The CWBA is thrilled to host its 36th Annual Convention at Vail's hottest new boutique hotel, The Sebastian-Vail, on May 17-19, 2013. Rejuvenate in Vail, just in time for summer! In May, you can enjoy all the amenities Vail has to offer while reaping the benefits of the end of the season bargains. The Sebastian is Vail's newest and most stylish boutique luxury hotel, located in the heart of Vail Village. Inside you will find amenities such as Bloom Spa, a full service day spa; The Library, a tranquil retreat in the heart of the hotel; and Frost Bar, a groovy place to enjoy cocktails with friends. You can relax about the price as the CWBA was able to secure very reasonable room rates, but you will need to reserve your room early to guarantee your spot at The Sebastian.

The CWBA Convention provides a wonderful and unique opportunity to hear from and interact with colleagues and leaders from the bench and bar. The 2013 CWBA Convention will revolve around the theme "Taking It Up a Notch!" For starters, the Honorable Christine M. Arguello, Federal Judge on the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, will spend the weekend with attendees as our annual "Judge in Residence." At the Mary Lathrop Reception on Friday night, we will be honoring the accomplishments of two incredible women, who also happen to be past CWBA presidents, Lorraine Parker and Doris Truhlar.

Highlights of the Upcoming 2013 Convention:
Victoria Pynchon is an attorney, mediator, speaker and author based in Los Angeles, CA, whose mantra is “put your skin in the game for other women attorneys.” A few CWBA members heard her speak last summer at the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations meeting in Chicago and they were so impressed that we just had to bring her to the CWBA Convention.

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President’s Letter: by Patricia M. Jarzobski
CWBA Executive Director Mary Holverstott - 10 Years of Exceptional Service!

Mary Holverstott has been the CWBA's Executive Director since 2003. This year marks her 10-year anniversary as our executive director. Wow!

Working closely with Mary as President, I’ve come to fully understand all that she does for the CWBA and the CWBA Foundation, and that she’s remarkable! To celebrate Mary’s 10 year anniversary, past CWBA Presidents reflect about Mary:

Doris Truhlar, Truhlar and Truhlar, CWBA President 2002–2003:

"When the CWBA had an opening for its Executive Director in late 2002, I was president. I called a friend of mine, a paralegal, who happened to be Mary Holverstott's identical twin sister. She said, 'It's really interesting that you would call me now. My twin sister Mary, who you've met, was recently laid off from her job in health care administration. Maybe this is karma.'

I called Mary, and set up an interview. There were three of us (incoming president Jeanne Coleman and immediate past president Lynda McNeive and me) who interviewed her, and we immediately knew Mary would be perfect for the job. And she has been. We are really fortunate to have her."

Vicki Johnson, Davis Graham & Stubbs, CWBA President 2009–2010:

"I think people don't realize how many hours Mary works ensuring that our public face is of a professional organization. She really takes pride in how the organization looks to the outside world. She remembers the names of our members and makes them feel welcome when she hands out nametags at events. She's always cheerful, professional and discreet. She is loyal to every president.

Mary also is our institutional knowledge. She has a phenomenal memory and helps the board members to understand their jobs and timelines for getting things done."

Janet Drake, Senior Assistant Attorney General, CWBA President 2005–2006:

"Mary is grace under pressure. ‘Don't Panic' has become a well-used slogan, which is usually followed by nervous laughter and great success. The CWBA's advancements in the past decade are in large part attributable to Mary. Her leadership and dedication to advancing women in the law help us move forward with a unified voice."

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Lucy Hojo Denson, Hinds & Hinds Family Law, CWBA President 2010-2011:

"Mary is ‘grace under fire.’ Her demeanor is so calm and even that it is a pleasure to work with her. Her historical knowledge of the CWBA is invaluable - she was able to fill me in on many things that made my year as president smooth as butter. We are so fortunate to have her for 10 years. She is very dependable and always prepared."

Patricia Jarzobski, The Law Office of Patricia M. Jarzobski, CWBA President 2012-13:

"The CWBA is one of the few women's bar associations in the nation with an executive director. Mary holds us all together. For ten years she has worked tirelessly with a quiet poise and a steady calm. Mary always has the best interests of the CWBA in mind. She is one of the shining stars and one of the biggest assets of the CWBA. We are so fortunate to have her."

I asked Mary to share what she loves most about her job:

"Working as the CWBA's Executive Director offers a unique opportunity to help further the accomplishments of the CWBA, in the legal community and the community generally. It has also been a great way to get to know and collaborate with those who serve as inspirations: the mentors, the generous volunteers, those who pave the way for others, those who lift others up and welcome us in. A shifting blend of challenges and rewards, there is never a dull day!"

Join me in congratulating Mary for 10 years of dedicated service to the CWBA. Thank you Mary for your commitment, your energy, and your wisdom! You make the difference.

Victoria Pynchon is dedicated to closing the wage, income and leadership gap for women. Victoria will expound on her belief that when women are empowered to lead and given the tools and support to do so, they make choices that change history.

John Walsh, US Attorney General for the State of Colorado, will be speaking on the very hot legal topic of the legalization of marijuana, and particularly concerning the implications of the new law on our children.

We look forward to seeing you May 17-19 at the 2013 CWBA Convention!
Mary Lathrop Award Winners Announced - Lorraine Parker and Doris Truhlar

by Jessica Brown and Lisha McKinley, Professional Advancement Committee Co-Chair

The Professional Advancement Committee is proud to announce this year's winners of the Mary Lathrop Award: Lorraine Parker and Doris Truhlar. Just like last year, the Committee received a number of award nominations for very impressive candidates. And just like last year, two nominees rose to the top – hence the decision to honor two winners again this year.

The Mary Lathrop Award is the CWBA's most prestigious award. It is presented to an outstanding female attorney who has enriched the community through her legal and civil activities, and who embodies the trailblazing spirit of Mary Lathrop. Mary Lathrop was the first woman to open a law office in Colorado, practice before the U.S. District Court in Colorado, argue before the Colorado Supreme Court, be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, and join the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations. Past award recipients include Jean Dubofsky, Zita Weinshienk, Rebecca Love Kourlis, Pamela Mackey, Lynda McNeive, Elizabeth Starrs, Judge Janice Davidson, and Lynn Feiger.

Notably, many of these honorees received the Mary Lathrop Award simultaneously with other women. In fact, in about half of the years that the CWBA has presented this award, more than one woman has received it. The Professional Advancement Committee hopes that you will plan to join us for the 2013 Mary Lathrop Award Ceremony to help us honor this year's award recipients, women who are well-known, well-loved, and very deserving of the CWBA's top honor.

Lorraine Parker has been a CWBA member and leader within the organization for more than two decades. She is a trail-blazing female trial attorney, Of Counsel at Leventhal Brown & Puga PC. Ms. Parker primarily represents women in challenging and life-altering cases. For example, Ms. Parker was the prosecutor in a nine-week jury trial where she convicted a female attorney who owned a licensed child adoption agency. The attorney was buying babies from drug-addicted mothers in county jail by paying them to relinquish their parental rights. She would then adopt the babies for extraordinary fees to wealthy families. In another case, Ms. Parker successfully prosecuted a serial rapist who was attacking women on a jogging trail. The conviction was especially difficult since the tendency 28 years ago was to disbelieve women in these cases. Ms. Parker also has represented rape victims civilly. In one case, a family doctor was overmedicating a young female patient so he could have sex with her. Ms. Parker ensured that the doctor was held accountable. Ms. Parker's medical malpractice clients are also primarily women, including women who have had cancer incorrectly diagnosed and gynecological surgeries go wrong. Ms. Parker's successful trials and settlements have made a tremendous difference in the lives of many women. She is a past president of the CWBA (1999-2000), and currently serves as Vice-President.

Doris Truhlar is a founding partner with her husband Bob in the law firm of Truhlar and Truhlar LLP. Mrs. Truhlar specializes in family law, but like Mary Lathrop herself, was a journalist before she became a lawyer. When she later attended law school at the University of Denver, she excelled, graduating at the top of her class and serving as editor of the Denver Law Journal. After law school, she clerked for Judge Robert H. McWilliams, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Mrs. Truhlar continued her tradition of writing and editing as a columnist for The Colorado Lawyer, where she authored profiles of outstanding women lawyers. Mrs. Truhlar is herself an outstanding female lawyer.

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She has chaired the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Relations Advocacy, and served as president of the Arapahoe County Bar Association. She has chaired the Board of Metro Volunteer Lawyers and has received several awards for outstanding public service. Doris and Bob Truhlar made history as the first couple to be honored as DU Law Stars, receiving the Alumni Professionalism Award in 2003 for their exemplary ethical conduct and professionalism, dedication to pro bono work and community service. Mrs. Truhlar was recognized by the Colorado Women’s Bar Association Foundation at the “Raising the Bar” dinner last fall, based in part on her mentoring activities. She also is a past president of the CWBA (2002-2003), and is serving as a Board member today, as the CWBA’s Representative to the CBA Board of Governors. As President, she determined that the CWBA should have a lobbyist and made it happen. The CWBA is recognized nationally for its leadership in this respect.

Join us at the 2013 CWBA Convention on May 17th at The Sebastian-Vail to learn much more about Ms. Parker and Mrs. Truhlar. We look forward to honoring them there, and to celebrating their honor with all of you. •

CWBA Judicial Reception Planned for March 21st

by Anna Martinez, Judicial Committee Co-Chair

The CWBA's Annual Judicial Reception will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., sponsored by and held at Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLP, at 1550 17th Street, Suite 500, Denver. This popular annual event is held to recognize all members of Colorado's judiciary for their hard work, and to honor an outstanding representative of the judiciary. This year, the CWBA is pleased to recognize Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Diana Terry.

Judge Terry was appointed to the Colorado Court of Appeals in 2006. Before her appointment to the Court, Judge Terry was in private practice with White & Steele, P.C., with her own firm, and before that with three other firms. Her practice focused on complex commercial litigation. She has been a longtime faculty member of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, as well as a past president of the Law Club of Denver and a member of the Leadership Denver Class of 2005.

Judge Terry received both her undergraduate and law degrees from Rutgers University, where she was managing editor of the Rutgers Law Review. After law school, she clerked for the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, New Jersey Superior Court.

Aside from her many accomplishments in the legal field, Judge Terry has been praised by her colleagues and peers for her resourcefulness, legal acumen, conscientiousness, and her singing talent.

We hope that you will join us on March 21st as we honor Judge Terry and as we recognize her colleagues in Colorado's judiciary. Members of the judiciary are offered free admission to this event, in acknowledgement and appreciation of their hard work. Please see the flier in this issue for event details and registration information. •
Women Legislators Seek Sensible Approach to Gun Control

by Monica Rosenbluth, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

We’ve all experienced that all-too-familiar sense of horror when we turn on the radio or log-on to our computers and learn that there’s been another mass shooting somewhere in the United States. The ensuing debate over how to mitigate the occurrence of mass shootings in this country often turns vitriolic and the rhetoric so heated it’s difficult to determine which approach to the issue is the right one.

In Colorado -- a state known for its common-sense approach to resolving tough issues -- lawmakers are resolutely working on some solutions. Representative Beth McCann is one of the women spearheading this effort, and is thoughtfully considering various options for possible legislation. "I’m working on creating a quicker and more effective way for a person who works with those who have mental issues to notify the Colorado Bureau of Investigation when he or she believes that the person should not be allowed to purchase a gun," she says.

One of Rep. McCann's colleagues, Representative Rhonda Fields, is working on closing the background check loophole for private sales of guns. Together, they are also considering legislation banning the possession and sale of what are commonly known as "assault weapons," or alternatively, a registration and licensing system for those weapons, though, Rep. McCann acknowledges, "it's hard to define what an 'assault weapon' is."

Rep. McCann is careful to recognize that the legislation is not intended to limit the ability of people to hunt in Colorado, and she and Rep. Fields are thoughtfully considering the impact of any proposed legislation. "However," Rep. McCann says, "we need to do what we can to eliminate or reduce access to guns by those who cannot use them responsibly. The recent mass murders of people attending a movie, going to a place of worship, or going to elementary school are simply too horrible for us to comprehend. I am committed to having this conversation in Colorado and making our state safer."

The CWBA Public Policy Committee will be closely monitoring the legislation in the 2013 legislative session. Rep. McCann can be contacted at beth@bethmccann.org, or you can contact Rep. Fields at rhonda.fields.house@state.co.us. •
On Thursday, December 6, 2012, the CWBA hosted its annual holiday party at the offices of Haddon, Morgan, and Foreman, P.C. Each year, the CWBA reaches out to offer support to a local charitable organization as part of its holiday celebrations, and this year was no different. December’s holiday party benefitted non-profit Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center (RMCLC), an organization that is changing the lives of abused and neglected children through compassionate legal advocacy, education, and public policy reform. Holiday party guests were invited to bring a gift for the RMCLC’s holiday gift drive, or to make a financial donation to the non-profit. The holiday party attracted over 100 attendees.

Our thanks to Haddon, Morgan, and Foreman for opening up their beautiful space to the CWBA and our event attendees. We also thank our fantastic sponsors, who helped make this event a success: Sweeney & Bechtold, LLC; Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.; JAMS; Hunter + Geist, Inc.; Workplaces that Work; Gibson Arnold & Associates, Inc.; MiletichCohen PC; Agren Blando Court Reporting & Video, Inc.; and Wedgle & Associates, P.C. •

L-R: Holiday Party planners, Programs Committee Co-Chairs Christine Samsel, Ann Lebeck, and Michelle Meyer
A Brighter Holiday for the Children of Incarcerated Women

by Jessica Lowrey, CWBA member

The Colorado Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), under the leadership of Colorado Court of Appeals Judge Terry Fox – a longtime member of the CWBA – hosted a book drive after Thanksgiving and supplied 238 books to prison libraries in Colorado in support of The Storybook Project. More donations were expected during Christmas-time and will be forwarded to prison librarians who coordinate with incarcerated women and record them reading the book to the prisoner's child.

Storybook Project-type concepts have been implemented in other states and Colorado's NAWJ chapter is thrilled to join this worthwhile effort. Storybook Projects – including the Colorado project – share a common goal: attempting to offset the damage that can be caused by a prolonged separation between mother and child. The simple act of maintaining an everyday ritual, reading to a child, can help maintain the bond between an incarcerated parent and their offspring.

This project is important because of the steady increase in the population of women in prison. An August 2008 Special Report, issued by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, indicates that between 1991 and 2008, the number of children with a mother in prison more than doubled, increasing by 131%.2 Approximately 62% of incarcerated women in state prisons and 56% of incarcerated women in federal prisons are mothers of minor children.3

In Colorado, it is estimated that over 20,000 children currently have a parent in prison,4 and approximately 2,500 children have a mother in prison.5

1 The originator of the Storybook Project is believed to be Companions, Journeying Together, Inc., working out of the Cook County Jail in Chicago, Illinois. In 1998, the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois established a similar program at the Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln, Illinois. In 2000, Teaching Tolerance, a magazine published by a branch of the Southern Poverty Law Center, featured an article about another Storybook Project started in Alabama by an organization titled Aid to Inmate Mothers. The Alabama project was modeled after the two Illinois Storybook projects. The Teaching Tolerance article and the Illinois programs served as the impetus for the Maryland Chapter's NAWJ Storybook Project, which began at the Jessup Correctional Institution for Women in 2001.


3 Id.


5 Barbara S. Bosley, et al., eds., Parenting From Prison – A Resource Guide for Parents Incarcerated in Colorado 6, (Parenting from Prison Guide Committee, Denver, Colorado 2002). Although no state agency tracks the number of children in Colorado who have a mother in prison, the estimate is based on national averages. Id.

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Approximately 70-80% of women in prison are mothers who had an average of 2.5 children under the age of 18 (of which 85% are under the age of 10) living with them before their arrest. Another 6% of women prisoners enter prison pregnant. (55% of men in prison are fathers of children under the age of 18).

Incarcerated mothers are often the sole caregivers for their children; as such, their role in the child's development is especially important. The impact of a mother's incarceration can be devastating, with long-term effects. Imprisonment of their mother exposes children to emotional, social and economic stresses.

Fortunately, projects like The Storybook Project help ameliorate the effects of this separation by bringing the mother's voice to her child (or children) as the child follows along in the book provided by book drives like that undertaken by Colorado's NAWJ Chapter. Prison librarians, like Adrienne Breznau of the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF), are instrumental to the effort. They help coordinate the tape recordings of each woman reading to her child and then transmits the recording and the book to the child. At DWCF, they do an average of 15 recordings per month that affect an average of 25 children. According to Breznau, the program provides a positive use of leisure time for the incarcerated women and makes reunification with their children less stressful.

The 2012 Holidays were just a little brighter because of the NAWJ, Ms. Breznau, and the generous personnel of the Colorado Supreme Court, Colorado Court of Appeals, and the State Court Administrator's Office who contributed generously to the book drive. Prudence Petrie, an Adult Basic Education Teacher at Denver Women's commented, "The [new] books are phenomenal and range from classics to those on recommended specific grade level reading lists. This is, indeed, a treasure for the library as well as the patron offenders and will have a rippling effect for the community for a long time to come."

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7 Id.

8 Id.

CWBA “Care and Feeding of Economic Experts” Program a Success - In-Person and on the Web!

by Advocate staff

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP was host and co-sponsor of the February 6th “Care and Feeding of Economic Experts” program. Featuring Dr. Andrew Safir, President, Recon Research, and Lawrence W. Treece, Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, attendees learned about the various functions of economic experts, hiring and caring for experts, expert deposition strategies, and more.

Additionally, the CWBA is proud to announce that this is the second CWBA program successfully offered via webinar, a great alternative for those in outlying areas, particularly CWBA Chapter members, or for those whose schedules won’t allow a trip into Denver.

L-R: Dr. Andrew Safir, Lawrence W. Treece, and CWBA Programs Committee Co-Chair Christine Samsel
An Evening With Our Colorado Legislators

by Advocate staff

Co-Hosted by the CWBA, the Alliance of Professional Women, and the Women’s Lobby of Colorado, this special Legislators Reception is a great opportunity to meet and hear from Colorado legislators. Join us on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to meet new legislators, reconnect with legislators active within the women’s community, and get energized to actively participate in the legislative process.

The Reception will be held at the Wynkoop Brewery, 1634 18th Street, Mercantile Room, Denver. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Register and purchase your ticket(s) at http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp and enter event code: APW35 (all one word, not case sensitive). Registration is only $25 for registrations received by 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2013; $30 thereafter (includes hors d’oeuvres; cash bar).

Want to show your support? Serve as a co-sponsor, and show your organization’s interest in helping formulate legislative policy that benefits women. For sponsorship details, go to http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/rsvp and enter event code: APWsponsor35 (all one word, not case sensitive).

(See the fliers in this issue for event details and registration information; and information about event sponsorship opportunities.)

Proceeds from this event support lobbying efforts - - - as such, no portion of ticket sales, sponsorships, or other donations are tax deductible.

Office Space Available

Virtual and Real office space available for rent. Beautiful location, close to restaurants, plenty of free parking, spacious conference room, great highway access. Available furnished or not, and available for immediate rental.

Please contact Cherie Pyne at (720) 273-8473 for more information.
The CWBA Foundation has begun planning for our annual "Raising the Bar" Dinner, to be held on September 12, 2013 at Denver’s historic Brown Palace Hotel. This is the Foundation's major fundraiser and a wonderful evening during which we celebrate a selected category of women attorneys.

The Foundation has selected a category of honorees for our 2013 Dinner. We will be celebrating "Lawyers Who Have Raised the Bar in Protecting and Advocating for Children." We are seeking suggestions from you for women attorneys to honor. As always, we are looking for suggestions regarding women over a wide variety of professional backgrounds (judiciary, government, private practice, education, non-profit, etc.), as well as minority women and women throughout the state.

Submit your suggestions to execdir@cwba.org by February 18th. In addition to identifying a potential honoree, please provide not only the nominee’s name and contact information, but also some background information on how that person "raised the bar in protecting and advocating for children." Even if the person is well known, the Foundation committee members may or may not know the details of the lawyer's accomplishments in that area.

Thank you for your help as we plan for this very important event. Contact the CWBA Foundation office at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org should you have any questions.

The CWBA Board of Directors recently established a new ad hoc committee, the “Non-Attorney Professionals” Committee. This new committee will work to promote the involvement of non-attorney legal professionals such as paralegals, legal secretaries, legal administrators, and legal vendors. The Non-Attorney Professionals Committee will assess and address the unique needs and interests of non-attorneys. The committee's focus will include networking opportunities, promoting interaction with attorney members, community service, and professional development.

This Non-Attorney Professionals Committee Co-Chairs have also been named. Mianne L. Besser, Senior litigation paralegal at Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti PC, and President of the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association; and Katie Cira, Director of Marketing for Stratos Legal, will serve as the new committee’s Co-Chairs. During an inaugural period, this new committee will be mentored by Membership Committee Co-Chairs Catherine Shea and Alison Zinn. Congratulations, and welcome to the CWBA Board of Directors, Mianne and Katie!

Learn more about this new committee, and all of the CWBA's committees, on our website at www.cwba.org/committees. Serving on a committee is a great way to get involved, meet other members with similar interests, and help advance the work of the CWBA.
The Colorado Women’s Bar Association

Annual Judicial Reception

The CWBA is proud to honor all members of the Colorado judiciary at our Annual Judicial Reception. Please join us this year for specific recognition for Judge Diana Terry, Colorado Court of Appeals.

Thursday, March 21, 2013 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by and held at Davis Graham & Stubb LLP

- Judicial officials attend as guests of the CWBA
- All others: CWBA members $15 (Student members $10), non-CWBA members $20

(See the flier in this issue for event details and registration information.)

For more information about CWBA events and activities, visit the CWBA website at www.cwba.org, or contact the CWBA office at (303) 831-1040.

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