



2017 Annual Conference—An Exchange of Ideas General Information & Events



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

(505) 988-4455—Central reservations serving all 3 hotels.
THE ELDORADO HOTEL & SPA IS SOLD OUT. Hotel St. Francis and Hotel Chimayo are also offering group rates for a standard room starting at \$194. To reserve, click the hotel name of your choice and enter our group information:

Hotel St. Francis

Group Name: Colorado Defense Lawyers Associations

Group Code: B00H17

Hotel Chimayo

Group Name: CODLA - Annual Convention

Group Code: B00V17

GOLF—Thursday, July 27, 10 am tee-off

Towa Golf Club (consider travel time arriving the day before)

Kick off the 2017 Annual Conference with a round of golf in the company of your CDLA colleagues! Scramble format / four person teams—winner takes home the prestigious CDLA Cup. All CDLA members and sponsors are welcome and encouraged to participate. Create your own foursome, or sign up individually and we'll match you up. \$100 per player for fees, cart, and range balls. Strictly limited to 40 golfers, payment guarantees a spot, first come / first served. [Click here](#) and **register your group now!** For questions email CDLA member Josh Brown jbrown@leekinder.com.

SANTA FE SCHOOL OF COOKING

Friday, July 28th 9am, ending with lunch

Warm, spicy tastes and enticing aromas evoke Santa Fe's rich cultural traditions. These classes on the traditional foods of New Mexico are at the heart of the Santa Fe School of Cooking. A demonstration style class which includes recipes and a full meal. This class includes corn tortillas, cheese enchiladas with red chili sauce, chicken enchiladas with green chili sauce, pinto beans, pozole, and capirotada (bread pudding). \$85.00 per person, sign up on the registration form attached. A private cooking class limited to 30 people right next door to the Eldorado Hotel and Spa.

ATTENDEES

Once again, each paid attendee will receive two wristbands, one for you and one for your guest. Kids are welcome at all evening events. Breakfast, lunch and breaks are limited to paid attendees only. Please indicate on the registration form the guest who will be attending with you, so we will have a badge and wristband for them.

THURSDAY NIGHT WELCOME RECEPTION 6–8 PM

Gathering at Casa España featuring a performance by The Hip Replacements "unplugged" with CDLA member Scott Nixon; "turning rock into acoustic gems". Casa España is adjacent to the Eldorado Hotel & Spa where we will be serving Santa Fean Cuisine. Name badges will be distributed when you arrive. You must have a name badge and wristband to attend. If you are bringing a guest, please be sure to include their name on the registration form.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S HUB'S PUB FIESTA 6–9 PM

Celebrate Friday night's big event with Flamenco guitarist and dancers in the Grand Ballroom of the Eldorado Hotel & Spa. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in the raffle and silent auction throughout the day and night for the scooter, bicycle from our friends at Wheat Ridge Cyclery and various other items supporting CDLA's annual contribution of bicycles to Children's Hospital as we again honor the memory of our dear friend Dan Hubbard.

SATURDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY 4–5:30 PM

We wrap up the 3-day event with a hosted cocktail hour with piano entertainment featuring New Mexico's Gruet Winery's sparkling wine, Pinot Noir and Chardonnays. You're on your own for dinner, so please be sure to make dinner reservations well in advance as this is Spanish Market Week.

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Greetings and Welcome to Our 2017 Conference An Exchange of Ideas



Fellow Members:

Many of you know that I view being a defense attorney as a noble undertaking and I stand steadfast in that assessment. In my estimation, one principal characteristic that distinguishes us is our thirst for real knowledge. Put simply, we are always in search of ways to do our jobs more efficiently, better serve our clients, and improve the social enterprise writ large.

It is our hope that the design of the upcoming Santa Fe conference will meet these goals. My litmus test in selecting the program subject matter has been a very simple one: Choose presentations that you will want to see! I believe, and hope you will agree, that we have met and exceeded this standard.

There will be a lot to see and enjoy in our historic setting: first-hand advice from top judges, case-tested practice lessons from our finest colleagues, wonderful subject matter breakouts, and a spirited debate within our talented membership. Plan to learn, exchange ideas with your fellow defense attorneys, and walk away better able to tackle the rigors of our profession.

The social opportunities this year will be unparalleled. See below for more on that front. So also, be prepared to be entertained!

I hope you will plan to join us. It will be memorable. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Santa Fe.

Tom Rice

Featured Speakers & Sessions



**Chief Judge
Marcia Krieger,**
United States
District Court

*Thoughts on
Professionalism*



**Kevin Taylor &
Kyle Seedorf,**
Taylor Anderson

*Handling the Big
Case: The Aurora
Theater Shooting
Litigation*



**Justice
Richard Gabriel,**
Colorado Supreme
Court

*Effective Appellate
Advocacy*



Tim Schimberg,
Fowler Schimberg
Flanagan &
McLetchie, with an
all-star panel

*Lessons Learned in
the Defense Bar:
New Lawyers and
Seasoned Lawyers*

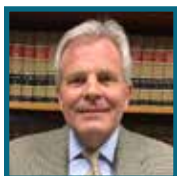


Patrick O'Rourke,
University of
Colorado, and

Rob Jones, Paul
Edwards & Assoc.

*The Great Debate—
What is the Optimal
Configuration of a
Jury?*

*with audience real-
time voting*



And our ever-popular Lunch-and-Learn Sessions:



**Magistrate Judge
Kristen Mix,**
United States
District Court

*Federal Law
Update*



Jeff Ruebel,
Ruebel Quillen

*Colorado Law
Update*



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Schedule of Events

Thursday July 27, 2017		
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Golf Tournament	
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Greeting and Registration	Eldorado Lobby
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception Entertainment: Classic rock by The Hip Replacements featuring CDLA member Scott Nixon	Casa España Nightclub

Friday July 28, 2017		
7:00 – 8:00am	Breakfast	Anasazi Ballroom
8:00 – 8:30am	Welcome and Announcements by John Chase and Tom Rice	Grand Ballroom
8:30 – 10:30am	Handling the Big Case: The Aurora Theater Shooting Litigation by Kevin Taylor and Kyle Seedorf	Grand Ballroom
10:30 – 10:45am	Break	
10:45 – 11:45am	Effective Appellate Advocacy by Hon. Richard Gabriel	Grand Ballroom
11:45am – 12:00pm	Break	
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch and Learn Session: Federal Law Update by Hon. Kristen Mix	Grand Ballroom
1:10 – 2:00pm	Breakout Session #1	
	Defense to Nunn and Bashor Agreements by Evan Stephenson	Zia Ballroom
	Transgender Issues in the Law by Ashley Kelliher and Alice Powers	La Capilla de Oro
2:10 – 3:00pm	Breakout Session #2	
	Come Join the 21st Century: Latest Trial Software by Mark Neider and Dave Mayhan	Zia Ballroom
	Defending Bad Faith Cases Stemming From Malpractice Defense Cases by Jim Miletich and Mike McConnell	La Capilla de Oro
	WC Penalties and Bad Faith by Hon. Richard Lamphere, Hon. Patrick Spencer, and Rich Bovarnick	DeVargas Boardroom
3:10 – 4:00pm	Breakout Session #3	
	The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Design and Construction by Andy Harrold and Kerry Lee	Zia Ballroom
	Navigating Potential Coverage Issues by Brendan Powers	La Capilla de Oro
	Colorado Governmental Immunity Act Legal Developments and Recent Cases by Amy Colony	DeVargas Boardroom
6:00 – 9:00pm	Grand Reception Entertainment: Master flamenco guitarist Daniel Ward accompanied on percussion by John Bartlit, along with a very special flamenco dance performance	Grand Ballroom





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Saturday July 29, 2017		
7:00 – 8:00am	Breakfast	Anasazi Ballroom
8:00 – 8:10am	Announcements by Tom Rice	Grand Ballroom
8:10 – 9:00am (Ethics)	Thoughts About Professionalism by Hon. Marcia Krieger	Grand Ballroom
9:10 – 10:00am	Breakout Session #4	
	This Session is So Secret: Analysis of Trade Secrets Act of 2016 by Hon. Kristen Mix	Zia Ballroom
	Vallagio at Inverness v. Metropolitan Homes: Discussion of Pending Colorado Supreme Court Case by Marisa Ala and Mary Ritchie	La Capilla de Oro
10:10 – 11:00am	Breakout Session #5	
	Cybersecurity 101 for Law Firms by Dan Nelson	Zia Ballroom
	Plausibility Standard for State Court Motions to Dismiss by Gordon Vaughan	La Capilla de Oro
	Tri-Partite Relationship: WC Employer, Carrier, and Counsel by Frank Cavanaugh and Tom Kanan	DeVargas Boardroom
11:10am – 12:00pm	Breakout Session #6	
	Social Media: How Do I Find It? By Joe Buchholz	Zia Ballroom
	Understanding Insured's Duties to Carriers by Kurt Henkel and Kristin Allan	La Capilla de Oro
12:15 – 1:15pm	Lunch and Learn Session: Colorado Law Update by Jeff Ruebel	Hilton Ballroom
1:15 – 1:30pm	Break	
1:30 – 1:45pm	Vendor Prizes Drawing	Grand Ballroom
1:45 – 2:45pm	The Great Debate: What is the Optimal Configuration of a Jury? by Patrick O'Rourke and Rob Jones	Grand Ballroom
2:45 – 3:45pm (Ethics)	Lessons Learned: New Lawyers and Seasoned Lawyers by Tim Schimberg and Panel: Frank Patterson, June Laird, Jenny Parker, and Matt Broderick	Grand Ballroom
3:45 – 3:50pm	Close and Acknowledgments	Grand Ballroom
4:00 – 5:30pm	Farewell Reception featuring Gruet Sparkling Wines Entertainment: Jazz piano by John Rangel	CAVA Santa Fe Lounge

Anticipating 15.4 general credits including 2.2 ethics credits (Colorado).



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Registration Form



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Name Name as you would like it to appear on badge

Spouse/Guest Name

Firm/Company

Firm Address

City State Zip

Email Phone

YEARS OF PRACTICE?

_____ _____ _____
0-5 years 6-10 years > 11 years

SANTA FE COOKING SCHOOL

July 28, 2017 from 9 am to 12 pm

\$85 _____
(non-refundable)

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fees On or Before June 30, 2017

After July 1, 2017

CDLA Members: \$795 _____

\$845 _____

Registration Fee _____ (total)

Non-Members: \$895 _____

\$945 _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed. (Please make checks payable to CDLA)

Pay by Credit Card: Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____ Visa, MasterCard or American Express Accepted

Name on Card

Number Exp. Date CSV Code

Address of Cardholder State, City, Zip

Signature

PLEASE SEND, SCAN AND E-MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

Colorado Defense Lawyers Association: 643 Dexter Street , Denver, CO 80220.

Send Fax to: 925.364.2405. For more information call 303.946.6659 or email glenna@codla.org

CONFERENCE REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The registration fee is fully refundable, less credit card processing fees for cancellations received on or before June 30, 2017. Cancellations received between July 1, 2017, and July 15, 2017, will receive a refund less a processing fee of \$100. No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after July 15, 2017. All cancellation requests for refunds must be made in writing. All refunds will be processed and mailed within four weeks after the conclusion of the annual conference.