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## 34th Annual CWBA Convention - "We Make Better Leaders"

*by Susan Klopman, Convention Committee Co-Chair*

As one of the oldest and most established women's bar associations in the nation, the CWBA makes us all better leaders through Board and committee opportunities, CLEs, informal mentoring relationships, etc. All of these opportunities come together at the Annual Convention. This year's Annual Convention, the CWBA's 34th, revolves around the theme that "We Make Better Leaders." The Convention will be held at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa on June 10-12, 2011, and will feature three long-time CWBA and community leaders: the Honorable Mary A. Celeste - Mary Lathrop Award Recipient, Theresa Spahn, former CWBA President - Keynote Speaker, and the Honorable Cathy Lemon - Judge in Residence.

Are you a transactional or litigation attorney looking for substantive CLEs that will enable you to guide your clients through thorny legal thickets? Are you striving to lead in the courtroom? Maybe you are also looking to lead in the arena of marketing? Perhaps you are seeking a new career path or a mentor? No doubt you

want exciting ways to obtain ethics credits. If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then attending the Convention is a must.

The Convention begins with Friday's NITA program and ends with the informative Judge's Panel on Sunday. There will be two separate panels for both transactional and litigation attorneys geared towards spotting tricky immigration and environmental issues and knowing when to call an expert. Additional CLEs focus on the craft and ethics of interviewing witnesses/clients, and making the record to preserve the appeal. **Notably, the Convention will feature the Law Club's entertaining Ethics Revue, featuring an Avatar theme, and provide two first-ever hallmark CLEs:**

- ♦ **the nationally-known Rainmaker Institute, offering concrete marketing tools; and**
- ♦ **in-house counsel leaders offering guidance to those who seek business from in-house counsel and those who seek to follow in their footsteps.** ♦

### 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 Lucy Hojo Denson

### CWBA Foundation Creates the Circle of Minerva to honor donors

A party was held on February 9, 2011 at the home of CWBA Past President Helen Shreves honoring the CWBA Foundation Leadership Circle. I was excited to hear that the Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation (CWBAF) has created the Circle of Minerva to honor donors.



Lucy Hojo Denson,  
CWBA President

Remember Medusa? She was the terrible monster with snakes for hair. Anyone who looked at Medusa turned to stone, making her difficult to conquer. Minerva, who was smart and clever, advised Perseus to look at Medusa's reflection in a polished shield. That way, he could cut Medusa's head off without looking directly at her. Perseus was so grateful to Minerva that he gave her the head of Medusa. Minerva put it on her shield, so she could then turn her enemies to stone.

The Roman goddess Minerva was the goddess of poetry, medicine, wisdom, commerce, weaving, crafts, magic and the inventor music. She is often depicted with an owl, her sacred creature and a symbol of wisdom.

Circle of Minerva will encompass a special group of donors of the CWBAF which will include members of the Leadership Circle.

The seed that grew into the

CWBAF was planted by attorney Jan Bernstein who was present that evening. Jan, in honor of her dear friend Jennifer Robbins, who passed away of cancer, began the Jennifer Robbins fund, which raised scholarship money for women law students. Other members of the CWBAF Leadership Circle present at Helen's party were the Honorable Brian Campbell, Susan Goddard, and Jo Anna Goddard. CWBA Past

Presidents Lynda McNeive, Gina Weitzenkorn, and Jo Ann Weinstein were present.

Circle of Minerva members will be honored at the 2011 Convention with a special pin.

### 2011 CWBA Convention

The 2011 CWBA Convention is scheduled for June 10-12, 2011 at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa and will include many exciting speakers and important honorees. Theresa Spahn, is our keynote speaker on Saturday. Theresa, who made an unsuccessful run for Denver Mayor, showed true grit, guts and chutzpah during her mayoral campaign. Theresa is a CWBA Past President (2007-2008). The Honorable Mary A. Celeste will be receiving the Mary Lathrop Award at the Friday reception. The Honorable Catherine Lemon will serve as Judge-in-Residence. I encourage all CWBA members to attend.

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## President's Letter

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### Hit The Ground Running

In my last column, I spoke about a program being planned called "Hit The Ground Running—Skills You Need To Succeed." The program, which was directed toward law students and young attorneys, was held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Professor Paula Monopoli of the University of Maryland School of Law spoke on the issue of self promotion. Monica Parham (who I met at the National Conference of Women's Bar Association's Convention), President-Elect of the Washington D.C. Women's Bar, traveled to Denver to assist the CWBA with this program. Connie Talmage (Colorado Lawyers Committee) spoke on networking. Herrick K. Lidstone Jr. (Burns Figa & Will PC) spoke on the experience of being a first year associate. A number of senior and managing partners from law firms in the Denver Metro area generously gave their time to attend this program to serve as trainers to the attendees. ♦

## CWBA Foundation Planning 6th Annual "Raising The Bar" Dinner

by Advocate Staff

**M**ake plans now to join us at the CWBA Foundation's 6th Annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner, to be held on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at the historic Brown Palace Hotel & Spa in downtown Denver. This year, honorees will include: Jean Dubofsky, the First Woman Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court (1979); Gail Norton, the First Woman Attorney General of Colorado (1998) and the First Woman Interior Secretary; and Patricia Schroeder, the First Woman elected to U.S. Congress from Colorado (1972) and the First Woman to serve on House Armed Services Committee (1973).

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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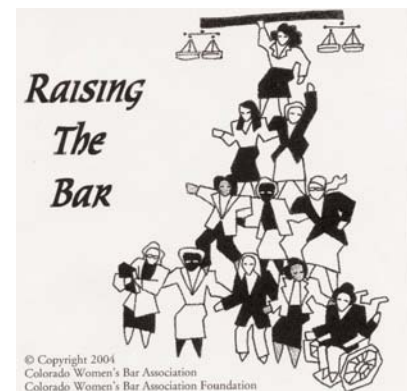
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The CWBA Foundation presents the  
Sixth Annual  
"Raising the Bar" Dinner  
Thursday, September 1, 2011

Brown Palace Hotel & Spa  
Denver, Colorado



# Women in History - 30 Years of Famous Firsts

by Patricia Jarzowski, CWBA Historian

In 2001 a Joint Congressional Resolution proclaimed March Women's History Month. This year's theme was: "Our History is Our Strength – Learning About Women's Tenacity, Courage, and Creativity throughout the Centuries."

The event traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. The National Women's History Project describes it best: "The stories of women's achievements are integral to the fabric of our history. Learning about women's tenacity, courage, and creativity throughout the centuries is a tremendous source of strength. Until relatively recently, this sphere of women's history was overlooked and undervalued. Women's achievements were often distorted, disdained, and denied. But, knowing women's stories provides essential role models for everyone. And role models are genuinely needed to face the extraordinary changes and unrelenting challenges of the 21st century."

A review of the past 30 years reveals notable Famous Firsts by Women. This list is not exhaustive and there are many other Famous Firsts during this time frame. Consider the list as a starting point to reflect on how far we have come and all that we still have to achieve.

1981 Sandra Day O'Connor is the first woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court.

1983 Dr. Sally Ride becomes the first American woman to be sent into space.

1984 Geraldine Ferraro is the first woman to run for Vice-President on a major party ticket.

1985 Wilma Mankiller becomes the first woman chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma.

1990 Dr. Antonia Novello is the first woman and Hispanic to become U.S. Surgeon General.

1991 Sharon Pratt Dixon is sworn in as mayor of Washington, DC becoming the first African-American woman to serve as mayor of a major city.

1992 Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois becomes the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

1993 Janet Reno becomes the first female U.S. Attorney General.

1997 Madeleine Albright is sworn in as U.S. Secretary of State. She is the first woman in this position as well as the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. government.

1998 Mary Mullarkey becomes the first female Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

1999 Lt. Col. Eileen Collins is the first woman astronaut to command a space shuttle mission.

2005 Condoleezza Rice becomes the first African-American female Secretary of State.

2004 Elizabeth Starrs becomes the first Colorado woman to be inducted into the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

2006 Effa Manley, co-owner of the Negro Leagues team Newark Eagles, becomes the first woman elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

2006 Karen Mathis becomes the first President of the American Bar Association from Colorado.

2007 Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman speaker of the House of Representatives.

2008 Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman in U.S. history to win a presidential primary contest.

2010 Monica Marquez is sworn in as the first female Hispanic Colorado Supreme Court Justice and she is also the first openly gay jurist on the state's high court.

(Data compiled from Infoplease.) ♦

# CWBA Recognized as "Community Partner of the Year"

*By Kara Veitch, CWBA President-Elect*

The Center for Work Education and Employment ("CWEE") recognized the Colorado Women's Bar Association as its "Community Partner of the Year" at CWEE's 28th Annual Awards Luncheon, held on April 21, 2011. CWEE provides individualized job training, placement and retention programs that give participants the skills and competencies to raise their confidence, improve their earning potential, and move their families toward economic self-sufficiency.

Last year, Alison Zinn, co-chair of the Legal Services Committee, attended CWEE's Award Luncheon and was, in her words, "so moved by the stories of the participants and how CWEE incorporates other non-profits" that she thought a partnership between the CWBA and CWEE was a natural fit. In fact, the CWBA has partnered with CWEE in the prior years.

Under the leadership of Alison Zinn and Catherine Shea, the CWBA's Legal Services Committee organized a professional clothing drive for the opening of CWEE's boutique "First Impressions" late last year. The boutique operates on donations of business casual and business professional clothing from individuals, small businesses and corporations for CWEE participants. The CWBA also held a toy drive for CWEE in December 2010 and a book drive in February 2011. ♦



CWBA Legal Services Committee Co-Chairs (L-R) Catherine Shea and Alison Zinn, accepting CWEE's "Community Partner of the Year" award on April 21, 2011.

# CWBA Recent Events and Activities: A Pictorial Review

*By Advocate Staff*



February 9, 2011  
CWBA Foundation Leadership Circle Reception.



CWBA Book Drive to Benefit CWEE (Prior to the Book Drive, all the CWEE library had was in the small black bookshelf.)



March 10, 2011 CWBA Judicial Reception  
L-R: CWBA President Lucy Hojo Denson,  
Honoree - The Honorable Claudia J. Jordan,  
CWBA Judicial Committee Co-Chair Nina Wang

# Candidates for the 2011-2012 CWBA Board of Directors

## 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-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.

## President-Elect



Patricia M. Jarzobski

**Patricia M. Jarzobski** 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, and Historian. She is a founding member

of the Colorado Women's Bar Association 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.jarzobskilaw.com](http://www.jarzobskilaw.com)

## Vice President



Victoria Lovato

**Victoria E. Lovato** is an attorney at Silver & DeBoskey, P.C. Vicki specializes in administrative law and health care litigation. Prior to joining Silver & DeBoskey, Vicki was an Assistant Attorney General, and served as general counsel to the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners and the Colorado Podiatry Board. She received her B.A. in Mathematics from the Colorado College, and her J.D. from Arizona State University. Vicki is a Past President of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association ("CHBA"), and has been on the CHBA Board for several years, holding offices such as Secretary, President-Elect, and Chair of the Young Lawyers Committee. Vicki also has served as President of the Board of Community Resources Inc. ("CRI"). She served as the CWBA Historian (2008-2009), Secretary (2009-2010) and CHBA Representative (2010-2011).

## Secretary



Cindy Dang

**Cindy Ha Dang** is a solo practitioner who practices immigration law in Denver, Colorado. She is fluent in Vietnamese. Cindy is a Past President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and Chair-Elect of the American Immigration Lawyers Association - Colorado Chapter. Prior to entering private practice, Cindy worked as a Deputy District Attorney in the 4th Judicial District of Colorado. Cindy served as Co-Chair of the CWBA Convention Committee, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, and the CWBA's Representative to the CBA Board of Governors 2010-2011.

## 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.

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District Court and civil proceedings in U.S. Bankruptcy and Tax Courts.

## Historian



Jennifer H. Hunt

**Jennifer H. Hunt** is a shareholder with Hill & Robbins, P.C., where her practice emphasizes both complex commercial litigation and water and natural resources law. She previously served on the CWBA Board of Directors as Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee, At-Large Representative, Co-Chair of the Publications Committee, and Vice President. Jennifer is also a Board Member and serves on the Executive Committee of the Colorado Lawyers' Committee, is a Board Member of Common Cause Colorado and volunteers for Planned Parenthood Rocky Mountains in its judicial bypass program. She graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1998. Jennifer lives in Louisville with her husband and two young daughters.

## Immediate Past President



Lucy Hojo Denson

**Lucy Hojo Denson** has been with the law firm of Robert T. Hinds, Jr. and Associates since 1994. She was admitted to the Colorado State Bar in 1989. Lucy has served on the CWBA Board of Directors in different Board positions since 2001. Lucy was the first

President of the Colorado Asian Pacific American Bar Association (1991). She is a board member of the Arapahoe County Bar Association ("ACBA"), and coordinates their *pro se* clinic volunteers. She is a member of the Minoru Yasui Inns of Court. She is a past recipient of the Donald W. Hoagland award presented by the CBA and the Charles B. Dillon award presented by the ACBA.

## Convention Committee Co-Chairs



Rachel Ellis

**Rachel Ellis** is a solo practitioner focused exclusively on the representation of employees in employment disputes. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Colorado Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association. 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.



Lydia Floyd

**Lydia Floyd** is member of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP's Trial Group and has experience in general commercial litigation, including securities, trespass, and class action cases. Ms. Floyd is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and a member of the Order of St. Ives. Ms. Floyd served as the Co-Chair of the CWBA's Public Policy Committee (2009-2010), and on the 2010-2011 CWBA Board of Directors as the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.

## Judicial Committee Co-Chairs



Nina Y. Wang

**Nina Y. Wang** is a partner in Faegre & Benson's Denver office, with a focus on complex intellectual property litigation, and related counseling and advice. Nina represents both plaintiffs and defendants in patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret cases in a variety of industries, including semiconductors, software, and biotechnology. Prior to joining Faegre & Benson, Ms. Wang served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Colorado and as a law clerk to the Honorable Peter J. Messitte of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The National Asian Pacific American Bar Association recently recognized Nina as a "Best Lawyers Under 40."

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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 (2008-2011) and as a mentor. She is currently serving a two-year term on the Board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations. She is also Co-Chair of the Cardozo Society, which coordinates educational programming and fundraising for Jewish lawyers. Wendy helped form and serves on the Board of the Parent Teacher Organization for a Northwest Denver dual-language public school.

## Legal Services Committee Co-Chairs



Ryann MacDonald

**Ryann MacDonald** graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Business in 2005. She worked as a legal secretary at Kutak Rock for a year, and then went to the University of Denver College of Law.

She graduated from law school 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 focuses on commercial litigation. She has been actively involved with the CWBA Legal Services Committee for the past 2 years, and this will be her first year as Co-Chair of that committee.



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.

## Membership Committee Co-Chairs



Holly Gummerson

**Holly Gummerson** graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Criminology in 2007. Holly works as

a paralegal for Clark & Associates, P.C., a position she has held for the past six years. Holly is currently a law student at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Holly is also an Officer for DU's Legal Association of Women. Holly has been an active member of the CWBA's Convention Committee, and served as Convention Committee Co-Chair (2009-2010 and 2010-2011).



Gina Weitzenkorn

**Gina Weitzenkorn** is a partner at Mills & Weitzenkorn PC, and focuses her practice primarily in family, juvenile, and adoption matters. Gina represents parties in divorce, allocation of parental responsibilities, and dependency and neglect and adoption matters. She also serves as special advocate, the child's legal representative, and parent coordinator. Gina is a CWBA Past President (1990-1991), and has been the CWBA's Legal Services Committee Co-Chair. She has received the Colorado Bar Association's Public Service Award, and the University of Denver Law Stars Professionalism Award. Gina is currently serving on the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on Family Issues, and is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, teaching family law.



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## 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.



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 Co-Chair of the Legal Services Committee for the Colorado Women's Bar Association. 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.

## Programs Committee Co-Chairs



Monica Loseman

**Monica K. Loseman** is an associate with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. She has substantial experience in complex securities litigation matters and has assisted clients in responding to investigations by various government agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission. She has also conducted independent investigations involving allegations of corporate fraud and improper accounting. Ms. Loseman is a Subcommittee Chair with the ABA Securities Litigation Committee and participates in the Committee's AP Leadership program. She volunteers with a number of organizations, most recently with the JeffCo Public Schools Facilities Usage Committee. She lives in Littleton with her husband and four children



Catherine Shea

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, **Catherine Shea** graduated cum laude from Western Kentucky University with a B.A. in English Literature and received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. After a short stint in private practice, she clerked for the Honorable Robert D. Hawthorne at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Currently, Catherine is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado and represents state agencies such as the State Board of Nursing. In addition, Catherine serves as an Assistant Solicitor General for the Business & Licensing Section of the Office of the Attorney General, assisting with appellate matters. She is a member of the Minoru Yasui Inn of Court and was appointed to the Denver GLBT Commission by then-Mayor John Hickenlooper in May 2010.

## Publications Committee Co-Chairs



Shelly Dill Combs

**Shelly Dill Combs** is the senior appellate law clerk for Judge James S. Casebolt of the Colorado Court of Appeals. Previously she served as a term clerk for Justice Gregory Hobbs, Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court as well as Judge Margie Enquist of the First Judicial District. Dill Combs received her Juris Doctor from American University, Washington

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College of Law in Washington, D.C. in 2006. Prior to graduating she clerked for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana, Georgiana Wood. She regularly volunteers with the Colorado Lawyer's Committee Legal Night and Project Homeless Connect, as well as the Dolores Project, a homeless shelter for women and children.



Kelly Snodgrass

**Kelly Snodgrass** received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law where she acted as President of the Children's Legal Advocacy Group and a Staff Editor on the University of Denver Water Law Review. Her practice has included Water Rights, Criminal Defense, Family Law Litigation, and General civil litigation. Additionally, she recently acted as Campaign Manager for former CWBA President Theresa Spahn in her bid for Denver Mayor. Kelly is proud to be serving her second term as Co-Chair of the Publications Committee on the CWBA Board of Directors.

## 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 and the Co-Chair of the Professional Advancement Committee (2009-2010 and 2010-2011).



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.

## BOARD-APPOINTED DIRECTORS

### CWBA Representative to the CBA Board of Governors



Doris B. Truhlar

**Doris B. Truhlar**, a former President of the CWBA (2002-2003), served as Co-Chair of the CWBA's Long-Range Planning Committee with her husband and law partner, Bob, during the 2004-2005 year, and as an At Large Representative during the 2005-2006 and the 2010-2011 years. Doris concentrates in the area of domestic relations law. She has served on numerous boards and committees, and is a Past President of the Arapahoe County Bar Association. Doris has twice served as Chair of the Metro Volunteer Lawyers Board. She has received several awards, including the University of Denver College of Law's Law Stars Alumni Professionalism Award, of which she was the co-recipient with Bob in the fall of 2003. In addition to being a CWBA Past President, Doris has served as Co-Chair of the Judicial Committee, Historian, Secretary, CWBA Representative to the CBA Board of Governors, President-Elect and Immediate Past President. During her year as CWBA President, Doris invited United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to be the CWBA's guest of honor at a reception that was attended by 400 CWBA members and dignitaries.

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## At-Large Representatives



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, Ms. Drake investigates and prosecutes organized and complex, multi-jurisdictional crimes. Ms. Drake 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.



Susan Klopman

**Susan P. Klopman** is a Shareholder in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck's Employment Group and serves on the firm's Diversity Committee. She represents employers in all facets of employment law. In particular, Susan

represents clients on Title I and Title III ADA matters and lawsuits, including compliance with DOT, DOJ and EEOC regulations for employers, public accommodations and other facilities. She has served on past CWBA Boards in various capacities, from Judicial Committee Co-Chair to Board representative from Colorado's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Bar Association (where she served as past President), and most recently as Co-Chair of Convention Committee (2010-2011). Currently, Susan serves on COLTAF's Board of Directors.



Andra Zeppelin

**Andra Zeppelin** received her J.D. from the University of Colorado in 2008. During law school, she served as President of the Student Bar Association and was instrumental in implementing a pledge legal *pro bono* program for students. She worked as a summer associate at Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLP, and, following graduation, clerked for Judge Diana Terry on the Colorado Court of Appeals. Andra is currently serving as a law clerk for Justice Coats on the Colorado Supreme Court. She was previously part of the CWBA's Professional Advancement Committee and Co-Chaired the Programs Committee (2009-2010 and 2010-2011). Andra lives in Denver with her husband, Kyle, and daughter Louise. Aside from work and community involvement, she shares her passion for cooking through her food blog, FrenchPressMemos.

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## Colorado Lawyers Committee 2011 Annual Luncheon

by Advocate Staff

The 2011 Annual Luncheon of the Colorado Lawyers Committee will be held on May 17, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marriott Denver City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver. One of the highlights of the Luncheon will be the presentation of awards to honor individuals and organizations who contributed significantly to the Colorado Lawyers Committee during 2010. Keynote presentation by G. Douglas Jones, former U S Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama. Mr. Jones led the team of prosecutors and investigators in the re-opened case of the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

For additional Luncheon details, visit the CLC website at [www.ColoradoLawyersCommittee.org](http://www.ColoradoLawyersCommittee.org) or call (303) 894-6366. ♦



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May 10, 2011

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION

Dear CWBA Member:

The CWBA's Annual Business Meeting will be held at the 34th Annual CWBA Convention on Saturday, June 11, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at The Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa, Vail, Colorado. At that time, the 2011-2012 CWBA Board of Directors will be elected.

For those unable to attend the business meeting, use these forms:

- MAIL-IN BALLOT
- PROXY FORM

**MAIL-IN BALLOT:** A mail-in ballot should be used if you do not plan to attend the Business Meeting. Please mark your ballot, PRINT your name, and sign your name at the bottom of the ballot. Mail-in Ballots must be received at the CWBA office by close of business on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, to be included in the Election compilations.

Mail ballots to: Colorado Women's Bar Association  
6870 W. 52nd Avenue, Suite 125  
Arvada, CO 80002

**PROXY FORM:** Use a Proxy Form if you do not plan to attend the Business Meeting, and wish to have another CWBA member cast your vote(s) at the meeting for you. You should sign the Proxy Form and give it to your appointed Proxy to bring to the business meeting. Do not mail your Proxy Form to the CWBA.

For those planning to attend the business meeting and vote in person, use the standard Ballot.

Please contact the CWBA office at (303) 831-1040 or [execdir@cwba.org](mailto:execdir@cwba.org) should you have any questions.

**COLORADO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION  
CANDIDATES FOR 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Standard BALLOT**

President	Kara Veitch
President-Elect	_____ Patricia Jarzowski
Vice President	_____ Victoria Lovato
Secretary	_____ Cindy Dang
Treasurer	_____ Sheri L. Betzer
Historian	_____ Jennifer Hunt
Immediate Past President	Lucy Hojo Denson
Convention Committee Co-Chair	_____ Rachel Ellis
Convention Committee Co-Chair	_____ Lydia Floyd
Judicial Committee Co-Chair	_____ Nina Wang
Judicial Committee Co-Chair	_____ Wendy Weigler
Legal Services Committee Co-Chair	_____ Ryann MacDonald
Legal Services Committee Co-Chair	_____ Nicole Mundt
Membership Committee Chair	_____ Holly Gummerson
Membership Committee Chair	_____ Gina Weitzenkorn
Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chair	_____ Jessica Brown
Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chair	_____ Alison Zinn
Programs Committee Co-Chair	_____ Monica Loseman
Programs Committee Co-Chair	_____ Catherine Shea
Publications Committee Co-Chair	_____ Shelly Dill-Combs
Publications Committee Co-Chair	_____ Kelly Snodgrass
Public Policy Committee Co-Chair	_____ Sarah Chase-McRorie
Public Policy Committee Co-Chair	_____ Shannon Stevenson

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Signature of CWBA Member

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Printed Name of CWBA Member

**COLORADO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION  
PROXY FORM**

**(Do not complete this form if you choose to vote by using the Mail-In Ballot)**

**Annual Business Meeting  
Saturday, June 11, 2011      Vail, Colorado**

FILL IN EITHER I or II

**I.      UNLIMITED PROXY.**

The undersigned, a member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association (the "CWBA"), hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_

(name of appointee)

with full power of substitution, as attorney and proxy to act and vote on behalf of the undersigned at the Annual Business Meeting of the CWBA to be held on June 11, 2011, and at any adjournments thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CWBA Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of CWBA Member

**II.      LIMITED PROXY**

My proxy is limited as follows (please specify instructions and fill in the blanks below):

**IN HIS/HER DISCRETION,**

the proxy (is\_\_\_) (is not \_\_\_) authorized to vote upon the Candidates for Board of Directors;

the proxy (is\_\_\_) (is not \_\_\_) authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting, including but not limited to proposals, nominations, revisions, or other matters made from the floor at the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of CWBA Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of CWBA Member

**NOTE:** If a member votes by proxy, voting rights may be affected by additional nominations, run-off elections, or matters presented from the floor.

**PLEASE GIVE THIS PROXY TO YOUR DESIGNATED APPOINTEE.  
DO NOT MAIL IT TO THE CWBA OFFICE.**