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Mission

Through a collaboration by the six sponsoring bar associations, the CBLA strengthens the pipeline of diverse bar association leaders through leadership training and professional development programs. The CBLA benefits current and future bar leaders, the bar association community, and the legal profession overall, and lays the foundation for further collaborative efforts by the sponsoring bar associations to foster diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.
SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Meet & Greet and a Keynote Challenge to Do More

Westin Hotel
Outdoor Pool Deck
1672 Lawrence Street
Denver CO 80202

An informal networking event with leadership from the ABA and the National Affinity Bar Associations, CBLA alumni, and fellow attendees, with a keynote address by Hon. Christine Arguello, District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado and Founder, Law School ... Yes We Can: Innovation in Pipeline Programs Across Communities and Specialty Bar Associations

Guests Include:

- Paulette Brown, Past President, American Bar Association, Past President, National Bar Association
- Robert Carlson, President, American Bar Association
- Joseph Drayton, President, National Bar Association
- Irene Oria, President-Elect, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Judy Perry Martinez, President-Elect, American Bar Association
- Thomasina Real Bird, President-Elect National Native American Bar Association
- Alfreda Robinson, President-Elect, National Bar Association
- Jennifer Salinas, President, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Daniel Sakaguchi, President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Robert Saunooke, President, National Native American Bar Association
- Bonnie Lee Wolf, President-Elect, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Jennifer Weddle, Past President, National Native American Bar Association

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

All Weekday Programming to be held at:

Greenberg Traurig
The Tabor Center
1200 17th Street, Ste. 2400
Denver, CO 80202

**Masters of Ceremonies:** Thomasina Real Bird, President-Elect, National Native American Bar Association and Juan Thomas, Past President, National Bar Association

8:30 am  
**Hot Breakfast Served**

9:00 am  
**Kick-Off and Welcome**

Welcome by Jennifer Weddle, Past President, National Native American Bar Association and Brian Duffy, Chief Executive Officer, Greenberg Traurig

9:15 am  
**Remarks by Robert Carlson, President, American Bar Association**

9:45 am  
**Keynote Address by Paul Chan, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, University of Denver, Past President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Past President, Denver Bar Association**

10:15 am  
**Break**

10:30 am  
**Increasing Judicial Diversity at All Levels**

*This panel will discuss what bar associations, bar leaders, and bar members can do to increase diversity on the bench at both the state and federal level. It will include discussions on finding, developing,
and supporting candidates throughout the entire process. The panel will also highlight steps taken that have been the most effective in creating a diverse judiciary.

Speakers:

- Hon. Melissa Hart, Justice, Colorado Supreme Court
- Hon. Cynthia Mares, District Judge, Colorado 18th Judicial District, Past President, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Hon. Carlos Samour, Justice, Colorado Supreme Court
- Jennifer Weddle, Past President, National Native American Bar Association, Tenth Circuit Representative, American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary

10:30 am Planning for Success: Developing and Utilizing Your Personal Board of Directors and Personal Brand – Alumni Programming

Who is on your board of directors? What are the gaps on your board? Are you effectively utilizing members of your board? How often do you meet with them? Do you know what your personal brand is? Can you effectively communicate your brand? This interactive discussion will allow you to develop a comprehensive board and start working on your own personal brand. This program will also provide the groundwork for the personal strategic plan program.

Speaker:

- Paula Edgar, Chair, Elections, Committee, National Bar Association; Past President, Metropolitan Black Bar Association
- Kristin L.C. Haugen, Co-Chair of Solo Small Firm Network, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; CBLA Steering Committee; CBLA Class of 2016

11:45 am Break
12:00 pm  
**Luncheon**

**Looking Ahead to the 2019 - 2020 ABA Bar Year**

- **Speaker:** Judy Perry Martinez, President-Elect, American Bar Association

**Representing Diverse Communities on a National Stage**

- **Speaker:** Neal Katyal, Partner, Hogan Lovells LLP

1:15 pm  
**Break**

1:30 pm  
**Let’s Understand and Exercise Good Governance: Exercising Fiduciary Responsibilities and Working with Your Board**

*High functioning boards don’t just happen; they are created at the intersection of leadership, stewardship and good governance. During this segment we’ll explore best practices in governance, your fiduciary responsibilities and how to be an effective board member.*

- **Speaker:** Wendy Shiba, Past President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

1:30 pm  
**Crafting a Vision and Making it a Reality: Developing and Implementing Your Personal Strategic Plan – Alumni Programming**

*Where do you see yourself in one year? Three years? Five years? What are your personal and professional goals? What are the steps you need to take to achieve this vision? Put pencil to paper and chart your own future in this facilitated workshop.*

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3:00 pm  
**Break**
3:15 pm  **Plenary Session: How We Work Together**

*CBLA is just one example of how bar associations can come together to achieve great things. Panelists will discuss how they coordinate and support one another and their respective organizations to make meaningful progress.*

**Speakers:**

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- Daniel Sakaguchi, President, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Jennifer Salinas, President, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Robert Saunooke, President, National Native American Bar Association

4:15 pm  **Communications Boot Camp**

A Communications expert and a past bar president provide you with best practices on:

*What’s Your Minute Message?* First impressions are crucial. Judgment is quick. What is your answer when you have one minute to explain to a potential sponsor, partner, or ally “What does your association do?”

**Speaker:** Nikki Lewis Simon, Shareholder and Dir. of Client Dev. & Corporate Social Responsibility, Greenberg Traurig

*How to Maximize Social Media?* Learn how to quickly/effectively craft a message and reach an audience via multiple social media platforms.

**Speaker:** Barbara Jackson, Marketing Manager, Greenberg Traurig

5:00 pm  **How to be an Ambassador for your Association**

*How to be an Ambassador for your Association? It is more than*
board meetings, speeches, and interviews -- learn from a past bar president on how to serve as a welcoming face of your association.

Speakers:

- Alfreda Robinson, President-Elect, National Bar Association
- Irene Oria, President-Elect, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Thomasina Real Bird, President-Elect, National Native American Bar Association
- Bonnie Lee Wolf, President-Elect, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

5:45 pm   Adjourn

7:00 pm   Dine-around Dinners

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Masters of Ceremonies: Karl Riley, Region IX Director, President of Las Vegas Chapter, National Bar Association; CBLA Class of 2015 and Gary Zhao, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

8:30 am   Hot Breakfast Served

9:00 am   Leadership Diversity and Inclusion from the Bench and Bar

Guidance from judges who have also been bar leaders about how their bar leadership as informed their judicial service.

Speakers:

- Hon. Wiley Daniel, Senior District Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado, Past President, Colorado Bar Association, Sam Cary Bar Association (NBA Affiliate) and Federal Judges Association
- Hon. Andy McCallin, District Judge, Colorado 2nd Judicial District, Past President, Colorado LGBT Bar Association
- Hon. Nina Wang, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado
9:00 am  Bar Leadership in Times of Intense Social Issues – Alumni Programming

Controversial social issues may be divisive and polarizing, but they may also be an opportunity for you to lead your bar association and community. Hear from seasoned leaders on how they approach bar leadership in times of intense social issues.

Speakers:

- Tamara Caban-Ramirez, Chair, HNBA Immigrant Legal Task Force
- Jennifer Salinas, President, Hispanic National Bar Association
- Navdeep Singh, Policy Director, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Juan Thomas, Past President, National Bar Association
- Thomasina Read Bird, President-Elect, National Native American Bar Association

10:40 am  Life After CBLA

Hear from fellow CBLA alumni about how you can take what you’ve learned and put it into action. Prepare for an interactive experience, where questions are welcome.

Moderator:

- Gregory S. Schwartz, Alternate Central Regional Governor and Co-Chair of Asian American Adoptee Network; National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Past President, Minnesota Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Speakers:

- Helen Kim, American Bar Association, Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, American Bar Association
- Karl Riley, Region IX Director, President of Las Vegas Chapter, National Bar Association; CBLA Class of 2015
- Bryan R. Browning, Region XI Deputy Regional President, Hispanic National Bar Association; Immediate Past President, Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association; Co-Chair Minnesota State Bar Association Diversity & Inclusion Council; CBLA Class of 2015

12:00 pm  **Open Forum: Closing Remarks**

Provide feedback, share thoughts, state what you will do, and share with your fellow Board members when you go back home to your affiliates.

12:30 pm  **Grab & Go Lunch Provided**
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