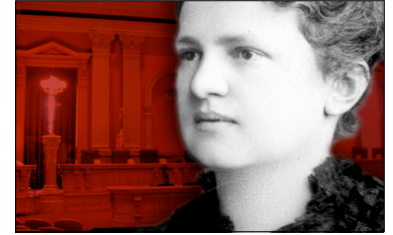


The Legacy of Mary Lathrop

Mary Lathrop was born in 1865 to a Philadelphia Quaker family. At age 19, she became a reporter at a local newspaper. She had a distinguished career until poor health forced her to choose a new profession at age 30. She came to Colorado and pursued a legal degree at the University of Denver College of Law where she graduated first in her class. She passed the Colorado Bar in 1896 with a score that would stand as a record until 1941.



Lathrop hung her shingle in Colorado in 1897, specializing in probate law. She continued to influence this field, helping to redraft probate statutes and assisting in developing the Small Guardianship Law. Her most famous case was *Clayton v. Hallett*, which established the law of charitable bequests in Colorado.

Lathrop was a woman whose many “firsts” would inspire others to follow in her footsteps. After being turned down twice because “women should not practice law,” she was the first woman admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court in Colorado. She was also the first woman to open a law office in Colorado, the first woman to argue before the Colorado Supreme Court, the first woman to join the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, and was one of the first two women to join the American Bar Association.

Lathrop recognized the importance of community involvement. During her lifetime, she made anonymous donations to help students. She also received numerous awards for her service work and excellence in the legal profession. After her death in 1951, she left the bulk of her estate to establish a student loan fund at the University of Denver.

In order to preserve and foster the memory of this woman who has left a legacy for us all, the Colorado Women’s Bar Association (CWBA) began presenting the Mary Lathrop Award in 1991 and has made an annual presentation each year since. The CWBA gives the Mary Lathrop Award to an outstanding female attorney who has enriched the community through her legal and civic activities.

Mary Lathrop Award Recipients

1991	Elizabeth Adams Conour, Elizabeth L. Guyton Girch, Estelle Hadley, and Helen T. Street	2002	The Honorable Mary Mullarkey
1992	Mary Brickner, Margaret B. Ellison, and Brooke Wunnicke	2003	The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Mary E. Ricketson
1993	Jean Dubofsky, Marilyn Traub Meadoff, and The Honorable Jacqueline St. Joan	2004	Marla Williams
1994	Natalie S. Ellwood	2005	The Honorable Nancy E. Rice
1995	Norma Comstock, Karen Steinhauser and The Honorable Zita L. Weinshienk	2006	Fay M. Matsukage
1996	Sheila Hyatt, Barbara Salomon, and Mimi Wesson	2007	Pamela Robillard Mackey
1997	Cathlin Donnell and Mary Hoagland	2008	Lynda A. McNeive
1998	Susan Barnes and The Honorable Claudia Jordan	2009	The Honorable Elizabeth A. Starrs
1999	Gale Norton and Gail Schoettler	2010	Deborah R. Adams
2000	The Honorable Christine Arguello and Dottie Wham	2011	The Honorable Mary A. Celeste
2001	The Honorable Rebecca Love Kourlis	2012	The Honorable Janice B. Davidson and Lynn Feiger
		2013	Lorraine Parker and Doris Truhlar
		2014	The Honorable Patricia Coan
		2015	The Honorable Sandra I. Rothenberg
		2016	Helen Shreves
		2017	Rebecca Alexander



Mary Lathrop Award Nomination Form

Nominations for 2018 are due by **5:00 pm, October 31, 2017.**

Please send the complete nomination packet to:

Marylathropnominations@gmail.com
or
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Office of the Attorney General
1300 Broadway, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80203
(720) 508-6618

All award nominations are kept confidential by the CWBA.

NOMINEE INFO (please fill in form or submit separately)

Name: _____

Firm/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF APPLICABLE:

Date admitted: _____

States admitted: _____

Practice area(s): _____

Date (year) of CWBA Membership: _____

Positions with CWBA: _____

Previous awards and recognition: _____

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Why should this nominee be honored with the Mary Lathrop Award?
2. How has nominee been a trailblazer during her career?
3. How has this nominee helped advance women in the legal field?
4. What has this nominee done to encourage membership in the CWBA?
5. What has this nominee done for community service and/or pro bono work?

Please feel free to submit any additional information about the nominee including résumés, bios, press clippings, references, and anything else you would like the committee to take into consideration.

If other people would like to comment about this nominee, please have them send their comments to the CWBA Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chairs:

Elizabeth Howard (ejmhoward26@gmail.com) and Kym Smiley (kimberly.smiley@coag.gov)

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