



COLORADO LAWYERS COMMITTEE

Special Update

March 27, 2008

The Colorado Lawyers Committee sponsored a Legal Night Volunteer Appreciation Party on January 31, 2008. Special awards were provided to Legal Night volunteers who have shown great dedication to Legal Night in 2007. Thank you to all our Legal Night Volunteers!



Legal Night Committee Chair, Tim MacDonald (Arnold & Porter LLP) and Steering Committee member Matt Willis (IKON Office Solutions, Inc.) present Above and Beyond Awards to volunteers Jeff Erickson and Adam Foster (McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP) and Diego Hunt (Holland & Hart LLP).



Tim MacDonald (Arnold & Porter LLP) and Matt Willis (IKON Office Solutions, Inc.) present Above and Beyond Awards to Sherry Lin (Law Offices of Sherry Lin, LLC), Emily Roberts (Wedgle & Kukreja, P.C.), T.A. Taylor-Hunt (Law Offices of T.A. Taylor-Hunt LLC), Suzanne Fasing (City Attorney's Office), and Tom Wagner (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP).

Legal Night Volunteer Appreciation Party. Since the Legal Night Clinics began in 2006, legal volunteers have served over 3,000 individuals and families. Legal Night continues to be a great success! The Legal Night Volunteer Appreciation party honored the following volunteers for their outstanding service in 2007:

Snell & Wilmer L.L.P., Adam Foster (McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP), **Jeff Erickson** (McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP), **Diego Hunt** (Holland & Hart LLP), **Emily Roberts** (Wedgle & Kukreja, P.C.), **Cecilia Kupchik** (Wegher & Associates), **Sherry Lin** (Law Offices of Sherry Lin, LLC), **Tom Wagner** (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP), **Suzanne Fasing** (City Attorney's Office), **T.A. Taylor-Hunt** (Law Offices of T.A. Taylor-Hunt, LLC), Interpreters **Angela Reyes** (Arnold & Porter LLP), **Nereida Corral**, **Lindsay Vangilder**, **Zenia Douglas**, **Crystal Castillo**, **Daisy Mendez**, and **Vanessa Vargas**. Special recognition went to **Leonard Vigil** (Arnold & Porter LLP), and the Colorado Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Thank you to Daphne O'Connor and Nea Brown for your work on the Executive Committee. We appreciate all you've done on behalf of the Colorado Lawyers Committee.

Project Homeless Connect. The 6th Project Homeless Connect will be **May 9, 2008** at the University of Denver. Project Homeless Connect links over 1,000 homeless individuals in Denver to housing, employment, medical services, public benefits, and many other valuable services. Lawyers, paralegals, and law students are needed to provide legal information and referrals at the Legal Resource Center. Additionally, volunteers are needed at **Homeless Court** to process and resolve individual warrants for municipal citations that may impede a person's ability to obtain housing, employment, or other valuable services.

The last Project Homeless Connect was very successful: over 152 people were served at the Legal Resource Center and 82 warrants were resolved at Homeless Court. To volunteer, please contact Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.

Welcome New Colorado Lawyers Committee Executive Committee Members

Nancy B. Elkind (Stern Elkind Curray & Alterman LLP)

Michael J. Hofmann (Holme Roberts & Owen LLP)

Timothy R. Macdonald (Arnold & Porter LLP)

**You're Invited to the Colorado Lawyers
Committee Annual Awards Luncheon:**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008
11:30-1:30**

**The Marriott City Center
1701 California Street**

**For more information, please visit
www.coloradolawyerscommittee.org**

**Hate Violence Teaching Tolerance
*New Volunteers Always Welcome!***

The Hate Violence Task Force presents fictional trials for students across Colorado. Through the program, students obtain a greater understanding of Colorado's hate crimes law and the importance of diversity.

To volunteer contact Tarek Saad (Holland & Hart LLP)

Education Task Force. The Task Force is partnering with Kevin Welner, a University of Colorado professor on the *State Education Code Project*. Professor Welner and other academics will create a series of papers, each of which will explore a particular education policy issue. Volunteer lawyers will then translate the ideas into proposed statutory language or School Board-level rules and the results will be published. The initial paper, focusing on "Multiple Pathways" has been drafted by two UCLA professors. Multiple Pathways offers students and their families choices among a variety of high school programs, based on students' interests and on the unique strengths and opportunities in their communities. Volunteer lawyers are now in the process of drafting proposed statutory language. For more information or to volunteer for the Education Task Force, contact Craig Stewart (Holland & Hart LLP) or John Walsh (Hill & Robbins, P.C.).

Legal Night. Volunteer lawyers are always needed for the twice monthly Legal Night Clinics. Upcoming clinics are **Wednesday, April 2, 2008** at Centro San Juan Diego (2830 Lawrence) and **Tuesday, April 15, 2008** at Mi Casa Resource Center (360 Acoma Street). New volunteers are welcome! Please RSVP to Susan Cole at susan_cole@aporter.com.



The Mental Health Task Force discusses ways to improve mental health services for children and the underprivileged in Colorado.

Election Task Force. The Task Force is closely monitoring a number of issues facing elections in Colorado following the decertification (and subsequent recertification) of many voting machines and scanners last December and the introduction of legislation regarding the 2008 elections. The task force has provided valuable feedback to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Secretary of State regarding the following issues:

- **Reporting of Votes by Precincts** - The Task Force believes that precinct-level reporting is necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and to permit all parties to adequately analyze the voting results (voter turnout, voting discrepancies, etc.) in specific districts after the 2010 census.
- **Voting by Persons with Disabilities** - The Help America Vote Act requires the use of accessible voting procedures to ensure that people with disabilities are able to vote privately and without assistance. The use of paper ballots makes compliance with these requirements difficult.
- **Election Audits** - The Task Force believes that, because of the uncertainty caused by the decertification of the voting machines, the State should improve its pre- and post-election audits to assure greater confidence in the accuracy of the vote.
- **Statewide Voter Identification Database** - The federally mandated statewide voter database (SCORE) is scheduled to be used for the first time in the 2008 elections. There are several concerns regarding whether the new system will function properly.

For more information on the Election Task Force, contact task force co-chairs Gale Miller (Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP) or Richard Westfall (Hale Friesen, LLP).

WELCOME NEW FIRMS

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is pleased to welcome the following new contributing law firms:

Downey & Murray LLC
Neeti Pawar, LLC
Sterling Gregory & Plotkin, LLC
Stoel Rives LLP



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