



Introductions

Meet Four of Our Exceptional Staff Members

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Through my many years volunteering for Colorado's various bar associations, particularly as a former CBA-CLE president and the current CBA president,

I have had countless opportunities to interact and observe our bar staff. Colorado is fortunate to be served by highly skilled and passionate professionals who work tirelessly to support our judges, attorneys, and legal staff, recognizing that a stronger legal profession ultimately means better service to the people of Colorado.

The professionals at the CBA, DBA, and CBA-CLE share a strong sense of camaraderie and a joint vision of leadership. Together, approximately 50 bar staff members oversee organizations with a combined annual budget of \$10 million. Much of the collaborative and uplifting culture is a testament to the leadership

of Nicoal Sperrazza, CBA/DBA's executive director, and Dan Sweetser, CBA-CLE's executive director. In particular, CBA-CLE is often recognized nationally as providing one of the highest calibers of legal education.

It is my privilege to showcase and highlight four of our exceptional bar staff. This article is both an expression of gratitude on behalf of Colorado's 50,000 active and inactive attorneys and judges, and a recognition of the often-thankless work these dedicated individuals perform every day to strengthen Colorado's legal profession.

Meet Evan Brown



For nearly 20 years, Evan Brown has helped transform how Colorado attorneys access continuing legal education. Since joining CBA-CLE in 2006, he has led the organization's audiovisual and technology operations, overseeing the transition from cassette recordings to a modern digital platform that includes live webcasts,

on-demand programming, MP3 downloads, and the CLE Pass.

Evan has also provided technical support for hundreds of CBA conferences and events, and designed the audiovisual infrastructure for CBA's offices at 1290 Broadway. He currently serves on the team developing a new integrated website for the CBA and CBA-CLE.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Evan's career has included roles in technology, management, and secure federal installations before joining CBA-CLE. He lives in Lakewood with his two sons and their pets.

Meet Lisa Cordova



Lisa Cordova is the director of operations for CBA-CLE and has been with CBA-CLE for more than 28 years. She oversees daily facility operations, customer service, and CLE program support.

Lisa is one of only two directors at CBA-CLE and is a member of the organization's three-person upper-management team. Her institutional knowledge of all operations is a significant factor in CBA-CLE's ongoing success.

A Colorado native, Lisa attended Metropolitan State University and loves spending time with her family.

Meet Jessica Lindzy



Jessica Lindzy is a Colorado native who enjoys mountain drives and the sense of peace they provide. Although she spent brief periods living in other states, Colorado has always felt like home. Jessica and her partner, Kiefer, recently purchased a home in Northeast Denver, where they share their lives with five beloved girls: their daughters, Caitlyn and MaryJane; Daysie May, their dog; and Angel and Bean, their cats. Caitlyn plans to attend the paralegal program at Community College of Denver this fall, with the goal of transferring to the University of Colorado Denver to major in political science.

Jessica began her career in homeowners' association (HOA) management. Starting as a receptionist, she quickly advanced to become executive assistant to the company's owner

and CEO, Dee Wolfe. More than a supervisor, Dee served as both a mentor and role model, helping shape Jessica into the professional and person she is today. After spending 17 years in the HOA industry, Jessica transitioned to the CBA and DBA.

Today, Jessica continues to find fulfillment in her work. Each year brings opportunities to collaborate with and learn from a new group of leaders. She especially values the relationships she has built with members of the CBA Executive Council, DBA Board of Trustees, and CBA Board of Governors. In 2025, she was promoted to manager of governance and access to justice, a role that has expanded her experience through staff management and collaboration with local bar leaders. Jessica is deeply grateful for her colleagues, both within her department and throughout the organizations, and believes that their collective success comes from working together as a team.

Meet Amy Sreenen



For more than 20 years, Amy Sreenen has helped strengthen connections within Colorado's legal community. As director of sections and committees and public legal education for the CBA and DBA, she oversees programs that support attorney engagement, professional development, and public understanding of the legal system, including Our Courts, Mock Trial, and COBALT.

Amy joined the CBA and DBA in 2003 as a program coordinator and advanced through several leadership roles before assuming her current role in 2018. She credits much of the department's success to her exceptional team, many of whom have worked alongside her for years.

A graduate of Colorado State University, Amy began her career in New York City as a researcher, writer, and fact-checker for an advertising trend-tracking firm before returning to Colorado. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to fostering relationships, supporting members, and strengthening the programs that serve Colorado's legal community.

Outside of work, Amy has been married to her husband, Mark, for 27 years. They are the proud parents of a son studying aerospace engineering at CSU.

What would you like our members to know most about your role as bar staff?

Evan Brown: I'm available for feedback and thoughts, and I'm here to serve. I have a lot of institutional knowledge. I appreciate when wants and needs are communicated rather than having to guess. With the new database and website, I want to know what members hope to see in the community and in their everyday workflow.

Lisa Cordova: I always try to make the customer experience the best it can be. I strive for efficiency and I try to make it look easy, but I want members to have the best experience possible.

Jessica Lindzy: I don't know everything, but I'm often the first point of contact. I receive a lot of calls and emails, but even if I don't know the answer, I will find it. Now that I have a team, I always try to be there for my colleagues. I'm big on teamwork because it takes all of us.

Amy Sreenen: As long as the staff is functioning, the rest is easy. I also believe in leading by example.

What do you wish members knew about the CBA?

Evan Brown: In a virtual world, the real magic is the community. Some of the most exciting times are when people are together, face-to-face with their community, and connected to social groups.

Lisa Cordova: We work really, really hard to produce the products and programs we provide. It feels great when someone comes out of a CLE and says, "That was fantastic!" It is very rewarding to see that gratitude.

Jessica Lindzy: I wish more members knew how much the staff does and how much thought, care, and planning goes into everything.

Amy Sreenen: I wish members understood the importance of building relationships. Some members feel like they can reach out to me with anything, which shows the value

of making connections and building good relationships.

Many bar associations have faced membership declines. What strategies do you think the CBA should employ to attract new members while strengthening engagement and retention among existing members?

Evan Brown: There needs to be a strong funnel where experienced attorneys can provide resources to and help younger attorneys. With the new website, there will be new resources and tools for mentoring members.

Jessica Lindzy: We need to continue trying to get engagement from young lawyers and leadership through more one-on-one outreach. Personal outreach makes a difference.

Amy Sreenen: Young lawyers are the key to building and maintaining membership. This generation of lawyers does not view professional organizations in the same way as previous generations. There have been good strides made to get young lawyers engaged with the CBA, and there needs to be continued work to retain them.

What does your day-to-day work involve?

Evan Brown: Right now, I'm mainly focused on the AMS database and developing the new website with data and web developers. I handle marketing and event execution, while also spending a significant amount of time retooling marketing and intellectual property resources.

Lisa Cordova: I work very closely with my team, fill in for program coordinators when needed, and manage logistics and hotel coordination for conferences.

Jessica Lindzy: My current projects include Board of Governors preparation, the gavel pass, appointments with leadership, and presidential appointments. July 1 is a major transition period due to board turnover.

Amy Sreenen: I have just finished performance reviews. I oversee four people, and together we oversee 21 committees and 29 sections. I primarily oversee the DBA sections. I'm also working on awards for both the DBA and the CBA while managing the transition into the new year beginning July 1.

What is one potent memory from your job that sticks with you?

Lisa Cordova: One of my strongest memories is building relationships with colleagues. Years ago, Gary Abrams always handled catering for the annual faculty reception and the board meeting beforehand. One year, the caterer didn't show up because they had mistakenly scheduled us for the following week. I went to the board meeting, tapped Gary on the shoulder, and said, "We have a problem." We went downstairs to the office and planned the entire reception in 30 minutes. People picked up egg rolls, ran to King Soopers, and helped pull everything together. The kitchen was chaos, but nobody ever knew.

Jessica Lindzy: One memory that stands out is the 125th Anniversary Board of Governors meeting and CBA President Joi Kush's outgoing address. During that meeting, news broke that *Roe v. Wade* had been overturned. She delivered

a very powerful message, and it was the only Board of Governors meeting that left me with tears in my eyes.

Amy Sreenen: This has happened a couple of times, but what really sticks with me is being appreciated and thanked for what I do. It's always meaningful to be recognized after working hard on something.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing the CBA and CLE over the next five years?

Evan Brown: Everything has changed since meetings became hybrid or virtual. Many people now choose Zoom meetings over in-person gatherings. That affects the civility and sense of community that have always been important parts of the profession. Since the pandemic, there has been a real epidemic of isolation and loneliness, and the idea of returning to

face-to-face meetings can sometimes seem impossible. However, face-to-face interaction remains valuable and can solve many challenges.

Lisa Cordova: One of the biggest challenges is helping attorneys recognize the benefits of membership, in-person programs, conferences, and the relationships that can be built through participation.

Jessica Lindzy: Membership decline is a significant concern. We're now six years past the COVID disruption, but member engagement remains lower than it was before the pandemic. Before COVID, nearly everything was in-person, and there was a stronger sense of community. While virtual meetings can be valuable, they cannot fully replace those connections. Artificial intelligence will likely bring additional challenges as well.

Amy Sreenen: I agree with Evan. In-person interaction is a really big deal. We need to try to make the bar associations feel like they did in the past. We've been doing more events that are exclusively in person, where if you don't show up, you don't experience it, which helps encourage attendance.

If you could make one change to the CBA/DBA/CBA-CLE, what would it be?

Evan Brown: I would continue bringing new updates through the software and website. Better communication and supporting members with follow-up information will be very helpful. We're redesigning the website so it functions less like disconnected pages and more like an integrated calendar and resource hub. We're really excited about it.

Lisa Cordova: I know it's already in the works, but a new website would be amazing. Making the customer experience more accessible and user-friendly will do wonders for both staff and customers.

Amy Sreenen: I think one of the biggest opportunities is getting leadership more engaged, not just participating themselves, but also bringing others along. It is all about word of mouth. If we can have leaders who are willing to pull others in, show them what the organization can do for them, and mentor them, we will be much stronger. Without that, we're not reaching our full potential. 

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