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PRESENTATION AND DINNER



HONORING  
**Patricia M.  
Jarzobski**

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Congratulations to  
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# Congratulations *Patricia Jarzobski*

2023 Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award Honoree

We are honored to celebrate all of the *CWBA's*  
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# AGENDA

## INTRODUCTION

Kathryn Starnella, CWBA President

## MARY LATHROP AWARD SPONSOR RECOGNITION

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Hon. Emily E. Anderson

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## PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Abby Harder

## ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

Patricia M. Jarzobski

## CLOSING REMARKS

*Patty's signature cocktail*

# Surf's Up

**A tropical mix of Dekuyper Island Punch Pucker, Blue Raspberry Vodka, Malibu Pineapple, Coconut Cream, and Coconut Water!**

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## MARY LATHROP AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1991 *Elizabeth Adams Conour, Elizabeth L. Guyton Girch, Estelle Hadley, and Helen T. Street*
- 1992 *Mary Brickner, Margaret B. Ellison, and Brooke Wunnicke*
- 1993 *Jean Dubofsky, Marilyn Traub Meadoff, and The Honorable Jacqueline St. Joan*
- 1994 *Natalie S. Ellwood*
- 1995 *Norma Comstock, Karen Steinhauser and The Honorable Zita L. Weinshienk*
- 1996 *Sheila Hyatt, Barbara Salomon, and Mimi Wesson*
- 1997 *Cathlin Donnell and Mary Hoagland*
- 1998 *Susan Barnes and The Honorable Claudia Jordan*
- 1999 *Gale Norton and Gail Schoettler*
- 2000 *Christine Arguello and Dottie Wham*
- 2001 *The Honorable Rebecca Love Kourlis*
- 2002 *The Honorable Mary Mullarkey*
- 2003 *The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Mary E. Ricketson*
- 2004 *Marla Williams*
- 2005 *The Honorable Nancy E. Rice*
- 2006 *Fay M. Matsukage*
- 2007 *Pamela Robillard Mackey*
- 2008 *Lynda A. McNeive*
- 2009 *Elizabeth A. Starrs*
- 2010 *Deborah R. Adams*
- 2011 *The Honorable Mary A. Celeste*
- 2012 *The Honorable Janice B. Davidson and Lynn Feiger*
- 2013 *Lorraine Parker and Doris Truhlar*
- 2014 *The Honorable Patricia Coan (Ret.)*
- 2015 *The Honorable Sandra I. Rothenberg (Ret.)*
- 2016 *Helen C. Shreves*
- 2017 *Rebecca Alexander*
- 2018 *Beth H. McCann*
- 2019 *Alli Gerkman*
- 2020 *Velveta Golightly-Howell*
- 2021 *Judge Karen Ashby*
- 2022 *The Honorable Theresa A. Spahn*

## 2023 MARY LATHROP AWARD RECIPIENT



2023 HONOREE  
**PATRICIA JARZOWSKI**

**Patricia M. Jarzowski** is this year's **Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award** winner. Patty, as she is better known by her friends and colleagues, has a reputation and positive impact that stretches for miles. Patty is a true trailblazer, both personally and professionally. To most who know her, this award honor was a long time coming.

Patty was born in Nebraska to a Lebanese mother and a Polish father and moved to Colorado to attend law school. She met her wife, retired 17th Judicial District Court

Chief Judge Emily Anderson, in law school, and the two have been together ever since.

A graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Patty first went to work as associate for the Denver office of a national firm that focused on plane crash litigation around the world. After nearly seven years there, Patty embarked on her own as a solo practitioner in an era when many did not see success outside the traditional large firm partnership track. While Patty recalls the weight of the risk she took back then, she says it was the best decision she ever made, aside from marrying Emily.

Patty is a beautiful woman, inside and out. To look at her, it's hard to believe that she's been a pillar in the legal and broader community for more than 30 years. She has served in numerous leadership roles and continues to meet new challenges head-on. Patty chaired the Colorado Bar Association and the Denver Bar Association's first-ever diversity and inclusivity committee to help improve inclusivity in

Colorado's two largest bar associations. She co-chaired the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Judicial Institute Judicial Diversity Coalition.

Early in her career, she was part of a group of lawyers that helped established the Domestic Partnership Registry and advocated for LGBTQ employment rights, parental rights, and other legislative work advancing inclusivity. She has served on the Board of Planned Parenthood and as a member for The Center's Legal & Advocacy Program (f/k/a The Center, A Colorado Legal Initiatives Project.) She was a founding member of Equal Rights Colorado.

But her leadership and mentoring roles stretch even further. A former president of the CWBA (2012-2013), Patty also served in leadership roles for the Colorado Bar Association and the American Bar Association, both when women leaders were a rarity. As president of the statewide CBA (2016-2017), Patty was the first woman president in 10 years and only the fifth in the organization's 199-year history. She helped design and lead the ABA's three-day national bar leadership training. She has served on the Colorado Supreme Court Contingency Fee Rules Committee, the 17th Judicial District Nominating Commission.

In addition to her CWBA presidential term, Patty has long supported the women's bar in many capacities - serving in various positions on many committees, including chairing the convention committee more than once. She has given her time and energy to advancing the organization as the CWBA liaison to the Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession, the CWBA delegate to the CBA Board of Governors, and as a founding member of the CWBAF Annual Foundation Dinner. Patty also served on the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations board.

Patty's passion for helping others succeed is absolutely infectious, and she loves being a lawyer. She's a mentor for the Colorado Supreme Court Attorney Mentoring Program and always seeks out and works hard to include and engage newer attorneys. While she's the first to admit her success is due to others who helped her along

the way, everyone who has had the privilege of knowing Patty would say she's the one who helps them. "In every leadership role," Patty said, "think 'how can I help others succeed?'"

This drive or mantra has led to one of Patty's proudest professional accomplishments - always finding herself in leadership roles when the organizations need transformation, relationships built, cultures shifted, and the old guard dismantled.

In 2018, Patricia received the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's highest honor, the DU Law Stars Professionalism Award. The Colorado LGBT Bar Association Foundation honored Patricia with Attorney of the Year in 2016. In 2015 the CWBA Foundation honored her with the Raising the Bar Award, "Women to Watch: Five Female Attorneys Who Will Make An Impact Over The Next 10 Years." In 2020, Patty received the Colorado Center for Legal Inclusiveness@Work award.

In her spare time, Patty loves traveling the world, fly fishing, surfing (badly), raising two golden retrievers, and camping in their RV named Aloha.

## The Legacy of Mary Lathrop

Mary Lathrop passed the Colorado Bar in 1896 with a score that would stand as a record until 1941. She was the first woman to: (i) open a law firm in Colorado, (ii) practice before the U.S. District Court in Colorado, (iii) argue before the Colorado Supreme Court, and (iv) join the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations. The Colorado Women's Bar Association first presented the Mary Lathrop Award in 1991 and has made an annual presentation each year since, in order to preserve and foster the memory of this woman who has left a legacy for us all.



The 2024 Mary Lathrop Award Nomination Process opens in August, with nominations due in late September 2023. Visit the website at [www.cwba.org/Mary-Lathrop-Award](http://www.cwba.org/Mary-Lathrop-Award) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*2024 Mary Lathrop  
Trailblazer Award Reception*

**May 17, 2024**



Heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Trailblazer **Patty Jarzowski** from your fellow CWBA Past Presidents (and a few past Mary Lathrop honorees)!

- Julie Anderson
- Jessica Brown
- Myndie Brown
- Sarah Chase-McRorie
- Madeline Collison
- Wendy Davis
- Lucy Denson
- Janet Drake
- Natalie Ellwood
- Gina Glockner
- Miranda Hawkins
- Natalie Hanlon Leh
- Vicki Johnson
- Pamela Mackey
- Beth McCann
- Lynda McNeive
- Sarah Parady
- Lorraine Parker
- Hon. Connie Peterson
- Diana Poole
- Mary E. Ricketson
- Barbara Salomon
- Hon. Sandra Rothenberg
- Helen Shreves



- Cat Shea
- Hon. Theresa Spahn
- Kathryn Starnella
- Shannon Stevenson
- Doris Truhlar
- Vanessa Walton
- Wendy Weigler
- Jo Ann Weinstein
- Gina Weitzenkorn
- Marla Williams
- Alison Zinn

In honor of Patty, these past presidents have donated funds that provided two additional attendee scholarships for this year's Convention.

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**Patricia Jarzowski**

in receiving the Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award

-We are proud to have had a small part in launching Patricia's legal career.

Patricia Jarzowski:

- Associate 1989 – 1996 ("best ever")
- Co-Counsel 2021 – 2022 ("great trial lawyer")
- Colleague and Friend – "Forever"

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**PAMELA ROBILLARD MACKEY**

Featured in the  
*Legacy Leaders Video Project*

**MAZEL TOV,  
PATRICIA!**

Thank you for all you do to make the legal  
community in Colorado more supportive of  
diverse attorneys.

-Hannah Seigel Proff

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**CONGRATULATIONS, PATTY!**



Thank you for  
friendship, for your  
steadfast passion for  
the legal profession,  
and for always lifting  
others to help them  
succeed.

Kim Sporrer  
CWBA Executive Director

# Congratulations!

To **Patricia Jarzowski** for being awarded the 2023 Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award



I was honored to interview you for a Professional Spotlight in the CWBA's Blog, The 1891. You are an inspiration!  
Best wishes, Stephanie Williams

*Read the blog post here:*



Save the date!

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# The Professional Advancement Committee

The CWBA's Professional Advancement Committee focuses on advancing women through recognition and mentorship. We all know numerous qualified women who deserve recognition. We encourage you all to pass along the names of these deserving women to the Professional Advancement Committee.

## A FEW AWARDS WE NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR INCLUDE:

The CWBA's Mary Lathrop Trailblazer Award  
The Davis Award  
CLI Diversity at Work Awards  
Law Week' Colorados Top Women Lawyers  
CBA and DBA Awards  
Colorado Judicial Institute Judicial Excellence Awards  
DU Law Stars  
CU Law School Alumni Awards

*And more!*

*Please email CWBA Executive Director  
Kim Sporrer [execdir@cwba.org](mailto:execdir@cwba.org)  
with nomination suggestions for deserving women,  
or if you'd like to volunteer to draft nomination submissions.*