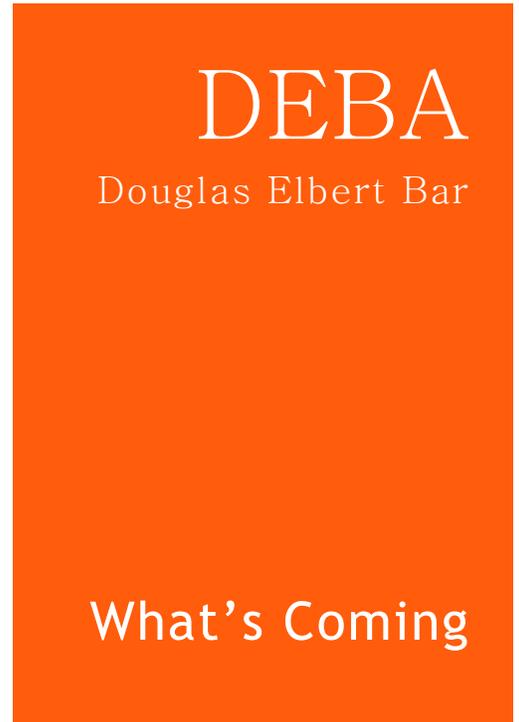




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SPECIALTY COURTS

Dinner at Hacienda Colorado November 13, 2013

The November DEBA meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at "Hacienda Colorado", an old favorite of the Douglas Elbert Bar. Dinner is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Please join us this Wednesday!!!



We encourage our members to RSVP so we can let our restaurant know how many members we are anticipating. However, if you forget to RSVP, please come anyway! The more the merrier and bring a friend.

The November Meeting will be featuring a presentation on our Specialty Courts.



Our Officers are as follows:

- Dan Deasy: President
- Larry Bailey: Vice President
- Mary Baker: Secretary
- Helen Hoopes: Treasurer

RSVP with Helen Hoopes our Treasurer (Helen.Hoopes@coloradodefenders.us)

From the Bench-



Mary Baker asked if I would put together a column for the newsletter. This is my inaugural attempt at journalism, so please be patient with me. -Judge King

Correction – Recently I was asked about the parking garage construction at the courthouse. I indicated that there were 3 projects involving the justice center: 1) the parking garage for sheriff's vehicles; 2) the infirmary and remodeled booking area at the jail; and 3) a reconfiguration of the entrance to the courthouse. The parking garage is very close to being finished and should be in use shortly. The work on the infirmary and booking area is progressing and I believe is scheduled to be finished in the next 6 months or so. I was in error about the reconfiguration of the entrance. This project is not in the 2014 budget. There is a chance that it will be added to the 2015 budget.

Anniversaries

Anniversaries – the following judicial officers and staff members are celebrating work anniversaries this year:

Judge Rich Caschette – 5 years

Judge Michael Spear – 10 years

Magistrate Lung – 10 years

Magistrate Elliot-Dumler – 10 years.

Erin Noeker – Clerk for Judge White – 10 years

Sharon Harris – Clerk for Judge Bowling – 20 years

Heather Nordby – Clerk for Magistrate Elliot Dumler – 5 years



Several employees of the clerk's office working for Clerk Cheryl Layne are also celebrating work anniversaries

– Marlies Massey – 15 years and Catherine Cunningham – 25 years

And last, but certainly not least, Jury Commissioner Jean Nightingale is celebrating 40 years of service to the justice system

A thank you, especially to the clerks, would certainly be appreciated!!!!!!

Thank you

Veterans' Treatment Court (VTC)

This is a hybrid adult drug and mental health court that serves veterans charged with criminal offenses who are struggling with service-related trauma issues including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), substance abuse and or mental illness. The goal is to divert these individuals from the criminal justice system into a specialized veteran's problem solving court. The VTC promotes public safety, ensures participant accountability, supports addiction recovery and is designed to improve the quality of life for the participants and their families.

The VTC recently received a \$344,000 grant from the United States Department of Justice Assistance to further implement its programs. This will provide 3 years of sustainability to the program through 2016 and increase the number of participants to 30, which is double its current capacity. It will also be used to send the VTC collaborative team to the first annual Veteran's Court Conference in Washington D.C. this December.

If any of you have clients who could benefit from this innovative and beneficial program please contact the VTC coordinator, Daniel Hamilton at Danielle.hamilton@judicial.state.co.us.





High Conflict Parents –

Judge Arkin wanted me to bring to your attention a new program available to assist high conflict parents. The program is called changeforthekids and it is put on through the National Institute for Change at 303-231-0090. It was developed for high conflict parents in D&N cases or for high conflict parents whose children were at risk of becoming involved in D&N cases. Anecdotal results from the participants have shown that approximately 68% of the parents participating are seeing significant change in their own behavior and that of the other parent and a reduction in family stress.

For more information about this program please use the telephone number provided above or contact Judge Arkin's division.

Well, that is all for now. I trust this wasn't too painful and I hope to have more information to pass your way in the next newsletter.



Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving.
Paul A. King- Presiding Judge – Douglas County