

ANNUAL REPORT
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE BAR ASSOCIATION
Representing the Counties of Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit

In the fiscal year of July 2009 through June 2010, the Continental Divide Bar Association has been very active and made many advancements and improvements. We have worked hard on our website: www.cdbar.org to make the site more user friendly and more accessible for its members. The CDBA has directed our membership to our website which is our central source for all information and events for the CDBA.

We have also worked to insure that the CDBA is in compliance with all federal tax laws by retaining counsel to form the CDBA as a 501(c)(6) with the federal government. Since the laws concerning this requirement were somewhat recent, the CDBA was happy to assist other local bar associations across the state by providing the information that CDBA learned on the tax issue to other bar executives in a bar leader conference.

On July 15, 2009, the CDBA hosted the CBA's Ethical Vignettes. The free ethics CLE was an overwhelming success due to the support of the 5th Judicial District's Judges and the membership itself. All county and district courts in the 5th Judicial District were closed that afternoon to allow the membership to participate.

The CDBA also hosted its traditional golf and ski days for the membership. The golf day on September 11, 2009, was a great time for the members to gather in a casual setting. The February 17, 2010 ski day at Copper Mountain is also an annual tradition that provided the setting for the first CDBA meeting of the calendar year.

Law Day was a very active day in the 5th Judicial District. The Summit courthouse hosted mock trials with schools from the western part of the state, and the newly remodeled Eagle courthouse hosted local school children who were greeted by attorneys and judges of the District.

In conjunction with the Chief District Court Judge and the District Attorney's Office of the Fifth Judicial District, the CDBA participated in a brown bag luncheon on June 9, 2010, to discuss the possibility of mediation in criminal cases. The next CDBA meeting on June 16, 2010 will be a bench/bar conference to discuss case management in criminal cases and to further review the possibility of mediation in criminal cases. The CDBA is honored to have Ernie Friesen, a national/international expert on case flow management to assist us in the bench bar conference.

The CDBA looks forward to a very busy 2010-2011 year and to hosting the new CBA President.