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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Miranda K. Hawkins

It's Time for Our 44th Convention!

Annual Business Meeting & Election Notice

The CWBA's Annual Business Meeting and Passing the Gavel Celebration will be held as the last session of the 44th CWBA Convention at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021, via Zoom and is open to all members. At that time, the 2021-2022 CWBA Board of Directors will be elected. Please use the electronic ballot linked here to cast your vote for the 2021-2022 Board prior to the Annual Meeting.

Convention's theme this year is "Lead Beyond Limits," which expands on our year-long theme of "Lead Beyond." Our programming is designed to inspire women to push beyond limits by having the courage to reach higher in all aspects of their personal and professional lives. We have an incredible lineup of speaker sessions on innovative and timely topics--all on one dedicated day via Zoom on Friday, May 21st.

Highlights include "Courageous Leadership - A Dare to Lead™ Experience" presented by GG Johnston, President of Downstream Partners and a Certified Dare to Lead™ Facilitator; and "Lead Beyond #MeToo" presented by the Honorable Pamela Harris of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and Dahlia Lithwick, a Senior Correspondent at Slate and host of the podcast "Amicus." Other special sessions include the "Judicial and Outside the Courthouse" breakout sessions

and a "Lawyer Vision Song Contest" from The Law Club.

Thank you to the 2020-2021 Board for its tremendous efforts to lead the CWBA through a challenging year and beyond. A special thank you goes to this year's Nominating Committee-led by President-Elect Gina L. Glockner-for recruiting and affirming commitments for the proposed slate of Board members, officers, and committee chairs.

If you have any questions about the Annual Business Meeting or election, please contact Executive Director Kim Sporrer at (303) 831-1040 or execdir@cwba.org. Thank you for your support of women lawyers and all women in Colorado. I hope to "see" you at our virtual Convention and Passing the Gavel Celebration!

Very truly yours,

Miranda K. Hawkins 2020-2021 President Colorado Women's Bar Association

Miranda K. Hawkins is a partner at Goddard Hawkins, where she provides practical legal advice and counseling to families and individuals in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, probate, and estate and gift tax planning.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meet the Candidates for your 2021-2022 Board



PRESIDENT: GINA L. GLOCKNER

Gina L. Glockner has over 15 years of experience defending complex civil litigation cases and representing clients in professional liability, licensing and compliance matters. She received her B.A. in

both English and French from Dickinson College, and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Since moving to Colorado in 2012, Gina has been actively involved with the CWBA, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as Legal Services Co-Chair, Public Policy Co-Chair, Vice President and President-Elect. From 2018 to 2020, Gina also served as a director on the board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, and is a graduate of the 2020 Colorado Bar Association Leadership Training Program (COBALT).

Gina lives in Denver with her husband and three children. She enjoys traveling, good food, trying to work off that good food, and summers on the lake in Canada and Minnesota, where she grew up.



PRESIDENT-ELECT: KATHRYN STARNELLA

Kathryn Starnella is Special Counsel at Wells, Anderson & Race LLC. where she handles trial-level defense litigation and civil appeals in federal and state court. Kathryn was a law clerk for the Honorable

Christine M. Arguello in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Kathryn chairs the CWBA's Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination in the Judicial System and co-chairs the Professional Advancement Committee. In 2019, she was CWBA's Secretary and, in 2018, she served as president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA), as well as the CHBA's representative on the CWBA board.



VICE PRESIDENT: HETAL DOSHI

Hetal J. Doshi is an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. She prosecutes federal white collar crimes. Her areas of experience include securities

fraud, insider trading, frauds arising out of the use of complex financial instruments as well as cryptocurrency, health care fraud, and public corruption. Hetal serves as the Procurement Collusion Strike Force Coordinator in coordination with the Antitrust Division in Washington D.C. and is active in the U.S. Attorney's efforts with respect to community engagement, civil rights, and hate crime prevention. She spends her free time outdoors with her favorite man, her senior pup Cole.



SECRETARY: EMMA GARRISON

Emma Garrison is an Assistant Attorney General in the Tax Unit of the Colorado Department of Law. Emma joined the CWBA in 2014, and has previously served as Co-Chair of the Convention,

Membership, and Judicial Committees. She has also held many leadership positions in the Colorado legal community over the years, including Chair of the Colorado Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and Senior Vice-President of the Colorado Bar Association. She currently serves on the Colorado & Denver Bar Associations' Joint Steering Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusivity as part of the working group on Accountability and Measuring.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



TREASURER:
ABIGAIL O'CONNOR

Abigail "Abby" O'Connor, an Associate at Harper Hofer & Associates, specializes in litigation support services - forensic accounting, economic damages, and valuation analysis. She is a

CPA, Certified in Financial Forensics and Accredited in Business Valuation. Abby graduated from Loyola University.



INCLUSION OFFICER: LEILA HOCK

Leila Hock is the Director, Legal Department Partnerships and Inclusion Initiatives for Diversity Lab, an organization that boosts diversity in law firms through innovation, data, and behavioral science.

Before joining Diversity Lab, she ran a private coaching practice helping mid-career professionals take a long-term, strategic approach to their careers. Leila practiced law for nine years, primarily as in-house counsel, before transitioning to support the practice of law. She earned her JD from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in 2007 and her BA from Tulane University in 2004.

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IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:
MIRANDA HAWKINS

Miranda Hawkins is a partner at Goddard Hawkins, where she specializes in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and estate and gift tax planning.

Throughout her career, she has been actively involved with the CWBA and most recently served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as the President, President-Elect, Historian, Co-Chair Pro Tem of the Convention Committee, and as an At-Large Representative. Miranda is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and has served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association. Miranda was selected to the Colorado Super Lawyers lists in 2018-2021. She is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law and Baylor University.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: KIM M. SPORRER, APR

Kim Sporrer joined the CWBA in July 2014 as Marketing Director and was appointed as Executive Director in April 2015. Kim reports to the CWBA's President and Board of Directors and is responsible for

strategic leadership and management for the effective achievement of the CWBA's mission and goals. Kim brings decades of public relations, marketing, and communications experience to the CWBA, including service with nonprofit organizations and PR agencies in Colorado and Iowa. Her work has been recognized with numerous local and national awards. In 2007, Kim earned her Accreditation in Public Relations (APR), a distinction held by less than 25 percent of PR practitioners in the world. Kim has also served on several nonprofit boards, including as 2013 President of the Public Relations Society of America, Colorado Chapter. She is an alum of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation's "Impact Denver" program.





CONVENTION: HERMINE KALLMAN

Hermine Kallman is Senior Assistant University Counsel for the University of Colorado. Prior to joining CU, she was an attorney at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP for seven years, focusing on commercial

litigation, intellectual property, and campaign finance law. She was born and raised in Armenia and attended Moscow State University in Moscow, Russia, before moving to the United States. She recently served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Center for Legal Inclusiveness.



KENDRIA PEARSON

Kendria is a shareholder at Sheridan Ross P.C., an intellectual property boutique. Kendria's practice focuses on all aspects of intellectual property from counseling clients on general intellectual property protection

and drafting utility and design patent applications to performing trade secret audits and enforcing clients' patents or trademarks in court.

Kendria received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado and is a licensed patent attorney. She also completed a work-study abroad opportunity in Regensburg, Germany from 2004 to 2005. Kendria received her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION: JENNIFER GUZMAN

Jennifer Guzmam is an Associate at Hogan Lovells. Her practice focuses on commercial property acquisition and development, real estate finance, and corporate

lease agreements in both the single site and multi-site context. While in law school, Jennifer served as an intern for the Honorable Craig B. Shaffer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado as well as the Colorado Department of Transportation focusing on procurement and contract services. She received her J.D. from the of University of Denver Sturm College of Law and her B.S. from University of Florida. Jennifer regularly speaks on panels regarding issues of diversity and inclusion in law schools and the profession.



BETH ROBINSON

Beth Robinson is a Senior Assistant Legal Counsel at the Office of the State Court Administrator. She has spent most of her career as a litigator and employment attorney, and prior to joining the Office of the State Court Administrator.

was an attorney at Fortis Law Partners. Beth received her undergraduate degree from Andrews University and her law degree from Harvard Law School. Beth is passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and wrote about the intersection of DEI and employment law for Above the Law.

44th Annual CWBA (Virtual) Convention May 21, 2021

Participate in our day-long virtual programming on May 21, with a bonus vision board workshop on May 22. 7 CLE credits requested.

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HISTORY: COURTNEY HOLM

Courtney Holm, is a finessed mediator with a high rate of productive and practical resolutions. At her firm, Courtney Holm & Associates, PC, she also serves clients as an attorney in

the mountain communities with a focus on family law, civil litigation, and criminal defense. She earned her law degree at the University of Denver and was captain of the women's club hockey team. She is active on many committees inside and outside of legal circles, founded the CWBA Mountain Chapter, a former local bar president, is Co-Chair of the CBA JSC EDI Messaging team, producer of CBA "Our Voices" podcast, and co-author of the CBA Local Bar Leadership Handbook.



LAURA RATCLIFF

Laura is a counsel in the Government Section of Hanson Bridgett, a California-based law firm. She represents a variety of public and private entities in real estate, environmental, water, and municipal law matters. She handles various

aspects of real property acquisition, particularly for large public infrastructure projects. She negotiates and drafts purchase and sale agreements, easements, and construction, financing, and license agreements. She also has experience with various aspects of commercial and industrial leasing transactions, asset purchase agreements, and other corporate transactions.

Laura moved to Denver from Los Angeles in 2017 and has enjoyed getting to know the city and mountain towns in the region. She joined the CWBA after moving to Denver and has participated on the Public Policy committee and attended various events. She is the mother of two girl, Maya (5) and Asha (3) and likes to run, hike, and explore new breweries.



JUDICIAL: AMY PETRI BEARD

Amy Petri Beard is employed with the 17th Judicial District Attorney's Office as a Senior Deputy District Attorney. She is currently assigned to the narcotics and organized crime unit. She is a 2016 graduate

of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Program (COBALT), on the Colorado Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Committee, is a member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association, and is one of the Adams / Broomfield Bar Association's representatives for the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors. She is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.



LAURA CRAMER-BABYCZ

Laura Cramer-Babycz is an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, where she prosecutes violent crimes. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Laura was a Deputy District Attorney in the

Denver DA's Office for three years. Prior to that she was a Litigation Associate at Perkins Coie LLP. Laura has also clerked for the Hon. Carol Bagley Amon in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the Hon. Reena Raggi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Laura graduated from Harvard Law School in 2012.

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LEGAL SERVICES: HANNAH PROFF

Hannah is a trial attorney who has represented hundreds of adults and juveniles in criminal and delinquency cases over the last twelve years. Hannah is the co-founder, and acting executive

director for the non-profit Learn Your Rights in the Community (LYRIC), an organization that teaches young people about their constitutional rights. Hannah makes pro bono representation and community activism a priority; she feels strongly that everyone, no matter their means, should have access to quality legal representation. She represents victims of human trafficking as a volunteer attorney for the Alliance to Lead Impact in Global Human Trafficking (ALIGHT). Hannah also represents clients in expungement and deregistration cases as a pro bono attorney for the Colorado Juvenile Defender Center (CJDC). Hannah is also passionate about mentoring the next generation of lawyers. She volunteers as a mentor for the Professional Mentoring Program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and the Law School...Yes We Can program.



DEBORAH YIM

Deborah Yim is a partner at the Primera Law Group, where she specializes in employment and civil rights law. Previously, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, as an employment attorney at

the Department of the Interior, and as a commercial litigator at Reed Smith. She is a past president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) of LA and currently serves as the community outreach chair of APABA Colorado and as legal counsel for the Asian Real Estate Association-Denver. Deborah is also a member of the Federal Pro Se Panel and a graduate of the Legal Entrepreneurs for Justice incubator program whose mission is to provide the legally underserved with access to quality legal representation. Deborah is also the founder of Kids Reading to Succeed, a children's literacy program, and Kids Against Hate, a non-profit that empowers youth to stand up against hate, discrimination, and bullying.



MEMBERSHIP: BETHANY GORLIN

Bethany Gorlin is Director & Senior Counsel for Gates, focusing on compliance, litigation, and employment matters. Before going in-house, Bethany was a commercial litigation associate at

Snell & Wilmer in Denver. She began her legal career as an antitrust and litigation associate at a large firm in Washington, D.C. Bethany received her J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 2010. After spending a few years as an active member of the CWBA's Programs and Convention Committees, Bethany served for two years as Co-Chair of the Convention Committee. This will be Bethany's second year as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.



HON. JACLYN BROWN

Judge Jaclyn Casey Brown was appointed to the Colorado Court of Appeals in June 2019. From 2016 - 2019, she served as a District Court Judge in the 17th Judicial District, handling domestic relations and civil matters. Previously, Judge

Brown was a litigation partner at Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP, where she practiced complex commercial litigation, real estate and construction litigation, and eminent domain. She obtained her law degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is actively involved in several bar associations and professional/community organizations.





PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT:
ANDREA BRONSON

Andrea Bronson is an associate attorney at Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLC, where she focuses on water, natural resources, and environmental law and litigation.

Following law school, she was a law clerk to the Honorable Valerie Cooke of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada. Andrea previously served on the executive council of the CBA Construction Law Section and is a member of the advisory board of the University of Denver College of Law Professional Mentoring Program. Andrea earned her JD from the University of Denver and her BA in International Studies and French from Colby College.



VERONIQUE VAN GHEEM

Veronique Van Gheem is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Boulder advising on IT, construction, contract, procurement and environmental matters. Prior to joining the City of Boulder in 2021, Veronique

was Senior Assistant Legal Counsel for the Colorado Judicial Department where she worked in the Executive Division of the State Court Administrator's Office providing general advisory counsel for the Colorado courts, probation departments and the State Court Administrator. She is the past co-chair of the CWBA's Publication Committee. She is also a member of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee, the CBA Spanish Speaking Lawyers Committee and was the Lead Attorney for the Project Safeguard Spanish-speaking Family Law Clinic for eight years. Veronique clerked for the Honorable Norman Haglund of the Denver District Court and served as the Conservation Easement Staff Attorney for the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office from 2010 until 2013. Veronique, originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin, received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point in Forestry and Biology. She worked as a Restoration Ecologist from 2005 to 2007. Veronique is a 2010 graduate from the University of Colorado Law School.



PROGRAMS: REAGAN LARKIN

Reagan Larkin is a partner at Messner Reeves LLP where she practices real estate and commercial litigation. She has been an active member of the CWBA's Public Policy Committee and

Programs Committee since 2017 and 2019, respectively. Reagan received her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, and her B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Reagan was recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2016 through 2020. In addition to the CWBA, Reagan is actively involved in the Legal Aid Foundation's Associates Campaign Advisory Board and the Real Estate Section of the CBA.



REBEKAH WATADA

Rebekah Watada is a Senior Attorney with Kerrane Storz, PC, where she handles complex commercial litigation. Additionally, she is a Relief Judge for the City of Aurora. Her legal career started in 2005 as a deputy district attorney

where she served as a Senior Deputy District Attorney for the Second Judicial District until 2015. In 2016, Rebekah continued her career in public service for the City of Denver as a Senior Assistant City Attorney. As an active member of the CWBA since 2015, she has participated in the Judicial and Programs Committees. Rebekah received her J.D. from the University of Denver and her B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Colorado.



PUBLICATIONS: CARIME LEE

Carime Lee is an associate attorney with West Huntley Gregory PC, one of the oldest firms in Summit County Colorado. Carime's practice is primarily focused on real estate and business transactional matters,

landlord-tenant disputes, and HOA governance. Carime was born in Colombia, SA and lived most of her life in Florida where she attended Florida State University for undergrad and Ave Maria School of Law for law school. Carime is licensed to practice law in New Jersey and Florida as well as Colorado. Carime also has an LLM in Real Property Development through the University of Miami School of Law.



JUSTINE PIERCE

Justine Pierce is an Assistant Attorney General in the Health Care Unit at the Colorado Department of Law, where she represents the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing and the Colorado Department of Public Health and

Environment. Justine recently returned to Colorado after spending three years in Singapore, where she worked as Assistant Vice President of Global Legal for Fullerton Health, served on the board of directors of an association. dedicated to the professional advancement of women, and traveled around the region every chance she got.



PUBLIC POLICY: ALISON CONNAUGHTY

Alison Connaughty is a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the Special Prosecutions Unit of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. She is originally from Chicago but came to Colorado in 2002 to

attend the University of Colorado, where she obtained her undergraduate degree in philosophy. She began her career in 2010 as a Deputy District Attorney in the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office after graduating from DU Law School. She handled felony criminal dockets and oversaw the Jefferson County Veteran's Treatment Court. She joined the Colorado Attorney General's Office Financial Fraud Unit in 2015 and moved to the Special Prosecutions Unit in March of 2019.



LAURA WOLF

Laura B. Wolf is the founding partner of Spark Justice Law LLC. Her practice includes advocating on behalf of individuals suffering from abuses of their civil rights, including students entitled to an education free from discrimination,

persons whose liberties are lost at the hands of the police and government officials, and employees facing discrimination in the workplace. In addition to serving on the CWBA Board, Laura serves as the Vice Chair of the Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center, Board Member of the Lawyers' Civil Rights Coalition, and former Chair of the CBA Civil Rights Section.



AD HOC MENTORSHIP: MEAGAN MOODIE

Meagan Moodie is a Founding Partner of Gebhardt Emerson Moodie Bonanno ("GEM Family Law"), specializing in a diverse range of family law matters as an attorney, mediator, Child & Family

Investigator, and Parenting Coordinator Decision Maker. Meagan was born and raised in Denver and attended college at Regis University. After taking time off to live and travel abroad, Meagan earned her J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law. She returned to her hometown to begin her career as an attorney in 2012. Meagan is involved within and outside of the legal community, including as a board member of Family Tree, with the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, a member of the Junior League of Denver, the Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee, and Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar. She is on the faculty for the 2020 Family Law Institute, presenting on the intersection of family law and immigration law. Meagan is a partner attorney with Project Safeguard, having helped over 100 victims of domestic violence obtain protection orders during her career. She was recognized as a Colorado Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2019 and 2020. This is Meagan's third year on the board, previously serving as co-chair of the Public Policy Committee.



WHITNEY TRAVIS KELLY

Whitney is Senior Corporate Counsel with Cardinal Financial Company, Limited Partnership, a national mortgage lending company, where she advises the company on various commercial leasing, general corporate,

employment, and litigation matters. Originally from Florida, Whitney attended Florida State University before moving to Virginia to attend Washington & Lee University School of Law. She practiced in corporate bankruptcy for a number of years on the East coast before moving to Denver. Whitney and her husband are in the process of renovating a house in Lakewood, where they will live with their 3-year-old daughter. In her spare time, Whitney enjoys hiking, biking, cooking, thrifting, and grabbing coffee.



REPRESENTATIVES



AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE: RHODA PILMER

Rhoda Pilmer is a Chief Trial Deputy with the Adams County District Attorney's Office. She supports and leads the intake team, appeals team, diversion team, and major

drug crime prosecution unit. Rhoda has committed her career to public service and has been at the District Attorney's office for over fourteen years. She is passionate about working to ensure community safety and wellbeing. Rhoda received her undergraduate degree from the University of Portland and her law degree from the University of Denver Law School.



AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE: HON. SUSAN BLANCO

Judge Susan Blanco was appointed to the 8th Judicial District Court Bench by Governor Hickenlooper and was sworn in January 2017 and became the first female Chief of

the 8th Judicial District in January 2021. She served as a deputy District Attorney in the 8th Judicial Office and then went into private practice from 2007 to 2016. In private practice she predominately worked on criminal cases, juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect matters and municipal prosecution.

Judge Blanco graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University in 2000 and her Juris Doctorate from University of Colorado School of Law in 2003.



COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE: HON. MELINA HERNANDEZ

Judge Melina Hernandez was appointed to the Arapahoe County Court in 2021. She also served

as a magistrate in the Denver Juvenile Court and as a family court facilitator in the Denver District Court. Judge Hernandez is bilingual and is dedicated to expanding access to justice in the judiciary. Additionally, Judge Hernandez is committed to improving equity, inclusion, and diversity in the legal field. She has served on the board of the Colorado Women's Bar Association since 2018. Judge Hernandez is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

The board composition also includes additional appointed representatives from the following organizations:

- CWBA Chapters: Boulder, El Paso, Larimer, Mountain, Pueblo, and Weld
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado
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