



JUDICIAL ROUNDTABLES

TABLE 1

Hon. Maria E. Berkenkotter
Colorado Supreme Court Justice

TABLE 2

“Well-being in the Legal Profession”

Hon. Monica Márquez
Colorado Supreme Court Justice

Justice Márquez’s roundtable will ask how do we, as a group, cultivate well-being in the legal profession? She will discuss her journey to realizing that self-care is mission critical. She will also discuss the efforts the Colorado Supreme Court is making to change the culture in this area—from the Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being to the Standing Committee on Judicial Well-Being to the new Employer Well-Being Recognition Program. She will advise participants about existing resources and ways they can get involved.

TABLE 3

“County Court is the People’s Court”

Hon. Renee` Goble
Denver County Court

Judge Goble will discuss the diverse cases and people we serve in Denver and how to prepare for County Court. She will also share information about pro bono opportunities for trial time for young civil attorneys in Denver County Court.

TABLE 4

“Don’t Rule Out a Career Transition to the Bench!”

Hon. Rayna Gokli, 17th Judicial District Court and **Hon. Mariana Vielma**, 17th Judicial District, Adams County Court

Judge Gokli and Judge Vielma will host a roundtable together. They will discuss the many diverse paths to reach the bench and encourage members to not sell themselves and their experiences short. They want



their roundtable discussion to be a sounding board for members who know they want to be judicial officers and even those who do not see the bench in their future.

TABLE 5

“Reaching Better Outcomes in High Conflict Matters”

Hon. Mary C. Hoak

14th Judicial District Court Judge

Judge Hoak’s roundtable will focus on how to reach better outcomes in high conflict matters. She will also discuss how she, as a judge, has been able to reach better outcomes in high conflict family law matters.

TABLE 6

“Challenges with Competency Across Different Dockets”

Hon. Julie Hoskins

Chief Judge, 19th Judicial District

Chief Judge Hoskins will focus her roundtable on the challenges of working with individuals who struggle with competency across different dockets, including criminal, domestic relations, probate, and mental health. She will discuss the avenues families (and others) may or may not have when dealing with individuals who are not competent because of developmental disabilities, mental illness, or addiction.

TABLE 7

“Professionalism and Civility Issues”

Hon. Bryon M. Large

Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge

Judge Large will lead a conversation on professionalism and civility issues affecting our profession, and how we can contribute to a more collegial culture in our profession.

TABLE 8

“The Path to Judicial Appointment”

Hon. Elizabeth Leith

Denver Probate Court Judge

Judge Leith will focus her roundtable on the path to a judicial appointment and what judges do once they are appointed. She will discuss the judicial appointment process, her own unique path to judicial appointment, and what duties have surprised her as a judge.



TABLE 9

“The Indian Child Welfare Act: Why it Matters and How to Comply”

Hon. Crista Newmyer-Olsen

12th Judicial District Court Judge

Judge Newmyer-Olsen will discuss her experience with dependency and neglect cases, as many individuals (and lawyers) lack understanding of these cases. Her discussion will address the bigger picture of these cases and why this act matters.

TABLE 10

“Experiences of Attorneys and Judges with Disabilities”

Hon. Anita Schutte

2nd Judicial District Court Judge

Judge Anita Schutte’s roundtable will focus on the experience of attorneys and judges with disabilities. She will share her own experience as an attorney and judge with a disability, what she has learned about how various disabilities may impact an attorney’s practice, and how her experiences led to the creation of a specialty bar.

TABLE 11

“Motions Practice in Federal Court”

Hon. Charlotte Sweeney

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

Judge Sweeney’s session will include a discussion of both written motions and oral arguments on motions.

TABLE 12

Hon. Christine Washburn

Denver County Court Magistrate



OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE ROUNDTABLES

TABLE 1

“Nurturing a Relationship-Based Practice in a Transactional World”

Shari Baker

Shari Baker, LLC

Shari will lead a discussion on identifying, developing, and maintaining professional relationships critical to transactional practice. She will focus on how to nurture relationships in an authentic and practical way. She will also give practical tips to survive, thrive, and have a life outside of work.

TABLE 2

“Leading with a Full Bucket”

Sarah Chase-McRorie

Vice-President, Senior Legal Counsel, for Matrix Financial Solutions, Inc., a Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. company

Sarah will use her roundtable to share insights about the importance of an inclusive workplace culture as it relates to retention, engagement and collaboration, and overall better organizational resilience. According to Ms. Chase-McRorie, gone are the days when leaders could attract and retain talent solely through compensation. Workers’ relationship with work has been shifting for some time, but the global pandemic accelerated people’s mindset about life-work balance and the desire for a healthy work environment and being sustained through wholistic professional practices.

TABLE 3

“Navigating Legal Considerations in Business Decisions”

Allison Gambill

Employment Counsel for Covetrus, Inc.

Allison’s roundtable will focus on how to navigate legal considerations when advising companies on their business decisions, big or small. She will address how good, in-house lawyers understand that the legal framework is only one part of the equation when making business decisions. She will also discuss how in-house lawyers work hand-in-hand with business team members for their own success and others.



TABLE 4

“The Trusted, Sought-After Business Partner”

Bethany Gorlin

Associate General Counsel of Ethics & Compliance for Woodward, Inc.

Bethany will discuss in-house counsel’s role as a legal translator and a creative problem solver. She will also explain in-house counsel’s ability to bridge the gap between the company and outside counsel.

TABLE 5

“Pivoting Your Career – Government Service”

Mollybeth “Molly” Kocialski

Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional United States Patent and Trademark Office

Molly’s roundtable topic is on how participants can pivot their career to government service, like she did. She will address how government service can boost participants’ resumes and prepare for their next leadership positions in their careers.

TABLE 6

“Taking Chances in Your Career: Perspectives from Government, Private Practice, and In House”

Melissa Lou

Assistant General Counsel for DaVita, Inc.

Melissa’s roundtable will focus on how it is never too late for participants to make changes in their careers. She will discuss how participants can build cohesive personal brands from different experiences and explain that it is acceptable (and beneficial) to move between different jobs depending on their interests are and what their personal life demands at the time.

TABLE 7

“Tips and Techniques for More Effective Negotiations”

Nancy Merrill

Attorney with Gibson, Arnold’s Distinguished Legal Advisor Program and Self- Employed Speaker and Negotiation Coach

Nancy will give tips to overcome hurdles, and think creatively and strategically, in negotiations.



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“Tips and Techniques for More Effective Negotiations”

Michelle Merz-Hutchinson

Deputy General Counsel for the Regional Transportation District

Michelle’s roundtable focuses on the unique aspects of working in-house at public and government entities. She will share her own experience working as in-house counsel at several different public entities in Colorado.

TABLE 9

“Law Practice Paths Inside the University Setting”

Anne Stark Walker

Vice President and General Counsel for the Colorado School of Mines

Anne’s roundtable topic is about having a career in higher education. She will address pathways for pursuing positions in this area, and if time permits, touch on lessons learned, or things she wishes she had known before assuming a chief legal officer role in higher education.

TABLE 10

“A Day in the Life of a GC—Being a Leader in the C-Suite.”

Vanessa D. Walton

Sr. Compliance Counsel for Uber Health, a division of Uber Technologies

It’s difficult for attorneys to find their voices amongst company leadership, especially general counsel who wear many hats and perform many roles. Vanessa will give insight on how she leads amongst leaders.