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Kristen Clarke, U.S. Department of Justice
Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

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Special Recognition Awards

Past Chair Award

Individual of the Year Award

Law Firm of the Year Award

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Kristen Clarke
Assistant Attorney General
for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Justice

Kristen Clarke is the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice. In this role, she leads the Justice Department's broad federal civil rights enforcement efforts and works to uphold the civil and constitutional rights of all who live in America. Assistant Attorney General Clarke is a lifelong civil rights lawyer who has spent her entire career in public service.

Assistant Attorney General Clarke began her career as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division through the Department of Justice's Honors Program. In 2006, she joined the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she helped lead the organization's work in the areas of voting rights and election law across the country. Ms. Clarke worked on cases defending the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act, presented oral argument to the D.C. District Court in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, and has provided testimony on federal and state voting rights legislation. In 2011, she was named the head of the Civil Rights Bureau for the New York State Attorney General's Office, where she led broad civil rights enforcement actions. Under her leadership, the Bureau secured landmark agreements with banks to address unlawful redlining, employers to address barriers to reentry for people with criminal backgrounds, police departments on reforms to policies and practices, major retailers on racial profiling of consumers, landlords on discriminatory housing policies, school districts concerning issues relating to the school-to-prison pipeline and more. In 2015, Ms. Clarke was named the president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations founded at the request of John F. Kennedy. There, she led the organization's legal work in courts across the country addressing some of the nation's most complex racial justice and civil rights challenges.

Assistant Attorney General Clarke was born in Brooklyn, New York. After graduating from Choate Rosemary Hall, she received her A.B. from Harvard University and her J.D. from Columbia Law School.



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The Colorado Lawyers Committee is delighted to honor the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) for its extraordinary support of small businesses in Colorado and for its partnership with the CLC on two programs to provide legal assistance to small businesses.

OEDIT's mission is to achieve and sustain a healthy Colorado economy that works for everyone. The agency strives to advance the state's economy through financial and technical assistance in support of local and regional economic development activities throughout Colorado. OEDIT works with statewide partners (and through its 15 Small Business Development Centers throughout the state) to create a positive business climate that encourages dynamic economic development and sustainable job growth.

Small businesses provide nearly half of Colorado's jobs. Many of these businesses were devastated by COVID-19, with minority and women-owned small businesses being hit the hardest. In June 2020, the CLC launched a new legal program, Colorado COVID Legal Relief (CCLR- coloradocovidrelief.org), in partnership with the Colorado Attorney General's Office and several other organizations. OEDIT quickly became a critical partner in CCLR, providing invaluable support to assure that businesses had access to information on the full range of economic programs available to support them during the pandemic. In its first year of operation, CCLR provided legal assistance to more than 250 small businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19, and helped countless others avoid bankruptcy through OEDIT's consulting services.

Following the worst of the pandemic, and recognizing the absence of legal resources available to small businesses, OEDIT encouraged the CLC and others to help create the Colorado Small Business Legal Assistance Program which provides one-hour of free legal consultation for small businesses. The program is housed at OEDIT and, in addition to the CLC, includes the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado, the Sam Cary Bar Association, the Association of Corporate Counsel-Colorado Chapter, the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, the Colorado Women's Bar Association, and Legal Entrepreneurs for Justice. The program has been operating on a limited basis but recently completed its pilot phase. Almost 100 volunteers have signed up to provide assistance and more than 40 small businesses have already received assistance.

OEDIT's efforts on behalf of Colorado's small businesses and its impact on the health of Colorado's economy have been truly remarkable, and the Colorado Lawyers Committee is proud to honor OEDIT with the CLC's Special Recognition Award.



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Angela Reyes

Since 2006, Angela Reyes has been an integral part of Denver Legal Night, the (now) twice monthly clinic that offers individuals who are unable to afford a lawyer an opportunity to speak with an attorney and receive legal advice or a referral to a legal resource. When Denver Legal Night began, Angela was asked (by Arnold & Porter where she was a paralegal) to attend the clinic to translate. In a very short time, she was hooked (and so were we). Angela quickly turned into the greeter extraordinaire, welcoming clients as they arrived, speaking to them (often in Spanish) about the nature of their legal issues and helping make sure they were matched with the appropriate type of attorney. When the CLC expanded the program to twice a month, Angela expanded her role. When the CLC created a similar program in Weld County, Angela expanded her role again, driving to Greeley, often every other month, for ten years to greet clients. She also participated in clinics at Ft. Morgan and Pueblo (twice). In 2020, when the pandemic required Legal Night to transition to a virtual format, Angela took on the responsibility for communicating with the clients and helping assure they were matched with the appropriate type of lawyer.

In the last 16 years, the Denver Legal Night and Greeley Legal Night Clinics have served more than 32,000 people. Many of those individuals and families were lucky enough to be greeted by Angela, who possesses a unique talent for making people feel welcome. The success of Denver Legal Night and Greeley Legal Night would not have been possible without Angela's tireless efforts, genuine caring and big heart. We are honored to recognize Angela with a Special Recognition Award.



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Rebecca Anderson Fischer (Sherman & Howard L.L.C.)

The Board of Directors of the Colorado Lawyers Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to Rebecca Anderson Fischer for her outstanding leadership as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Rebecca served as Board Chair from February 2020 until March 2022 and helped direct significant projects and expansion of the Lawyers Committee. Most significantly Rebecca led the Colorado Lawyers Committee during one of its most challenging times in dealing with the impacts presented by the COVID pandemic. While navigating the need for virtual meetings, offices, and events she provided unwavering leadership in keeping things both on track and moving forward. Highlights include directing the transition to a virtual format of the Board of Directors (first virtual meeting July 18, 2021), the Hate Crimes Task Force, Denver Legal Night and the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic, support for and expansion of the Young Lawyers Division, and establishment of the Colorado COVID Legal Relief program which assisted 250 small businesses impacted by the pandemic. It was a busy, productive and impactful two years in which the Colorado Lawyers Committee thrived and grew despite the constraints and restrictions of the COVID pandemic. We are thankful to have had Rebecca's leadership for what everyone hopes was an unprecedented and not to be repeated period of time.

Thank you, Rebecca, for your enthusiasm, commitment, wisdom, and significant contributions as Chair of the Colorado Lawyers Committee Board of Directors.

The Colorado Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel partners with and supports the work of the Colorado Lawyers Committee in creating and increasing opportunities for children, the poor and other disadvantaged communities through advocacy, negotiation and litigation.

Colorado ACC salutes its many members who contribute to and participate in the pro bono opportunities that the Colorado Lawyers Committee offers them and congratulates today's honorees and nominees.



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NOMINEE FOR INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR AWARD



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Carolyn S. Powell (MCR Development)

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is honoring Carolyn Powell this year for her leadership and her many contributions to the work of the CLC. She has been the liaison between the CLC and the Association of Corporate Counsel-Colorado Chapter (ACC) for many years and is actively involved in numerous CLC projects. In the nonprofit area, Carolyn has been active for many years on the Steering Committee of the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic, which provides an opportunity for small nonprofits to work with teams of volunteer attorneys to receive an audit of their legal health. Carolyn also frequently volunteers to represent small nonprofits who request help on a specific issue through the CLC's Nonprofit Matching Program. Carolyn has also worked with the CLC's three small business programs: She was an early volunteer with the Mile High United Way Business Advisory Project, assisted at least two small businesses who applied through the Colorado COVID Legal Relief Project, and serves as the ACC representative on the new Small Business Legal Program which provides one-hour free legal consultations for small businesses throughout the state. Carolyn is a frequent volunteer at Denver Legal Night and has served on the CLC Racial Justice Task Force. Carolyn has been an active contributor to the CLC and we are grateful for the difference she has made in our community.



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Pascal C. Schunk (Schunk Law Firm P.C.)

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is honoring Pascal Schunk this year for his exceptional dedication to volunteering with the Colorado Lawyers Committee through Denver Legal Night. Denver Legal Night began in 2006 as an effort to provide legal information and referrals to individuals who did not otherwise have access to legal services and cannot afford legal services. The Colorado Lawyers Committee sponsors two monthly Legal Night clinics at Centro San Juan Diego. Issues generally include immigration, family, consumer, and housing matters; volunteer interpreters also are available to assist when needed. Since Denver Legal Night began, more than 30,000 individuals have been served. As an immigration lawyer, Pascal has been an important presence in this effort. In the past six years, Pascal has volunteered at Denver Legal Night over 116 times (not including 2022), often staying until the last client is heard (well beyond the two-hour commitment requested). In 2021 alone, Pascal participated in all but one of the virtual Legal Nights. In fact, Pascal comes to every Legal Night except when he is on vacation! Pascal's extraordinary skill with clients, his dedication to making a difference and his long-term support and participation have been essential to the success of this important program.



Justice for All

Ballard Spahr is proud to support CLC as it advocates for systemic change in providing justice for all. We commend our friend and colleague, Sarah Wallace, and congratulate all of this year's dedicated honorees.



NOMINEE FOR INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR AWARD



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Sarah B. Wallace (Ballard Spahr LLP)

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is honoring Sarah Wallace this year for her leadership in “phase two” of the Taylor Ranch Litigation. For more than 40 years, CLC volunteers have worked to protect the rights of landowners in the San Luis Valley to access a 77,500-acre mountainous parcel known as the Taylor Ranch to graze their animals and collect timber. This right was created in the mid-1800’s when settlers on the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant, then a part of Mexico, were promised access to the mountainous regions near their homes for uses necessary for their survival. More than 100 years later, Jack Taylor purchased and fenced off the land. After successful resolution of almost all the issues in favor of our clients (and three visits to the Colorado Court of Appeals), the ranch owner began intimidating the landowners by excessively tracking them, interrogating them, and treating them like trespassers. In 2020, Sarah agreed to get involved, along with four other volunteers from Ballard Spahr LLP, to address the ranch owner’s recent egregious behavior and to attempt to stop the ranch owner’s harassment and unreasonable interference with the plaintiff’s easement. In early 2021, the team filed a motion to stop the ranch owner from intimidating the landowners by excessively tracking them, interrogating them, treating them like trespassers and unilaterally imposing restrictions on their easement rights. After extensive briefing and a two-day evidentiary hearing, the Court granted the team’s motion finding the ranch treated the landowners like second class citizens and exploited the inherent imbalance of power. Sarah’s skillful and effective leadership have been a terrific addition to this important fight.

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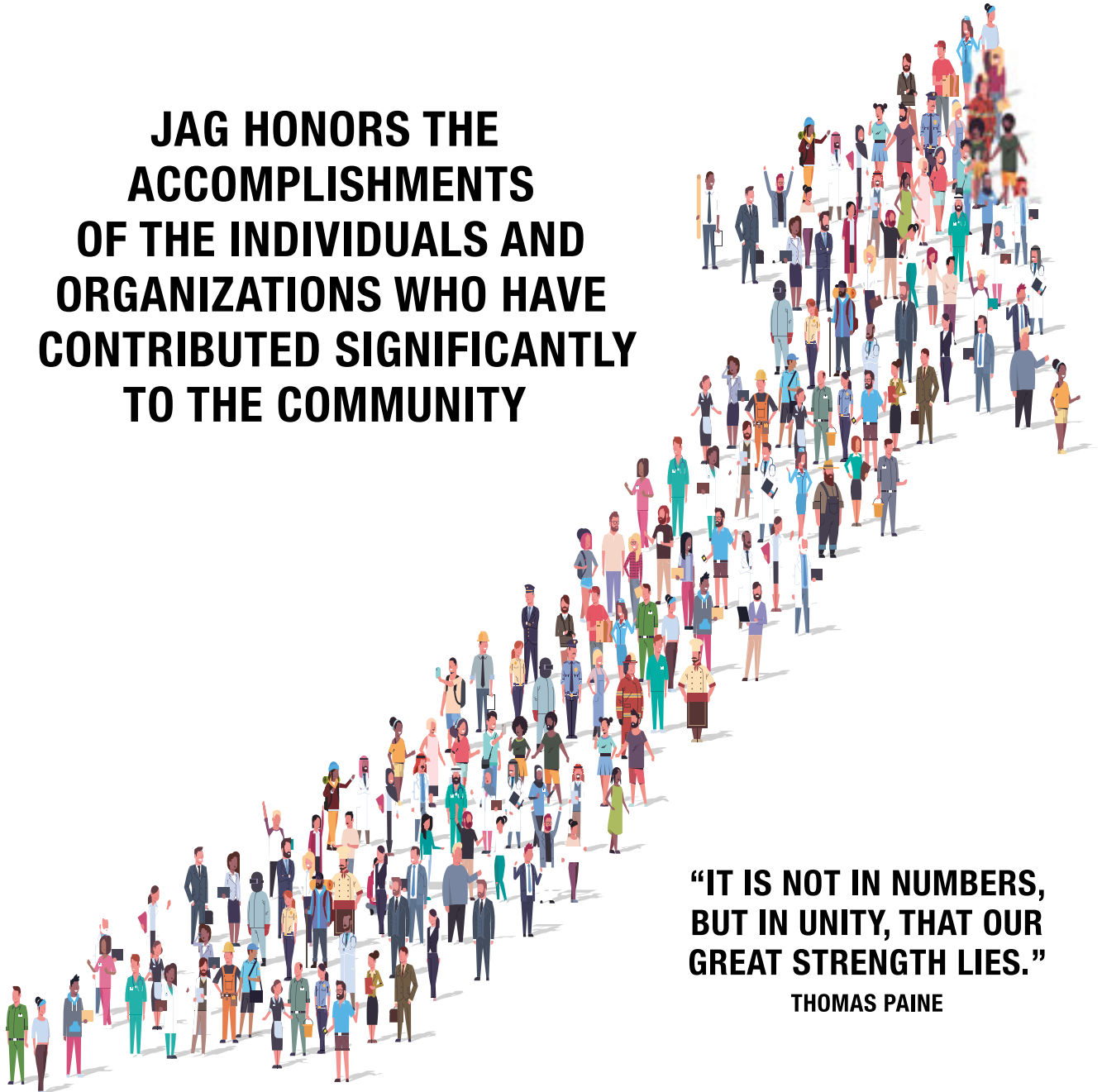
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Steven Williams

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is honoring Steven Williams this year for his outstanding contributions to the CLC in the area of immigration. Steven serves as the Co-Chair of the CLC's Immigration Task Force and has been the master coordinator of the task force's numerous activities. The ICE at the Courthouse Subcommittee has worked to prohibit Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers from making civil arrests at courthouses in Colorado, deterring immigrants from coming forward to report crimes or testify; the Subcommittee successfully drafted and supported legislation prohibiting ICE civil arrests at the courthouse and then educated law enforcement about the new statute. Under Steven's guidance, the CLC's Immigration Task Force Probation Disclosure Subcommittee analyzed the disclosure practices of Colorado's probation departments and joined the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, the Office of Alternate Defense Counsel, and the ACLU in a letter to the Colorado Supreme Court successfully calling for changes to the policy based on the negative impact it had on rehabilitation and reintegration, community safety, and the criminal justice system. And since 2021, Steven has been a crucial member of the leadership group of the Afghan Asylum Project which is organizing workshops where hundreds of volunteers help resettled Afghans apply for asylum. Steven's quiet leadership and wisdom have been essential to the success of all these important CLC efforts.

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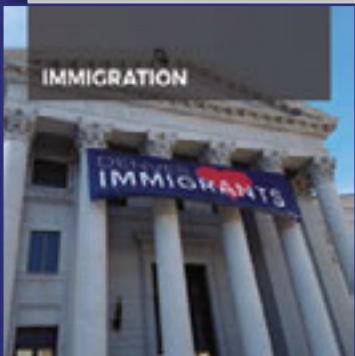
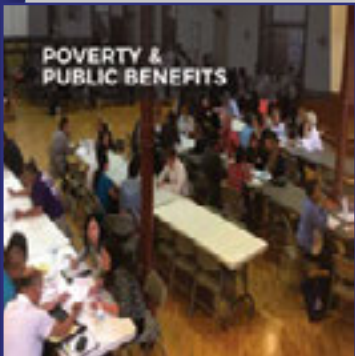


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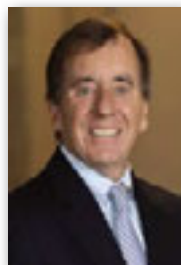
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During 2021, forty-six attorneys at the firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP participated in sixteen Colorado Lawyers Committee projects (31% of the firm's lawyers) and served in leadership roles in five of the projects. Peter Schwartz served on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; Kenzo Kawanabe and Sarah Carlson (CHBA representative) also served on the CLC Board of Directors. Jon Goldstein served on the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Board and served on the YLD Racial Justice Summit and Lunches with Legends Planning Teams. Peter Schwartz served on the Steering Committee the Colorado COVID Legal Assistance project (CCLR) and ten other firm lawyers represented small businesses through CCLR: Catherine Hance, Chris Lane, Sterling LeBoeuf, Zach Miller, Maria Oxman, Patricia Peterson, Alena Prokop, Lucas Satterlee, Taylor Smith, Betsy Temkin. Maria Oxman also served as a Webinar Presenter for CCLR. Peter Schwartz served on the Steering Committee for the new Small Business Program and Elizabeth Vonne participated in the program. Peter Schwartz also chaired the Mile High United Way Business Advisory Project. Nine firm lawyers participated in the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinics: Toni Budd, Jessica Dangoia-Crandall, Steph Danner, Christopher Lane, Rob McCary, Patricia Peterson, Elise Reecer, Sam Seiberling and Kelsey Swagger; Peter Schwartz was a CLE presenter at the February Clinic. Chris Lane chaired the Nonprofit Matching Program and Chris and Caitlin Cronin Woodward helped three small nonprofits; Trent Martinet provided copyright advice to a small nonprofit. Four firm lawyers served on the CLC Education Task Force: Sarah Carlson, Tess Hand-Bender, Kenzo Kawanabe, and Emily Wasserman. Sarah Carlson and Kenzo Kawanabe also served on the Education Task Force's School Finance Subcommittee. Two firm lawyers volunteered at Denver Legal Night: Jessica Dangoia-Crandall and Chris Lane. Almira Moronne served on the Racial Justice Task Force. Seventeen firm lawyers participated on the CLC Immigration Task Force's PASS project (Preparing Asylum Seekers for Success): Wanda Abel, Bill Bianco, Jeff Brandel, Katie Brown, Jim Henderson, Tom Johnson, Kenzo Kawanabe, Zach Miller, Claire Mueller, Kirk Mueller, Maria Oxman, Patricia Peterson, Kathleen Pritchard, Alena Prokop, Mike Richardson, Jackie Roeder, and Kevin Teng. Kate Sanford served as Firm Coordinator for the PASS Project. Three firm lawyers attended Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Training and agreed to take a pro bono case: Molly Kokesh, Rachael Lechner, and Patricia Peterson. Patricia Peterson also served on the CLC Immigration Task Force and its Finance and Afghan Asylum Subcommittees.

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During 2021, all of the firm's leadership at the Hernandez & Associates law firm participated in Colorado Lawyers Committee projects (40% of the firm's lawyers). Arnulfo Hernandez, the firm's Managing Partner, served on the CLC Board of Directors and was a Chair's Roundtable member. He also volunteered at Denver Legal Night to provide advice and referrals to low-income clients who did not otherwise have access to legal services. Arnulfo contributed his time to give free legal advice on immigration, credit, housing, employment, and family law. He and other volunteers consulted, by telephone (the Clinic switched from in-person to virtual in early 2020 before returning to in-person more than two years later, in July 2022) with individuals to help determine significant legal issues, referred individuals to legal services, and answered questions about the legal process with volunteer interpreter assistance. Edain Butterfield, Director of the firm's Removal Defense Department, also volunteered at Denver Legal Night thirteen times in 2021, almost 40 hours of pro-bono legal help! Jon Booker, a Shareholder at the firm, participated in the CLC Young Lawyers Division and encouraged young legal professions to make a difference in the community. Christine Hernandez, also a Shareholder at the firm, served as co-chair of the Racial Justice Task Force and Chair of the Task Force's Internal Subcommittee. The Racial Justice Task Force was formed in the summer of 2020, in response to recent events in our country, including the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and so many more, in order to reassess the internal and external racial justice practices of the Colorado Lawyers Committee. As Chair, Christine has devoted significant time to strengthening the relationships between the CLC and the individual specialty bars, and the relationships between the CLC and the diverse student organizations at both law schools. In September 2021, the Task Force joined with the CLC Young Lawyers Division to hold a highly successful virtual Racial Justice Summit, on racial justice and voting rights. Speakers Ruchi Kapoor, Brian Mason and Qusair Mohamedbhai provided wonderful insights. The task force will co-sponsor with the YLD the Second Annual Racial Justice Summit on September 29, 2022 on the topic of voting rights and racial justice. Christine also worked with the task force on outreach to lawyers of color in the legal community and helped create a "best practices" survey which will assist CLC contributing law firms to assess their EDI efforts and encourage them to consider implementing additional EDI practices.



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During 2021, eighteen attorneys at Sherman & Howard participated in twelve different Colorado Lawyers Committee projects (15% of the firm's lawyers) and were active in the leadership of six task forces. Rebecca Fischer served as Chair of the CLC Executive Committee and she and Tamir Goldstein served on the CLC Board of Directors. Three lawyers served on the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Board: Alyssa Levy, Alex Mancero, and Stephen Robin. Tamir Goldstein was active in the leadership of the Children's Task Force Foster Care Subcommittee, which advocated for increased appropriate placements and mental health services for children in foster care. Beth Ann Lennon served on the Steering Committee of the Hate Crimes Education Task Force which offers presentations on Colorado's Hate Crimes Statute to schools and community groups around the state. Joe Bronesky provided legal advice to the CLC regarding our malpractice insurance. Three firm lawyers participated in the Colorado Covid Legal Relief Task Force (CCLR) and assisted small businesses adversely impacted by COVID: Christian Hendrickson, Ryan Shaffer, and Mark Williams. Mark also presented a webinar to small businesses as part of the CCLR project. Alyssa represented two nonprofits as part of the CLC Nonprofit Matching Program. Three attorneys volunteered at the Nonprofit Legal Audit Clinic (where teams of lawyers meet with representatives of small nonprofits to assess the organizations' legal health): Alan Keeffe, Alyssa Levy and Alex Mancero; Ryan Christ was a presenter during the CLE portion of the Clinic. Mike Cook participated in the Immigration Task Force and its Finance Subcommittee. Steven Robin served on the YLD team that organized Denver Legal Night clinics (which provide legal information and referrals for individuals and families who can't afford legal services) and he and two other lawyers volunteered at the clinic: Katie DeVries and Alyssa Levy. Six lawyers participated in the Taylor Ranch litigation: Joe Bronesky, Rebecca Fischer, Amy Knapp, Stephen Robin, Ryan Shaffer, and Cyndi Stovall. Rebecca Fischer chaired the CLC Housing Task Force and Cory Kalanick was a member of the task force. Alyssa Levy and Steven Robin helped plan the highly successful YLD Racial Justice Summit in September 2021 on the topic of racism in the criminal justice system; Alex Mancero served as Racial Justice Summit Chair. Alex and Dan Pedraza were active on the Racial Justice Task Force.



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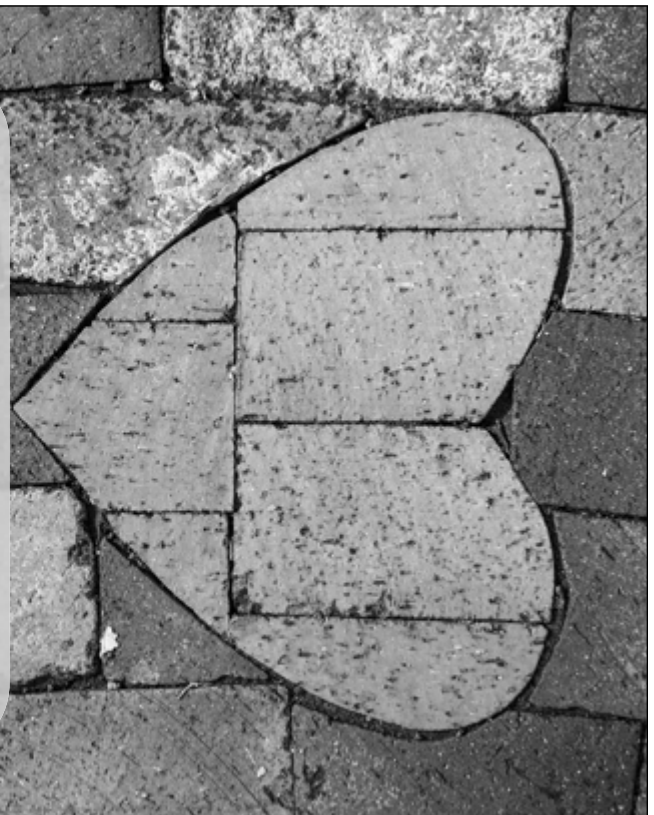


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- 2009 – Steven M. Kaufmann
- 2008 – Michael J. Cook
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- 2006 – Gale T. Miller
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- 2004 – Edwin S. Kahn
- 2003 – Taylor Ranch Team:
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- 2001 – James E. Scarboro
- 2000 – Robert F. Hill
- 1999 – Glen E. Keller, Jr.
- 1998 – Karen Tomb

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- 2021 – The Harris Law Firm
- 2020 – No award given
- 2019 – Snell & Wilmer
- 2018 – Husch Blackwell LLP
- 2017 – Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
- 2016 – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP



2021 Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award Recipient Peter H. Schwartz

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- 2015 – Snell & Wilmer
- 2014 – Patton Boggs LLP
- 2013 – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP
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- 2005 – Musgrave & Theis LLP
- 2004 – No award given
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- 1999 – McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P.
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- 1992 – Sherman & Howard L.L.C.
- 1990 – Holland & Hart LLP



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2019- Jail Wait Litigation Team

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Caleb Durling
Mark Ivandick
Scott Llewellyn
Ellie Lockwood
Brent Owen
Elizabeth Weil
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2018 – Christine Snider

2017 – Jail Wait Litigation Team

Iris Eytan
Caleb Durling
Mark Ivandick
Kelsey Lesco
Ellie Lockwood
Jason Lynch
Jenn Purrington

2016 – Aaron A. Boschee

2015 – Amendment 23 (*Dwyer v. Colorado*) Litigation Team:

Zhonette Brown
Sean Connelly
Kathleen Gebhardt
Nathaniel Hake
Timothy R. Macdonald
Terry R. Miller

2014 – Susan Cole

2013 – *Lobato v. State of Colorado* Appellate Team Leaders:

Kathleen J. Gebhardt
Jennifer Weiser Bezoza
Marcy G. Glenn
Terry R. Miller

2012 – *Lobato v. State of Colorado* Litigation Team:

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Clarissa M. Raney
Daniel P. Spivey
Kyle C. Velte
Natalie West
Mark B. Wiletsky
Susan Williams
Jessica Yates
Alyssa K. Yatsko

2011 – John H. Tatlock

2010 – Homeless ID Steering Committee:
James W. Hubbell
Diego G. Hunt

James Kilroy
Timothy R. Macdonald
Nan Morehead
Linda J. Olson
Julie Spence Prine
Katrin Miller Rothgery
Thomas W. Snyder
Lindsay A. Unruh

2009 – Daniel A. Sweetser

2008 – Project Homeless Connect Team:

Susan Cole
Timothy R. Macdonald
Alice L. Norman
Peter G. Schwartz
Leonard Segreti

2007 – Sean Connelly

2006 – Kristen L. Mix and Tarek F.M. Saad

2005 – Computer Benefits Management

System Litigation Team:

D. Elisabeth Arenales
Michael J. Cook
Maureen S. Farrell
Edwin S. Kahn

2004 – No award given

2003 – Richard F. Hennessey

2002 – Steven M. Kaufmann

2001 – Medicaid Litigation Team:

Teresa L. Ashmore
Lawrence E. Volmert
Lawrence W. Treece
Gregory C. Parham
B. Lawrence Theis

2000 – Welfare Reform Task Force and Litigation Team:

Thomas S. Nichols
Christopher P. Beall
Barbara Z. Blumenthal
Eric Fisher
Kimberly E. Ghiselli
Natalie Hanlon-Leh
T.A. Taylor-Hunt
Steven D. Zansberg

1999 – Mary W. Trainor

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1997 – James E. Scarboro, Kathleen Nalty, F. Stephen Collins

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In August 2019, the YLD created a new CLE Series where YLD members learn trial advocacy skills through trainings led by distinguished Denver trial attorneys and judges. When the program was suspended in early 2020 due to the pandemic, the YLD created its **Lunches with Legends** Program where legends in the Colorado legal community answer questions from YLD members during a free, one-hour zoom meeting designed to inspire young lawyers on their path to greatness. During the series, we have been fortunate to speak with U.S. District Court Judges Brooke Jackson and Christie Arguello, Magistrate Judge Kristen Mix, U.S. Representatives Diana DeGette, Joe Neguse and Jason Crow, Colorado Supreme Court Justice Melissa Hart, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold, former Secretary of State Bernie Buescher, Colorado Public Defender Megan Ring, former U.S. Attorney John Walsh, Judges Gary Jackson and Karen Steinhauser, Denver City Attorney Kristin Bronson, and renowned trial attorney Hal Haddon. We thank all our Legends for sharing their time and wisdom with us.

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OUTSTANDING SUSTAINED CONTRIBUTION AWARD JEROME A. DEHERRERA (ACHIEVE LAW GROUP LLC)



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The Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award is presented each year to an individual whose participation with the Colorado Lawyers Committee over many years has significantly and positively promoted its mission, making an important difference in the lives of children and the underprivileged. This year's recipient is Jerome A. DeHerrera of Achieve Law Group LLC.

Jerome received his B.A. in Economics from Colorado College in 1997, with distinction and honors. He received a Master's Degree in Public Policy in 2001 from Georgetown University, and his J.D. from Stanford in 2004. He began his legal career at Arnold & Porter and then moved to Davis Graham & Stubbs. He then served as General Counsel for Denver Public Schools before creating Achieve Law Group in 2018. His areas of expertise include litigation, political law, education law, contracts, regulatory compliance, real estate, and business law.

The Colorado Lawyers Committee is honoring Jerome DeHerrera for his tireless efforts for more than 15 years on behalf of the plaintiffs in the Taylor Ranch litigation (*Lobato v. Taylor*). Jerome has donated more than 2,000 pro bono hours (that he has reported) to this effort to assure the rights of families whose ancestors settled the San Luis Valley. Jerome first became involved in the litigation in 2005, when he was a newly-minted attorney at Arnold & Porter. Over the years he has served as Task Force Chair, Co-Chair, appellate attorney, and consultant.

The Taylor Ranch litigation involves the rights of landowners in the San Luis Valley to access a 77,500-acre mountainous parcel known as the Taylor Ranch, or as the locals call it: *La Sierra*. This right was created in the mid-1800's when settlers on the Sangre de Cristo Land Grant, then a part of Mexico, were promised access to the mountains near their homes for survival purposes, including wood, grazing, fishing and hunting. More than 100 years later, Jack Taylor purchased and fenced off the land, leading to several decades of litigation and multiple appeals. In 2003 the Colorado Supreme Court upheld the rights of the plaintiff property owners and identified the standard by which the District Court could identify the parcels that are entitled to the access rights. The Supreme Court then remanded the case to the District Court with a mandate to identify all of the parcels entitled to the access rights and to issue orders safeguarding those rights.

After more than ten years, the District Court had examined thousands of parcels of land and found that all but a few are entitled to access. The ranch owner, a young billionaire from Texas, then appealed the identification process and brought another round of appellate issues to the Court of Appeals seeking to eliminate or greatly reduce the access rights that had been confirmed by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's process and rejected all of the ranch owner's appellate arguments. Because the ranch owner did not appeal that decision, the Court of Appeal's decision is now the final decision on the substantive rights of the plaintiffs.

With the plaintiffs' access rights now firmly planted in Colorado law for perpetuity, the ranch owner has engaged in several new tactics to intimidate and harass the community so that they won't exercise their rights. He has also tried to divide the community and offered to buy their access rights. This has led to a whole new chapter in the litigation requiring the pro-bono attorneys to ask the District Court to issue orders safeguarding the plaintiffs' rights. In 2020, the Taylor Ranch team brought in a new team of lawyers to lead up this effort. In early 2021, the team filed a motion to stop the ranch owner from intimidating the landowners by excessively tracking them, interrogating them, treating them like trespassers and significantly limiting the plaintiffs' access to the ranch by closing traditional access points. The plaintiffs continue to seek remedies to prevent the ranch owner's interference with their easement rights.

The successes of the plaintiff landowners in the Taylor Ranch litigation would not have been possible without the more than 200 Colorado Lawyers Committee volunteers who have donated their time and talents over the past 24 years. Building on the dedication and hard work of the original lawyers, including Jeff Goldstein and many others, Jerome has continued the amazing tradition of pro bono service at its best. The Colorado Lawyers Committee is sincerely grateful to Jerome for his continued dedication and many contributions. We are proud to honor Jerome DeHerrera with the 2022 Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award.

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