



Leadership Positions

The Colorado Bar Association (CBA) was founded in 1897. It is one of 18 voluntary state bar associations in the country and is unique in the West in that regard. Approximately two-thirds of attorneys instate belong to the CBA. It is financially strong and respected by its peers and key stakeholders.

We are an association that advances members' practice, supports the justice system, and enriches our community.

The CBA 2023 Strategic Plan commits the organization to three goals:

- Cultivating profession wide relevance and reach
- Building community through belonging
- Generating economic and geographic sustainability

The Colorado Bar Association will be the leader in providing members throughout the state with the tools to be successful, a community within which to build relationships, and the focus to successfully navigate the future.

When making leadership selections and appointments, the CBA is committed to a non-discriminatory approach to provide equal opportunity for selection regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. We encourage diverse candidates to apply for these positions.

Leadership positions through the Colorado Bar Association are available through election by the CBA Leadership Selection Committee or through appointment by the CBA President. All leadership positions begin on July 1st at the start of the CBA's fiscal year. The term of service is determined by the position.

For more information on available leadership positions, click on the hyperlink below:

Elected Leadership Positions:

- **Colorado Bar Association President**
- **Colorado Bar Association President-Elect**
- **Colorado Bar Association Senior Vice President**
- **Colorado Bar Association Regional Vice President**

Appointed Leadership Positions:

- **Colorado Bar Association Treasurer**
- **Joint Management Committee Member**
- **Legislative Policy Committee Member**
- **Leadership Selection Committee Member**
- **Colorado Bar Association At-Large Executive Council Member**
- **Colorado Bar Association Budget Committee**
- **Colorado Lawyer Board of Directors**
- **Colorado CLE Board of Directors**
- **Amicus Brief Committee**
- **American Bar Association – House of Delegates**
- **Access to Justice Commission**
- **COLTAF Board of Directors**
- **Colorado Legal Services Board of Directors**

For more information on CBA Leadership, visit the [Leadership Roadmap](#).

Leadership Job Descriptions

Colorado Bar Association – President

The term of CBA President follows the term of President-elect and is a four-year commitment as Senior Vice President, President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President and serves as an officer of the organization.

As President of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Presiding at all meetings of the Board of Governors, of the Executive Council, and of the CBA members;
- Visiting each Region at least once during the President's terms, for the purpose of meeting with members of the Affiliated Local Bar Associations located within the Region;
- Serving as an *ex officio* member of all committees with power to delegate committee liaison duties to the President-elect, the Senior Vice President, the Vice Presidents, and selected members of the Board;
- Appointing, with the advice and consent of the Board of Governors, CBA Delegates to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association upon the expiration or termination of the terms of the then-serving delegates;
- Writing President's Message for The Colorado Lawyer;
- Attending national and regional bar association leadership conferences on behalf of the CBA;
- Shall be a member of any committees as provided in the Bylaws and the appendices to the Bylaws;
- Attending fall and spring Admission Ceremonies;
- Speaking as requested or invited at various CLE symposium, legal community stakeholder gatherings, and ceremonies;
- Working cooperatively with the CBA staff; and
- Attending CBA and Legal Community Meetings and Events.

Colorado Bar Association – President-Elect

The term of CBA President-Elect follows the term of the Senior Vice President and is a four-year commitment as Senior Vice President, President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President and serves as an officer of the organization.

The President-Elect shall assume the duties of President when the President is unable to perform such duties.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in Executive Council meetings (approximately six to twelve times per year) and Board of Governors meetings (two per year);
- Undertaking special assignments at the request of the President and shall perform such of the President's duties as the President may delegate;
- Serving as a member of any committees as provided in the Bylaws and the appendices to the Bylaws;
- Working cooperatively with the CBA staff;
- Attending any internal organizational meetings as requested by the President; and
- Attending CBA and Legal Community Meetings and Events.

Colorado Bar Association – Senior Vice President

The Senior Vice President of the Colorado Bar Association is elected by the CBA Leadership Selection Committee. The term of Senior Vice President is one year preceding the CBA President-Elect position and is a four-year commitment as Senior Vice President, President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President and serves as an officer of the organization.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in Executive Council meetings (approximately six to twelve times per year) and Board of Governors meetings (two per year);
- Facilitating Regional Vice President's meetings;

- Serving as a member of any committees as provided in the Bylaws and the appendices to the Bylaws;
- Working cooperatively with the CBA staff;
- Attending any internal organizational meetings as requested by the President; and
- Attending CBA and Legal Community Meetings and Events.

Colorado Bar Association – Regional Vice President

Regional Vice Presidents of the Colorado Bar Association are elected by the CBA Leadership Selection Committee. Each Vice President serves on the Executive Council as an active liaison between the CBA and each Affiliated Local Bar Association in the Region from which such Vice President has been elected and serves as an officer of the organization.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in Executive Council meetings (approximately six to twelve times per year) and Board of Governors meetings (two per year);
- Joining the President for Presidential visits to their Region;
- Responsible for communicating regional committee assignments;
- Participating in Local Bar Leader meetings;
- Serving as a member of any committees as provided in the Bylaws and the appendices to the Bylaws; and
- Undertaking special assignments at the request of the President.

Each of the Vice Presidents shall be a member of an Affiliated Local Bar Association in the Region from which the Vice President is elected and shall have his or her principal office in that Region. The term of Vice President is two years.

Colorado Bar Association – Treasurer

The CBA Treasurer is appointed by the CBA President and ratified by the Board of Governors under whom they serve. The Treasurer serves as an officer of the organization.

As Treasurer, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in all Executive Council meetings, approximately six to twelve times per year, and the Board of Governors meetings, approximately twice per year;
- Supervising CBA's accounts, including supervision of the collection and disbursement of all CBA funds;
- Submitting detailed statements of the moneys received and expended by the CBA, the amounts due to and from the CBA, and an estimate of the income and expenditures for the ensuing year; and
- Assisting with the annual independent audit at the end of each fiscal year.

The term of Treasurer is three years.

Colorado Bar Association – Joint Management Committee Member

The Joint Management Committee Member is appointed by the CBA President. The Joint Management Committee studies and makes recommendations on all issues relating to joint operation of the Colorado and Colorado Bar Associations including staff salaries, fringe benefits, division of costs, office policies and procedures, and all related matters as well as any special issues referred by the President, governing board, or executive counsel or executive committee of either the CBA or DBA.

As a member of the Joint Management Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in Joint Management Committee meetings, approximately three to four times per year, to conduct reviews and make recommendations as noted above. Outside activities may be necessary or assigned.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position, and CBA experience is helpful but not required. The term of Joint Management Committee Member is one year.

CBA Legislative Policy Committee

The Legislative Policy Committee Members are appointed by the CBA President. The Legislative Policy Committee works directly with the CBA Director of Legislative Relations to advance the CBA's legislative aims as determined by the Executive Council and Board of Governors.

As a member of the Legislative Policy Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in all Legislative Policy Committee meetings held once a week during the Legislative Session.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position. Serving on or chairing the legislative policy committee of a specialty bar association, prior experience working with the CBA legislative policy committee through a CBA section or other CBA entity, or other experience related to the Colorado legislative process is helpful, but not required. The term of Legislative Policy Committee Member is one year.

CBA Leadership Selection Committee

The Leadership Selection Committee members are appointed by the CBA President. As a member of the Leadership Selection Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in all committee meetings (two to three per year);
- Selecting a Vice President for each respective Region; and
- Selecting the CBA Senior Vice President.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position. The term of Leadership Selection Committee Member is one year.

CBA At-Large Executive Council Member

The At-Large Executive Council Members are appointed by the CBA President. The Executive Council is the governing body of the Colorado Bar Association.

As a member of the Executive Council of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending, and actively participating in all Executive Council meetings, approximately six to twelve times per year, and the Board of Governors meetings, approximately twice per year;
- Accepting committee or project assignments as appropriate; and
- Maintaining open lines of communication with each Vice President and Executive Council liaisons, regularly interacting with members and constituents about the Colorado Bar Association and the Board of Governors.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position and each member must serve on the CBA Board of Governors during their term. The term of Executive Council Member is two years.

CBA Budget Committee

The CBA Budget Committee Members are appointed by the CBA President. As a member of the Budget Committee of the Colorado Bar Association, you will be responsible for:

- Studying the CBA's financial condition and submitting to the Executive Council a proposed budget for each fiscal year; and
- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in committee meetings, approximately three to four times each fiscal year.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position. The term of Budget Committee Member is two years.

The Colorado Lawyer Advisory Board

The *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board members are appointed by the CBA President. The *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board oversees, advises on, and sets the editorial policies for the CBA's official publication. The *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board members are not involved in editing TCL.

As a member of the *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in all meetings of the *Colorado Lawyer* Advisory Board; and
- Completing any other assignment as assigned.

This is a three-year term.

Colorado CLE Board of Directors

The CLE Board Member is appointed by the CBA President. CLE in Colorado, Inc. is the nonprofit education arm of the Colorado Bar Association and the Denver Bar Association.

As a member of the CLE Board of Directors, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in all meetings of the CLE Board of Directors (once a month); and
- Completing any other assignment as assigned.

The term on the CLE Board of Directors is three years.

CBA Amicus Brief Committee

The CBA Amicus Committee Members are appointed by the CBA President. As a member of the Amicus Brief Committee, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in all meetings of the Amicus Brief Committee;
- Reviewing applications for the CBA to participate as amicus in matters pending before federal and state courts in Colorado;
- Recommending, when appropriate, to the Executive Council when participation is warranted; and
- Editing proposed briefs, if necessary.

You must be a CBA member to be selected for this position. The term on the Amicus Brief Committee is one year.

ABA House of Delegates

The ABA House of Delegates Members are appointed by the CBA President. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA is the largest voluntary professional association in the world. The control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association.

As a Delegate, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in each House meeting (twice per year) and its proceedings;
- Discharging the House's responsibilities as defined by the ABA House of Delegates;
- Informing the CBA of House actions and matters pending before the House;
- Serving as a CBA Board of Governor; and
- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in each CBA Board of Governor meeting (twice per year).

You must be a CBA and ABA member to be selected for this position. The term as an ABA Delegate is two years.

Access to Justice Commission

The Access to Justice Commission Members are appointed by the CBA President. The Colorado Access to Justice Commission is an independent entity formed in 2003 with the support of the Colorado Supreme Court, the Colorado Bar Association and the Statewide Legal Services Group. The Mission of the Access to Justice Commission is to develop, coordinate and implement policy initiatives to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for persons who encounter barriers in gaining access to Colorado's civil justice system.

As a member of the Access to Justice Commission, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in the bi-monthly meetings of the Access to Justice Commission; and
- Completing all projects as assigned.

The term on the Access to Justice Commission is three years.

COLTAF Board of Directors

The COLTAF Board Members are appointed by the CBA President. The Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation (COLTAF) administers Colorado's Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. This program is an innovative partnership between the legal community and the banking community, whereby the interest on lawyers' pooled trust accounts is used to improve access to civil justice.

As a member of the COLTAF Board of Directors, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in the meetings (generally in January, April, August and October) of the COLTAF Board of Directors; and
- Completing all projects as assigned.

The term on the COLTAF Board of Directors is three years.

Colorado Legal Services Board of Directors

The Colorado Legal Services Board Members are appointed by the CBA President. Colorado Legal Services is a non-profit corporation that has assisted persons with low income and seniors in the State of Colorado for over 85 years. The mission of Colorado Legal Services is to provide meaningful access to high quality, civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for as many low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations throughout Colorado as possible.

As a member of the Colorado Legal Services Board of Directors, you will be responsible for:

- Preparing for, attending and actively participating in the meetings, of the Colorado Legal Services Board of Directors (approximately five throughout the year); and
- Completing all projects as assigned.

The term on the Colorado Legal Services Board of Directors is three years.