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**SPECIAL EDITION**

**Annual Business Meeting &  
2020-2021 Board Election**





President's Letter || Sarah Parady

# It's Time for Our 43rd Convention!

## Annual Business Meeting & Election Notice

The **CWBA's Annual Business Meeting and Passing the Gavel Celebration** will be held as the final virtual session of the 43rd Annual CWBA Convention at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020, via Zoom webinar**. At that time, the 2020-2021 CWBA Board of Directors will be elected. The Meeting is open to all members, so please join us for Passing the Gavel to hear from our soon-to-be President Miranda Hawkins! Please use the [electronic ballot linked here](#) to cast your votes for the 2020-2021 CWBA Board prior to the Annual Meeting.

After shifting our in-person Convention to a remote platform, this year's Convention theme is "Sky's The (Virtual) Limit." Our programming is designed to encourage women to push beyond the infamous glass ceiling and reach higher in all aspects of their careers, even when times are turbulent. During our virtual Convention, happening in a series of individual sessions from May 1 to 16, 2020, we will feature top-notch speakers whose topics resonate with the uniquely challenging world in which we practice at this moment in history.

Highlights include keynotes from Amy Nelson, founder of The Riveter, on "Weathering a Changing Workplace" and from Dr. Samira Rajabi of the University of Colorado's College of Media, Communication, and Information, on "Permission to be Human: Authenticity and Meaning-Making in a Conventional Profession;" Mary Crane on "Building Resilience One Difficult Conversation

at a Time;" and a panel of exceptional women, moderated by Inclusion Nation CEO Michelle Silverthorne, on conquering imposter syndrome.

Thanks to the 2019-2020 Board for their phenomenal efforts in moving both the CWBA and the profession forward. And special thanks to this year's Nominating Committee—led by President-Elect Miranda Hawkins—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 the election, please contact Executive Director Kim Sporrer at (303) 831-1040 or [execdir@cwba.org](mailto:execdir@cwba.org). Thank you for your support of women lawyers and all women in Colorado. I hope you'll participate in our virtual Convention and Annual Meeting/ Passing the Gavel Celebration!

Very truly yours,

Sarah Parady  
2019-2020 President  
Colorado Women's Bar Association

*Sarah J. Parady is the current President of the Colorado Women's Bar Association. Sarah is a partner at Lowrey Parady Lebsack LLC, where she practices plaintiff's-side employment and civil rights law.*

### 2019/20 Board of Directors

President . . . . . Sarah Parady  
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Secretary . . . . . Kathryn Starnella  
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Hetal Doshi  
Legal Services . . . . . Kate Russell  
Judge Adam J. Espinosa  
Membership . . . . . Emma Garrison  
Courtney Wright  
Prof. Advancement . . . . . Jessie Pellant  
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Programs . . . . . Hannah Westmont  
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Giugi Carminati  
Public Policy . . . . . Jennifer Carty  
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CBA Bd. Of Governors . . . . . Magistrate Michal Lord-Blegen  
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Kelli Riley  
Ad Hoc – CLI . . . . . Hermine Kallman  
Ad Hoc – CLC . . . . . Anna-Liisa Mullis  
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Membership & Events Manager  
Carolyn Gravit

Admin/Membership Assistant  
Danielle Smith

## || EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ||

### 2020-2021 BOARD CANDIDATES

# Meet the Candidates for your 2020-2021 Board

## 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-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, 2019, and 2020. She is a graduate of the University of Denver College of Law and Baylor University.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT:

### GINA GLOCKNER



Gina L. Glockner is an attorney with 15 years of experience in complex civil litigation where she has represented individuals, businesses and large corporate entities in professional liability and business matters, as well as health law, regulatory, compliance and licensing issues. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School and her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and French from Dickinson College. She is licensed in Colorado, New York and Connecticut. As a local and national leader, Gina currently serves as Vice President of the Colorado Women's Bar Association and as a director on the board of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, where she represents the CWBA nationally. The NCWBA advocates for equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change in gender-based processes and laws. Gina is a past co-chair of both the CWBA's Legal Services and Public Policy committees. She is also a member of the Colorado Bar Association's 2020 COBALT class.

## VICE PRESIDENT:

### CATHERINE "CAT" SHEA



Catherine "Cat" Shea is an Assistant Regulation Counsel for the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, where she investigates attorney discipline and disability and magistrate matters. Cat received her undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University and her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. After a brief stint in private practice, she clerked for the Honorable Robert D. Hawthorne at the Colorado Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, Cat served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado in the Business & Licensing Section for nearly five years. She is a 2015 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Program ("COBALT"). She served as President of the CWBA for 2018-19.

## SECRETARY:

### JENNIFER CARTY



Jennifer Carty is an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Appeals Section of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General handling felony convictions for crimes against persons and property, crimes of violence, fraud, computer crimes, wrongs to children, domestic violence, drug offenses, and organized crime, as well as sentencing appeals on behalf of the State of Colorado. Prior to her work as an AAG, Jennifer was an associate family law attorney at Robinson & Henry, P.C. focusing on dissolutions of marriage and allocation of parental responsibilities, both pre and post decree. She frequently presented on family law issues facing the LGBT community and served as a faculty member for the 2017 Annual Family Law Institute. Prior to joining R & H, Jennifer worked as an appellate law clerk for the Honorable Steven Bernard on the Colorado Court of Appeals. In her pre-law school life, she spent five years as an active duty maritime inspections officer for the United States Coast Guard conducting regulatory compliance on the international shipping industry. Jennifer continues to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve as an attorney and was recently deployed in support of response efforts for Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

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#### 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.

#### HISTORIAN:

##### MEGAN GARNETT



Megan is Corporate Counsel at Simply Good Foods, a nutritious snacking company headquartered in Denver. Prior to Simply Good, Megan was an Associate Attorney at Polsinelli. Megan has experience in commercial litigation, contract drafting and review, and intellectual property among other areas of law. Megan received both her undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of Colorado and is a very loyal Buff! Since graduating law school, Megan clerked for the Colorado Supreme Court and further honed her legal skills at Gordon & Rees and Polsinelli. As a Colorado native, Megan is passionate about working in and being part of the Denver community. She serves on the Board for the Colorado Women's Bar Association and is involved in many other organizations. When she is not working, Megan spends time with her husband, her two-year-old daughter, and her English Bulldog, Juan Pablo. Megan also enjoys a good meal and a good round of golf - when she has time.

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#### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

##### SARAH PARADY



Sarah Parady is a partner at Lowrey Parady Lebsack LLC, where she practices plaintiff's-side employment and civil rights law. Sarah received her J.D. (Order of the Coif) from New York University School of Law. After law school, she received a Skadden Fellowship to build a foreclosure prevention program at Colorado Legal Services. Sarah is a past President of the Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association and a former law clerk to the Honorable Carlos F. Lucero of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2018, she received Case of the Year awards from the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association and the Plaintiff Employment Lawyers Association for two different cases.

#### 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 27 years of public relations, marketing, and communications experience to the CWBA, including 15 years with nonprofit organizations and 11 years with PR agencies in Colorado and Iowa. She was previously Director of Marketing & Communications for The Women's Foundation of Colorado. 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.

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#### CONVENTION:

##### LEILA HOCK



Leila Hock is the of 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.

##### 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 serves on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Center for Legal Inclusiveness.

#### DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION:

##### JENNIFER GUZMAN



Jennifer Guzman 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 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.

##### RUCHI KAPOOR



Ruchi Kapoor is the Appellate Director and Legislative Liaison for the Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel where she oversees the appellate program for all indigent parents with attorneys appointed through the office and works on child welfare related policy issues at the capitol. Ruchi received her undergraduate degree from Creighton University and her law degree from the University of Colorado. After graduating in 2010, she clerked for the Denver Juvenile Court, igniting a passion for child welfare law. After clerking, she spent three years in private practice solely devoted to appellate and post-conviction work. She is a past president of the South Asian Bar Association of Colorado and is currently serving on its board as secretary. She has served on the CWBA Board of Directors since 2014. She is also a 2017 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training Program ("COBALT") and has served on its Sessions Committee.



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#### JUDICIAL:

##### 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.

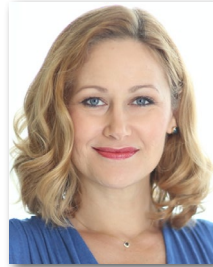
##### EMMA GARRISON



Emma Garrison is Staff Counsel at Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, where she focuses on legal research and writing for commercial litigation cases. She received her JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and her BA from the University of Texas. Emma joined CWBA in 2014 and started out participating in the membership committee. She has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2016, serving as Convention Committee Co-Chair and Membership Committee Co-Chair. Emma has held a variety of leadership positions in the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, including Chair of the Colorado Bar Association Young Lawyers Division from 2013-2014, and she is a graduate of the COBALT leadership program. Outside of the legal world, Emma recently completed a five-year term on the City of Golden Historic Preservation Board.

#### LEGAL SERVICES:

##### ALMIRA MORONNE



Almira Moronne is an Associate at Davis, Graham & Stubbs, working on natural resources, public lands, and foreign investment. She moved to Colorado from Jakarta, Indonesia, where she worked since graduating from law school in 2011, specializing in mining, agriculture, and emerging market development. She has been an active member of the CWBA Public Policy Committee and loves politics. She holds a BA from UC Berkeley and a JD from Duke University.

##### HANNAH SEIGEL PROFF



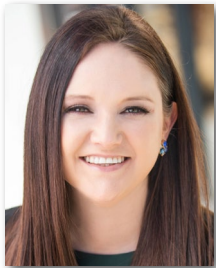
Hannah Seigel Proff is a trial attorney who has represented hundreds of adults and juveniles in criminal and delinquency cases over the last twelve years. Hannah is the co-founder, and acting executive director for the non-profit Learn Your Rights in the Community (LYRIC), an organization that teaches 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.

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#### 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 first year as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.

##### JESSIE PELLANT



Jessie Pellant, founder of StudioIP, specializes in identifying, acquiring, developing, protecting or enforcing Intellectual property rights domestically and internationally. In recognition of Jessie's ability to serve her clients as a trusted advisor, Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine has recognized Jessie as one of its Rising

Stars every year since 2015. Jessie is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder and Gonzaga University School of Law, graduating with honors. Prior to StudioIP, Jessie clerked for Judge Hansen in the Fourth Judicial District of Idaho, and practiced IP at Lathrop & Gage LLP, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.

#### MENTORSHIP:

##### ELIZABETH MECK



Elizabeth Meck is Vice President at The Northern Trust Company where she works closely with individuals and families to implement estate planning and wealth transfer planning objectives. She has been a member of the CWBA since 2010 and has served on the Board since 2015. She previously served as Co-Chair of the

Programs and Judicial Committees. Elizabeth received her J.D. from the University of Denver, her Master's degree in Education from the University of Denver, and her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia. In addition to the CWBA, Elizabeth is an active member of the Colorado Bar Association's Trust and Estate section and is involved with community organizations focused on education and women's health issues.

##### MAGISTRATE MICHAL LORD-BLEGEN



The Honorable Michal Lord-Blegen has served as a magistrate in Denver District Court since 2016. Her docket consists of post-decree domestic matters. She began her legal career in 2010 as a solo practitioner focused on criminal and family law. In 2012, she was one of the founding partners of Wohl Stetler Lord-Blegen, a firm

focusing on family law and mediation. Magistrate Lord-Blegen has been a Child and Family Investigator on nearly 300 cases as well as an expert witness on behalf of teachers in employment dismissal and school enrollment matters. Prior to practicing law, Magistrate Lord-Blegen served as an educator for nearly 20 years. She was a teacher at Compton High School in Los Angeles, an elementary school principal in Aurora, and a charter school board member in Denver. Magistrate Lord-Blegen earned her J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2009. She is active in volunteer service that increases equity for community members, including roles with the Colorado Bar Association Mock Trial.

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#### 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.

##### 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 in the areas of civil rights, employment law, products liability, insurance defense, and other commercial litigation. Previously, Kathryn served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Colorado where she represented the Colorado Department of Corrections in state and federal court and the state's top elected officials in constitutional challenges to state laws and election-related issues. Kathryn was a law clerk for the Honorable Christine M. Arguello in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Kathryn currently serves as CWBA's Secretary. In 2018, she served as president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association (CHBA), as well as the CHBA's representative on the CWBA board. She also serves as Chair of Colorado Lawyer's Advisory Board and is a mentor in the law school pipeline program, Law School... Yes We Can. Kathryn graduated from Northwestern University and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. She is a 2017 graduate of the Colorado Bar Association's Leadership Training (COBALT) program.

#### PROGRAMS:

##### KATE RUSSELL



Kate Russell is a staff attorney at Colorado Legal Services, where she focuses primarily on debt collection defense and protecting consumers from abusive and predatory debt collectors. Prior to joining CLS, Kate was in private practice where she also focused on consumer rights litigation. Kate is excited to join the Programs Committee this year and is looking forward to this next chapter with the CWBA. Kate attended the University of North Carolina for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees, and maintains a deep love for Carolina basketball.

##### HANNAH WESTMONT



Hannah Westmont is a Partner with Polidori, Franklin, Monahan & Beattie LLC. She has concentrated her practice in the area of domestic relations law throughout her career. Hannah graduated from Colorado College in 2007. After living and working in New Zealand, Hannah earned her J.D. from Vermont Law School in 2011. Upon graduating from law school, she served as a law clerk for Magistrate Hübler in Denver District Court. In May 2016 Hannah co-wrote an article for the *Colorado Lawyer*: "Who's Their Daddy: Navigating Allocation of Responsibilities and Paternity Actions." Hannah frequently lectures on various domestic relations topics, and *Colorado Super Lawyers Magazine* has recognized Hannah as one of its Rising Stars annually since 2018.

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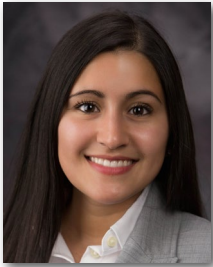


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#### PUBLICATIONS:

##### 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.

##### VERONIQUE VAN GHEEM



Veronique Van Gheem is Senior Assistant Legal Counsel for the Colorado Judicial Department. Ms. Van Gheem works 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 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 a Lead Attorney for the Project Safeguard Spanish-speaking Family Law Clinic. Prior to joining the Colorado Judicial Department in 2013, Ms. Van Gheem 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. Ms. Van Gheem, 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. Ms. Van Gheem is a 2010 graduate from the University of Colorado Law School.

#### 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.

##### 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 second year on the board and as a co-chair on the Public Policy Committee.

## || REPRESENTATIVES ||

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#### AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:

##### ALLISON GAMBILL



Allison Gambill is Of Counsel at the law firm of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck. She has a unique practice dedicated to defending companies in both employment and commercial matters, and is valued for her practical approach to disputes as well as for her experience representing a wide variety of regulated industry clients in federal, state and administrative courts.

Allison received her undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University, in 2003, and her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law, in 2008. She is a member of the Sam Cary Bar Association and has served as the SCBA Liaison to the CWBA Board of Directors since 2019. Allison has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Colorado Attorneys' Fund for Client Protection since 2019, a position appointed by the Colorado Supreme Court.

##### 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 well-being. Rhoda received her undergraduate degree from the University of Portland and her law degree from the University of Denver Law School.

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#### COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

##### MAGISTRATE MELINA HERNANDEZ



Magistrate Melina Hernandez has worked as a magistrate in the Denver Juvenile Court since early 2017 and as a family court facilitator in the Denver District court since 2013. She specializes in family law issues specific to unrepresented indigent parties. She attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Melina is bilingual, a member of the Denver Metro Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee, a member of the Violence Free Colorado board, and has previously served on the CWBA board as an At-Large Representative and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair.

#### 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
- Colorado Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender Bar Association
- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
- Sam Cary Bar Association
- South Asian Bar Association of Colorado
- Colorado Lawyers Committee
- Center for Legal Inclusiveness
- Law Students from University of Colorado Law School and University of Denver Sturm College of Law



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