a member of the Thompson G. Marsh Inn of Court, and she currently serves on the Nominations and Endorsements Committee of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. Anna also Co-Chairs the New Lawyers Committee of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.



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Wendy Weigler

**Wendy Weigler** is a founding partner of Lansky, Weigler & Porter, P.C., a Denver law firm focusing on the representation of condominium communities and homeowners associations. She received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Albany in 1991 and her JD 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 has served as Judicial Committee Co-Chair since 2008, and as a mentor. She is currently serving a second two-year term on the Board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations. Wendy helped form and serves on the Board of the Parent Teacher Organization for a Northwest Denver dual-language public school, as well as on the principal selection committee.

## Legal Services Committee Co-Chairs



Shelly Dill Combs

**Shelly Dill Combs** is the permanent law clerk for Judge James S. Casebolt of the Colorado Court of Appeals, having served previously as a law clerk at the Colorado Supreme Court and in the 1st Judicial District. Shelly received her Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. in 2006 with

honors. Prior to graduating she clerked for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana, Georgiana Wood. Shelly currently sits on the Colorado Bar Association's Board of Governor's on behalf of the Denver Bar Association. She has previously served two terms on the CWBA's Board as the Co-Chair of the Publications Committee. She regularly volunteers with Colorado Lawyer's Committee's Legal Night and Project Homeless Connect, as well as at the Dolores Project, a homeless shelter for women.



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 has worked as a Judicial Fellow for the 18th Judicial District and as a contract attorney at Reilly Pozner, LLP where she focused on commercial litigation. Currently, she is an Associate at McConnell Fleischner & Houghtaling where her law practice consists of defending professionals in both medical and legal malpractice actions. She has been actively involved with the CWBA Legal Services Committee for the past 3 years, and this will be her second year as Co-Chair of that committee.

## Membership Committee Co-Chairs



Catherine Shea

**Catherine Shea** received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2005. She clerked for the Honorable Robert D. Hawthorne at the Colorado Court of Appeals and is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado, representing state agencies in administrative proceedings. Catherine also serves as an Assistant Solicitor General on appellate matters for the Business and Licensing Section of the Attorney General's office. She is a past co-chair of the CWBA's Legal Services Committee and currently is a co-chair of the Programs Committee. Catherine serves as Secretary for the City and County of Denver's GLBT Commission



Alison Zinn

**Alison Zinn** graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and earned a B.A. in Political Science as well as International Affairs with an emphasis in the French language and the continent of Africa (2001). She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver College of Law (2004). Ms. Zinn is admitted to practice in Colorado Courts, U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals (10th Circuit). She is on the Board of Directors and is Co-Chair of the



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Professional Advancement Committee for the CWBA. Through personal and professional philanthropic efforts, Ms. Zinn has worked with Dressed for Success, Family Star, the Gathering Place, Habitat for Humanity, Colorado Legal Services, and Project Safeguard. Ms. Zinn has a broad range of litigation experience and her current practice focuses on the areas of estate and trust litigation, and estate and trust administration.

## Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chairs



Jessica Brown

**Jessica Brown** is a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, specializing in labor and employment law and the defense of class action lawsuits. Jessica has been ranked by Chambers USA for several consecutive years as one of "America's Leading Lawyers for Labor & Employment," and was named one of Denver's "Forty Under 40" by the *Denver Business Journal*. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Jessica clerked for the Hon. Jim R. Carrigan, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. She is a frequent author and lecturer on employment and Intellectual Property issues. Jessica received her J.D. (Order of the Coif, High Honors) from the University of Texas School of Law and her B.A. (Honors, Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Lisha McKinley

**Lisha McKinley** is a litigation associate at Silver & DeBoskey, P.C. Lisha received her J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School in 2008. She serves in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, the Executive Committee of the Ben S. Wendelken American Inn of Court, the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association, and the Board of Directors of the CWBA. Lisha was the 2011 recipient of the Bryan S. Gardner Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the El Paso County Bar Association.

## Programs Committee Co-Chairs



Michelle Meyer

**Michelle Meyer** is an associate in the litigation group at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP. Her practice focuses primarily on commercial business matters involving contract disputes, breach of fiduciary claims, federal and state securities laws, and the representation of creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. Michelle graduated from Northwestern University School of Law in 2006. Before joining Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP in 2008, Michelle practiced for two years as a litigation associate for Goldberg Kohn in Chicago, Illinois. Michelle lives in Denver with her husband and one-year-old daughter.



Christine Samsel

**Christine A. Samsel** is a shareholder in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck's Employment Group. She represents employers in all areas of employment law on a nationwide basis, with particular emphasis on California, Colorado and the eastern U.S. She handles the employment aspects of corporate transactions; provides advice and counseling; conducts training, investigations and audits; and defends companies/management in litigation and administrative proceedings. Prior to moving to Colorado, Christine practiced for many years in California and Washington, D.C. She received her B.A. from Smith College, and her J.D. from the University of Virginia. Christine lives in Littleton with her husband and young son.

## Publications Committee Co-Chairs



Ericka Houck Englert

**Ericka Houck Englert** is Assistant Trial Counsel, Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. Before joining the Attorney Regulation Counsel office in 2011, Ericka was an attorney at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck for five years, and an attorney at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP for two years prior to that. Ericka earned her J.D. from the University of Colorado School of Law. She is Board Chair of Colorado Youth Matter, working to promote the healthy

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sexual and reproductive development of teens and to advance the well-being of parenting teens. Ericka served as CWBA Publications Committee Co-Chair 2011-2012.



Holly Gummerson

**Holly Gummerson** graduated from the University of Denver with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 2007. Prior to law school, Holly worked as a paralegal for a family and juvenile law firm. Holly is attending her final year of law school at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and will be graduating in May, 2012. While in law school, Holly has interned with the Colorado State Public Defender and plans to pursue a career in indigent criminal defense. Holly has been an active member of the CWBA since for the past 5 years and has served as the Convention Committee Co-Chair (2009-2010 and 2010-2011) and the Membership Co-Chair (2011-2012).

## Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs



Sarah Chase-McRorie

**Sarah Chase-McRorie** is Associate Corporate Counsel for Matrix Settlement & Clearance Services, LLC, 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 securities regulation and corporate law. Sarah received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Colorado State University and is a 2006 graduate of California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. Sarah is an active member of the CWBA, was the Co-Chair of the Professional Advancement Committee (2009-2010 and 2010-2011), and the Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee (2011-2012).



Monica Rosenbluth

**Monica Rosenbluth** works for the Higher Education Access Alliance, a coalition that advocates for increased access to higher education for all Coloradans, including undocumented students. Previously, Monica was a partner in a law firm where she focused on special districts and public finance law. Monica currently sits on the Rocky Mountain Regional board of the Anti-Defamation League, where she co-chairs the Government Affairs Committee, and also serves on the Community Initiatives and Investment Committee of the Women's Foundation of Colorado. A regular participant in programs like the Denver Bar Association's Constitution Day teaching program and the Denver Bar Association/Denver Public Schools substitute teaching program, Monica lives in Denver with her husband and their two young daughters.

## BOARD-APPOINTED DIRECTORS

### CWBA Representative to the CBA Board of Governors



Doris B. Truhlar

**Doris Truhlar**, 2002-2003 CWBA President, concentrates in family law, and practices at Truhlar and Truhlar, LLP with her husband Bob. Doris will be one of the honorees at the CWBA Foundation Raising the Bar dinner in the fall of 2012. She serves on the 18th Judicial District Nominating Commission and is a former president of the Arapahoe County Bar Association. She has served on numerous boards and committees, and has twice been Chair of the Metro Volunteer Lawyers Board. She has received several awards, including the University of Denver College of Law Law Stars Alumni Professionalism Award.

### At-Large Representatives



Ann Tuxbury Lebeck

**Ann Tuxbury Lebeck** is a member of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP's Trial Group. She has represented plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of litigation and arbitration matters, including complex contract and construction disputes, securities fraud claims, and employment litigation. Prior to joining Davis Graham & Stubbs, Ann was

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an associate at Gibbs & Bruns LLP in Houston, Texas and Jacobs Chase LLC in Denver. Ann is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, where she served as an articles editor of the Texas Law Review. Following law school, Ann clerked for the Hon. William Lockhart Garwood at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.



Nicole Mundt

**Nicole Mundt** is the Engagement Manager at Welltok, Inc. Previously, Nicole worked at Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher LLP, where her practice focused on corporate/transaction law and civil litigation. Prior to her work with Foster Graham, Nicole was a Legislative Assistant to State Representative David Ward, Wisconsin Legislature. Nicole earned her JD from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and her BA from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nicole has been an active member of the CWBA's Legal Services Committee.

## Ad Hoc



Rachel Ellis

**Rachel Ellis** is an associate at Sweeney & Bechtold LLC, specializing in employment law and civil litigation.

tion. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Colorado Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association. Rachel served as CWBA Convention Committee Co-Chair 2011-2012. Rachel believes in civic responsibility through community involvement and regularly volunteers her time and energy as a tutor at the Bridge Project and as a guardian *ad litem* for the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center. She enjoys her work and doesn't mind long hours, as long as she can make it to the occasional yoga class or happy hour.

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## Colorado Lawyers Helping Lawyers: Women's Support Group

by Magistrate Emily E. Anderson  
CWBA Foundation Board member

Colorado Lawyers Helping Lawyers is proud to announce the establishment of a women's support group meeting. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 6:00-7:00 p.m., at the Trinity United Methodist Church, located at 1820 Broadway, Denver, Colorado.

\*\*These support group meetings are professionally facilitated and are CONFIDENTIAL. These are not "12-step" meetings. The meetings are open to all women lawyers and women law students seeking support from colleagues regarding issues including, but not limited to, pressures of the legal profession, pressures of managing a law practice, family pressures and law school pressures. No registration is required. ♦

\*\* CLHL offers three additional support groups: Tuesday Peer Support Group (Every Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church 6-7 p.m.), Mental Health Support Group (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month 6-7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church) and Telephone Support group (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month) Callers need to register with Katherine Garcia at 720-951-1005.



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