



# FBA COLORADO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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## Meet the Federal Magistrates Event Held at DU Law School

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On March 27, 2013, the FBA Colorado Chapter, in partnership with the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, held a "Meet the Federal Magistrates" Event. This annual program was extremely well-attended and offered CLE credits to its more than 50 participants. Those in attendance ranged from practitioners to law students, and the program offered a unique behind-the-scenes glimpse into the work that Federal Magistrates do. ❖



Federal Magistrate Judges of the U.S. District Court of Colorado speaking at a panel discussion in the Faculty Library at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

## FBA National Grant Awarded to Colorado Chapter

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The Colorado Chapter is proud to announce that it was recently awarded a National FBA Grant to support the upcoming "For This We Stand" Joint First-Year Law Student Orientation Event scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013. The event was held for the first time last year, and the FBA Colorado Chapter was also a National FBA Grant recipient for that event, as well.

Created by Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender's Commission on the Legal Profession in 2012, the program involves a half-day professionalism orientation for all 460 of Colorado's first-year law students, with involvement of approximately 75 prominent members of the state and federal judiciary, the state and federal bar, and the faculty of Colorado's two law schools (535 total).

The program is designed to engage students, practitioners, and judges, in a courtroom setting for small group discussion. The professionalism curriculum for the breakout sessions comprised of judge-lawyer-client teams covers two themes. The first theme, which is carried over from the morning speakers, is that the work that lawyers do in the courtroom and in the lawyer's office is important both to the client and to society in that lawyers solve their client's problems, facilitate opportunities for their clients, and ensure compliance with the law. The second theme is that the strength of a lawyer's relationships—with clients, other lawyers, and the court—shape the lawyer's reputation and are central to a successful career. ❖

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## Federal Magistrates Plaque Installed at the Alfred A. Arraj Courthouse

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In March 2013, the FBA Colorado Chapter completed installation of a plaque identifying members of the Federal Magistrate bench at the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. A unique addition to the stunning, and architecturally note-worthy Alfred A. Arraj building, the FBA was honored to ensconce a permanent fixture in this building which identifies the distinguished members of this judicial institution in our community. ❖



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