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Message from the President

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In late December, 2012, the Board honored Eve Burton for her two years of service as President of the FBA Colorado Chapter. During her tenure, Eve presided over a number of successes including the Chapter's appointment as a liaison member to the Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession, supporting the reinvigoration of the Young Lawyers Division, and securing the award of an FBA Chapter Activity Grant for the first-ever "For This We Stand" 1st Year Law Student Orientation. During the past year, we saw FBA take an increasingly public role in the Colorado legal community, support the development of immigration training materials for the Our Courts Colorado



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New Program at University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

*FBA Colorado Chapter establishes a special Young Lawyers
Division Program*

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With a view to developing targeted programming for its FBA Young Lawyer's Division members, the Colorado Chapter recently established a relationship with the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php> It appointed recent DU Law graduate Myra Gottl as a member of the Board and appointed her chair of the Colorado Chapter's Young Lawyers Division. Through this partnership the FBA will be holding its annual "Meet the Magistrates" CLE this spring semester at the University of Denver, enabling students and members of the bar to learn about practice before the U.S. District Court alongside each other. ❖



CHAPTER MISSION 2013 – 2015

THE COLORADO CHAPTER HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING TWO INITIATIVES FOR THE 2013 THROUGH 2015 CALENDAR YEARS:

INITIATIVE 1: SUPPORT ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMS IN THE COLORADO LEGAL COMMUNITY.

INITIATIVE 2: SUPPORT HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM IN THE COLORADO LEGAL COMMUNITY.

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<http://www.ourcourtscolorado.org/index.cfm/ID/20403>, and engage in public speaking and legal scholarship on the issue of professionalism in the legal community.

This year, the Chapter has reinvigorated its Young Lawyers Division, and will be focusing on providing support to this large segment of the legal community. The Board and members of the Colorado Chapter provide opportunities to network with other members of the bench and bar and to work together on matters of mutual concern.

The Colorado Chapter works closely with federal judges, practitioners, and law students to advance the sound administration of justice. For the past year and a half, the Chapter has held a liaison position on the Colorado Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession. In that capacity, the Chapter supports the development of Pro Bono activities and assists in community education.

Besides serving our members, we look for unique opportunities to help chart the FBA's course at a national level as well as to be an active, responsible citizen in the Colorado legal community. We welcome you to become involved in your Chapter of the Federal Bar Association--if you have questions regarding membership or upcoming events, please contact me at [\(720\) 837-8737](tel:7208378737) or at mimi.tsankov@gmail.com. ♦

ARTICLE PUBLICATION

FBA Colorado Chapter President Mimi Tsankov published an article in the University of Denver Law Review entitled, "A New Take on the Top Ten Rules for Court and Professional Life," Mimi E. Tsankov & Jessica L. Grimes, A New Take on the Top Ten Rules for Court and Professional Life, 89 Denv. U. L. Rev. 369 (2012). The article was reprinted in the Colorado Bar Association's Legal Connection Blog in October 2012. ♦

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THE CHAPTER IS DEVELOPING PROGRAMMING THAT WILL SUPPORT ITS COMMITMENT TO THESE TWO INITIATIVES. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN HELPING US TO MEET THESE GOALS. ♦

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FBA Welcomes in the New Admittees at the Colorado Supreme Court Admission Ceremony

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On October 29, 2012, FBA Colorado Chapter Board Member David Fogel represented the Chapter at the Colorado Supreme Court Admission Ceremony for those who passed the July 2012 bar exam. The event was held at the Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver, Colorado, during which an estimated 800 new attorneys took the Oath of Admission. Admittees were welcomed by Chief Justice Michael L. Bender who presided over the ceremony, while CBA president Mark Fogg welcomed the new attorneys to the practice of law. Judge Russell Carparelli was presented with the ABA Civility Award. ♦

Commission on the Legal Profession Update

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The FBA Colorado Chapter continues to be very active in the work of Colorado Chief Justice Michael Bender's Commission on the Legal Profession. On January 11, 2013, Chief Justice Bender gave to the distinguished members of the General Assembly a speech on the State of the Judiciary. He reported that the Commission has, among other things:

- Assisted in the creation of the Colorado Bar Association's Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans program which represented 275 indigent veterans;
 - Initiated a statewide mentoring program with more than 150 mentors to improve the quality of legal service provided by young lawyers;
 - Assisted in the planning and staffing of new self-help centers in many courthouses throughout the state; and
 - Developed a legal professionalism month, which resulted in more than 50 programs throughout the state concerning professional and ethical conduct for attorneys.
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FBA Circuit Vice President Robert E. Bacharach Cleared for a Full Senate Vote

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The Honorable Robert E. Bacharach's nomination to be a judge on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is back before the full U.S. Senate. On February 7, 2013, the Senate Judiciary Committee cleared Judge Bacharach, who is currently a sitting U.S. magistrate judge in Oklahoma City. Judge Bacharach also serves as an FBA 10th Circuit Vice President. While he has strong bipartisan support, his nomination was stymied eight months ago by presidential politics as Republicans blocked votes on circuit court nominees. A new Congress was convened in January, and as a result Judge Bacharach's nomination had to be resubmitted. ♦

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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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