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I am deeply honored to be considered for the CTLA’s Board of Directors. Since being admitted to the bar in 2012, I have served on various boards, including the CBA Young Lawyers Division and the CBA Small and Solo Firm Section. I also sat as a member of the Social Committee of the CTLA for several years. This is, however, my first attempt at running for the CTLA Board. In my experience, the CTLA has been the best resource for growth and the most important organization to be a part of. Much of the reason I have been able to competently and effectively represent my clients stems from CTLA membership. So many CTLA members have given their time and energy to help fellow lawyers in need. I can say with confidence I would not be where I am today without this organization. This is why I believe service on the Board is so important. I believe I can help increase membership while promoting the core values of the CTLA. I am committed to the mission of the CTLA and would like to continue with this commitment by serving on the CTLA Board. Thank you for your consideration.



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It is an honor and privilege to be considered for CTLA’s Board of Directors. I want to be on the Board because there is no group or organization that has taught me more about how to be a lawyer.

Beyond what CTLA has given me, I am dedicated to giving back to CTLA because its mission is so important for ordinary people all across the state. Since joining CTLA in law school, I have donated to EAGLE, donated directly to numerous candidates, attended committee meetings, and served on CTLA’s Lobby Council. I also worked with the New Lawyers Committee to organize and lead a panel at CU Law School with the mission of recruiting high quality future members of CTLA.

If selected to be on the Board, you can expect that I will be an active and involved participant. I will work collaboratively with others in support of any goal or proposal that will strengthen CTLA. For example, I especially want to help CTLA grow its membership by partnering with the local law schools to help grow the next generation of warriors for justice. Ultimately, I am committed to CTLA. I am devoted to its fight for justice. I am excited to work together for a better tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration.



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My name is Jennifer Donaldson. I have been practicing personal injury law for 30 years - the past 25 as a solo practitioner with the Law Office of Jennifer L. Donaldson. I joined CTLA shortly after being admitted to the bar in 1988. Over the years, I have served on countless committees and have held various leadership positions in CTLA, including board member and chair of the Membership Committee and the Young Lawyers Division. I am an Eagle Patron, a frequent contributor to Colorado Trial Lawyers Care (CTLC) and was honored to receive the Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer award in 1998.

Over the past few years, it has been exciting to witness the infusion of new, innovative and diverse members, leadership and staff, which has energized CTLA. I am excited about the direction CTLA is taking and would welcome the opportunity to serve this organization as it moves forward. I believe deeply in the mission of CTLA and would apply my experience, energy and institutional memory to help the organization continue to serve all of its members and promote the rights of our clients. I am grateful for your consideration when voting for CTLA board members.



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I am coming to the end of my first term on the CTLA Board, and I'd like to keep serving. Over the past two years, I've worked hard to learn how our organization works and help it fight for our clients. My service so far has mostly been on legislative issues. It has been a great honor to serve on the Board so far.

Not much has changed outside our organization since I was elected to my first term. We still face tort-reformed judges and jurors and deeper-than-ever pockets on the other side. Litigation is still getting more expensive. The risks our clients face are still growing, and our margin of error is still shrinking. But we win anyway, because we speak, both as an organization and as lawyers, for Colorado's most vulnerable.

If re-elected to CTLA's Board of Directors, I will keep working hard to help CTLA fill its role as a speaker for the disadvantaged. If we do that as a group, I believe it won't matter what the other side tries to say about us.

I feel honored to have been nominated to serve a second term, and I would be honored to have your vote.



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My motivation in wanting to continue service on the CTLA Board of Directors is because my experience for the last two years has been so rewarding. I have been able to serve the seminar committee which has allowed me to help to plan two Blockbusters and now this year's convention. The relationships that I have built have been the absolute most rewarding part of being on the Board. The CTLA has continued helped me grow in my practice on a daily basis. I would like to continue to give back on this Board, my belief in what this association stands for has only grown in the last two years and I want to continue to play a bigger role in a community that has given me so much.



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I am a partner at Holland, Holland Edwards, & Grossman, where I focus on Plaintiff's civil rights and nursing home litigation.

Of all the organizations I am involved with, it is consistently the membership of CTLA that is most willing to go out of their way to be supportive of other trial lawyers. I personally have benefited greatly from my access to CTLA's skilled and members and their experience. Especially in the current political and judicial climate, these connections are critical to successfully advocating for Plaintiffs.

Having now had the opportunity to conduct CLEs, participate in the New Trial Lawyers bootcamps, and prepare amici briefs for CTLA and to litigate in this jurisdiction for 14 years, I have the experience to be useful to the organization and to other trial lawyers. I am running for the Board of Directors so I can serve the organization and community by continuing its efforts to bring trial lawyers together and advocate for our interests.

CTLA and its membership are poised to meaningfully meet the organized onslaught against civil rights across the board and against the ability of ordinary people to get adequate redress in court and I would like to contribute to that effort on the Board.



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Scott Eldredge*

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My name is Scott Eldredge. I am a longstanding member of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association and have served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors. I take great pride in being a trial lawyer, and find deep gratification in advocating on behalf of injured plaintiffs. I support CTLA and Plaintiffs' work, as does my firm. I would be proud to serve another term on the CTLA Board. I am an EAGLE member and will continue to support CTLA and the EAGLE Program.

I have been practicing law continuously with my firm, Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C. since my admission to the Colorado Bar in 1983. My practice focuses on complex medical malpractice cases, personal injury, and wrongful death cases. I regularly appear in state and federal courts and have handled cases throughout the United States.

I have been an adjunct professor of law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law since the late 1980s. I currently teach medical malpractice law. I lecture frequently on a variety of topics at continuing legal education seminars around the country. I am a Fellow in the Litigation Council of America and am one of the National Trial Lawyers' Top 100 Lawyers for the State of Colorado. I have been selected to Best Lawyers in America for medical malpractice law for a number of years, and I have been a Colorado Super Lawyer every year since its inception in Colorado. I have been a Top 100 Lawyer the last several years. I am a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and am quite active in that organization.



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My name is Keith Fuicelli and I enjoy long walks on the beach, sipping wine...oh wait, wrong posting. In all seriousness, I have grown and received so much from the CTLA I feel duty bound to give back. If elected, I will continue my push for a searchable database of expert reports and push all members to obtain client consent to provide these reports to a central database.



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I first became involved with CTLA about 6 years ago. Almost immediately, I realized how uniquely important this organization was to my practice. Since then, I've become heavily involved with CTLA, because it is (without a doubt) the single most important professional organization to which I belong. I am honored to have co-chaired the New Lawyers Committee for the past three years, and equally honored to have served as a director for the past two years alongside some of Colorado's most fearless and selfless attorneys. And, although my days as a new lawyer are winding down, I would relish the opportunity to serve another two-year term on the Board of Directors.



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I was a public defender at the Denver trial office when I attended my first CTLA event. The tone and tenor of the conversations was familiar: lawyers who were passionate about fighting for the underdog. I heard great trial battle stories of taking on insurance companies, corporations and the government - all in the name of justice for the usually underprivileged. I knew if I ever found myself in private practice, I too, wanted to join this fight.

As a new member at Haddon Morgan & Foreman, my practice includes criminal defense, civil rights and personal injury. I am continuing to expand these and other trial practice areas.

I believe it is important to strengthen and support organizations that pursue justice and support my practice. I just completed my term as a board member on the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar Association - where we accomplished great legislative efforts for my clients. Similarly, I want to support CTLA which is why my firm made a 2018 donation to EAGLE and why I am running for a position on the CTLA board.



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I feel honored to be nominated for a position on CTLA’s Board of Directors. As a new lawyer starting out in personal injury in 2013, joining CTLA was everything I could have asked for and more. I was astonished by the treasure trove of information that is the listserv and even more surprised by everyone’s willingness to genuinely help each other. I attribute much of my growth and success as an attorney to mentors and support I have received through CTLA.

After completing the CTLA New Lawyers Boot Camp, I immediately wanted to become more involved. This year, I became a chair of the Women Trial Lawyers Network and achieved a keen understanding of the importance of holding a leadership position in CTLA. From serving as a regional coordinator for the Student Trial Advocacy Competition to becoming a member of the AAJ NLD publications committee and being published in the *Sidebar* this year, I have realized how invaluable and rewarding it is to hold leadership roles and actively participate to improve various organizations. CTLA is exciting. I am a firm believer in everything that CTLA stands for and would be so grateful to be selected as a board member.



Kevin Hannon

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It is with great enthusiasm that I am applying to become a member of the CTLA Board of Directors.

I have been a member of CTLA since 1988. I contribute to Eagle as frequently as I am able. My involvement with CTLA includes Editor of *Trial Talk* for ten years and a past member of the Board of Directors. I have authored articles for *Trial Talk* and authored Amicus Curiae briefs for CTLA. I continue to help CTLA to monitor environmental legislation and have testified as needed.

While we are known for doing environmental cases, our practice reflects the broad array of CTLA’s membership. We work on a wide variety of consumer class actions. We continue to represent those harmed by auto accidents, medical malpractice, premises liability and insurance bad faith. This experience helps me understand and respect the broad needs of CTLA members.

My goal is to become more involved in the CTLA community and to help promote the standards held by the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association. I am committed to continue to boost the public image of trial lawyers and the vital need they serve and excited about looking for ways to expand CTLA’s commitment to public service.



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I'm so proud to be a member of CTLA and would be honored to continue to serve our membership with another term on the Board. I'm confident that that our organization can become the inspiration for all other trial lawyer organizations - the beacon of what is possible in a community, legislature, and beyond.

Throughout my career, I have poured my heart, time, and money into our organization. In addition to serving on the Board for the past six years, I have served as Co-Chair for the EAGLE committee for the past seven years, during which time pledges and collections have dramatically increased. I have also served on Lobby Council and CTLA's Long Range Planning Committee. I've been privileged to share my legal perspectives and strategies as a guest speaker at Blockbuster, New Trial Lawyers Bootcamps, and Case Assistance Roundtables. I also helped create, schedule and moderate an extremely successful all-day CLE seminar for our membership on evidence and motions. I do all of this because I truly enjoy every opportunity to be with our membership, learn from each other, and work as a group to make Colorado a better trial lawyer community.

It is my duty to ensure that the membership is heard and fully represented at the Board. I take that obligation seriously and I am deeply committed to a lofty future for this organization. I would be grateful for your vote.



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I love CTLA and its members like family. I will continue to do everything I can to improve the organization: organizing seminars, presenting at CLEs, serving on committees, calling you for EAGLE money, and helping on the listserv. It means a lot to me to serve on CTLA's board, and I hope you will put me back on for another two years. But know that I'll still do as much as possible to help this organization even if I'm not on the board.



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Mark Nelson

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My name is Mark Nelson, and it would be an honor for me to serve on the CTLA Board of Directors. I have been an attorney for 28 years, but it was not until I began representing plaintiffs (while still at a defense firm, which didn't last long) fifteen years ago that I began to truly enjoy the practice of law and actually liked my clients! My firm and I specialize in construction defect litigation representing homeowners and HOAs, and I would like to increase the size and breadth of CTLA's membership by recruiting attorneys from as many different practice areas as possible. I would also like to lend my time and talent to strengthening the CTLA's legislative agenda, which is paramount to maintaining an even playing field in the courtroom for us as trial lawyers. I have benefited greatly from being a member of the CTLA, and I would now like to give back to the organization by serving on the CTLA Board.



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I am excited for the opportunity to continue to serve on the CTLA Board. The integrity of our judicial system is under attack. As trial lawyers, we are at the front line fighting for our clients, starting with our clients' right to a trial by a jury of their peers, without which corporate and government interests will almost certainly always prevail. I have spent the last two decades advocating on behalf of the underdog and disenfranchised against the entrenched power of government and corporations, and I will continue to do so.

As a CTLA Board member, I have been involved in the following ways: chair of the CTLA Civil Rights Committee; CTLA speaking events; CTLA legislative testimony; *Trial Talk* contributions; and EAGLE contributor. I have been honored with the following CTLA recognitions: 2010 Access to Justice Award; 2008 Outstanding New Trial Lawyer of the Year Award; 2009 and 2003 Case of the Year Award recipient; and 2017, 2014, 2010, 2008 and 2007 Case of the Year Award finalist.

Looking to the future, if reelected to the Board, I would like to continue chairing the Civil Rights Committee and continuing the brown bag series. I will continue to speak at CLEs, particularly on issues relevant to civil rights and employment law. I will continue my involvement in CTLA's legislative and political work. Finally, I would like to join the nominating committee to work for more Board diversity.



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I first became involved in CTLA during law school after deciding I would focus my career on representing people injured by the negligence of others. I completed the New Trial Lawyer’s Boot Camp in 2016. Afterwards, I became increasingly involved in the organization.

I am currently a member of the Medical Malpractice Committee, Amicus Committee, and Women Trial Lawyers Network. I am also an Eagle Contributor. Recently, I participated extensively in CTLA’s early legislative efforts in preparation of the impending sunset of the Professional Review of Health Care Providers.

CTLA has benefitted me greatly by facilitating mentorship from other members, a forum for exchange of information, and friendships with those who understand the highs and lows of our profession. It would be an honor to serve on CTLA’s Board of Directors and give back to the organization that has molded my early years as a trial attorney.



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I practice at Parker Lipman LLP with Dan Lipman and Chris Koupal. We handle a variety of cases on behalf of plaintiffs, including personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance bad faith and product liability. I joined CTLA as soon as my practice became 100% plaintiff-oriented. I love the passion, creativity and energy of the plaintiff’s bar; we are all driven by the desire to achieve justice on our client’s behalf and to change the law through legislation and the courts to achieve fairness. I have taught and attended numerous CTLA CLEs and conferences; I have contributed to Trial Talk; I am a proud Eagle member and board member.



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I have been a member of CTLA for nearly 20 years. During that time, I have attended nearly every annual convention, multiple seminars, and have been an invited speaker at both the annual convention and sponsored seminars. I am presently a member of the Executive Committee and Lobby Council, and have, in the past, testified on behalf of CTLA in front of the Colorado legislature.

I believe that the primary role of CTLA is to advocate on behalf of our members and our clients with the primary goal to be protecting the right to trial by jury. My other principal interest is educating and mentoring young trial lawyers, as they are the future of the organization.



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A 2017 study released by the ABA explored women lawyers' participation in the courtroom. The survey found "women attorneys in speaking roles in court account for just about a **quarter of counsel who appear in state and federal courts**," with the most striking disparity occurring with women's participation in complex commercial cases.

As a female trial lawyer who focuses on commercial litigation, the survey was disheartening, but enlightening. I want to be a member of the CTLA Board of Directors because I want to help increase the diversity of the organization, ensure that our members reflect the faces and genders of our clients, and ensure that we all continue to have access to our jury system. In an attempt to do so, I hope to lend another reasoned voice to the debate.

I am an editorial committee member of and contributor to *Trial Talk*; a proud member of the WTLN; an Eagle contributor; and I have presented at annual conventions. I am passionate about being a trial lawyer, and I cherish the relationships I've made and mentoring I've received through the CTLA. I want to continue giving back to this organization. Please consider me for a position on the Board.



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As it was two years ago, it is an honor to be re-nominated to the CTLA Board of Directors. I have enjoyed the last two years as a member of the Board and look forward to assisting in ushering in the next generation of the CTLA.

Over the past two years, I have been working as a chair of the New Trial Lawyers Division. Along with my other chairs, Amanda, Beale, and Tim, I have overseen a restructure of the New Trial Lawyers Bootcamp which continues to grow and evolve. We had another successful year and I look forward to the continued growth of a program that has continued to develop excellent, young trial lawyers.

The big point of change has been attempting to recruit new members to CTLA. We had our first panel discussion at CU Law to promote the organization and we are attempting to set up student ambassadors at both DU and CU. My focus moving forward will be the recruitment and retention of young plaintiff's lawyers. Our new team at CTLA headquarters has been excellent in focusing on new lawyers and I hope to continue this new focus.

It is humbling to be nominated and thank you for the opportunity to serve on your Board.



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I am an Associate Attorney with Bachus & Schanker, LLC, and have been practicing law for almost nine years. After beginning my legal career as a Deputy Public Defender in Denver and Arapahoe counties, I transitioned to civil law and have been a member of CTLA since 2013, including becoming an Eagle member in 2017. My desire to join the CTLA Board of Directors stems from my eagerness to give back to the organization and help CTLA continue to excel in the future. Previously, I served on the board for two non-profit organizations. Over the course of my career, I have practiced in the areas of personal injury, construction defect, mass torts, commercial litigation, and criminal defense. As a native Denverite, I believe breadth of my experience will aid me in effectively supporting the organization and its diverse body of members. In addition to participating in committee meetings, attending CLEs and working with the Women Trial Lawyers Network, I would be honored by the opportunity to join the board.



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I have been a CTLA member since 2012. I have worked hard to contribute to CTLA’s mission to improve our justice system and protect the right to a jury. I have presented at a CTLA roundtable on jury selection issues. As an active member of the Amicus Committee, I have written a half-dozen briefs (including, most recently, an amicus brief for the United States Supreme Court) on jury selection issues to help expand, rather than contract, the right to a jury trial. I also co-founded and co-chair the Judiciary Committee so that CTLA can have a voice in selecting the judges that decide our cases.

The Judiciary Committee has successfully lobbied for the appointment of several District Court judges and the recent appointments of Justices Hart and Justice Samour whom we believe will be allies in our fight for our clients.

I hope to continue my work for CTLA and continue serving as a board member so that I can advocate to the public for our good and just work, the legislature to show the righteousness of our cause, and the judiciary to show why our cases are critical to maintaining a robust and fair court system.



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I am proud and honored to serve on the Board. I ask you...BEG you to vote for me so I can continue to devote myself to CTLA. Many, many years ago I was a medical malpractice defense lawyer... I know firsthand how dirty, conniving, and disgusting the defense world can be. For 13 years, I have devoted myself to combatting that world. My fights have gone way beyond the courtroom: I have testified to the legislature, have given tens of thousands of dollars to CTLA and political candidates, and have helped write legislation. My main goal is to eliminate caps! Although I specialize primarily in Medical Malpractice, my firm handles mostly car accidents and I am devoted to representing the interests of our entire membership. Please vote for me, and also please email or call me and let me know what is important to you!



Board Nominees for the 2018 Election

You must vote for **at least one candidate in the 4th Congressional District**. Then, you may vote for up to 17 additional nominees regardless of district. See revised bylaws, [Article V, Section 2](#).

First Congressional District (* indicates current board member)

Jerry Bowman - Kevin Cheney - Jennifer Donaldson - Sean Dormer* - Kari Jones Dulin* - Anna Holland Edwards
Scott Eldredge* - Keith Fuicelli - Timothy Garvey* - Tyrone Glover - Christina Hagen - Kevin Hannon - Marc Harden*
Ben Lebsack* - Mark Nelson - Mari Newman* - Kylie Osterloh - Lorraine Parker* - Jim Puga* - Nicole Quintana
David Roth* - Claire Soto - Jason Wesoky* - David Woodruff* - Kurt Zaner*



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At Zaner Harden Law, we fight for people, we hold insurance companies accountable, and we combat evil at every turn. And we have a bit of fun in the process. Hanging in our main conference room is Jean-Leon Gerome's *Pollice Verso* (latin for "with a turned thumb"); it depicts a victorious Gladiator in the Coliseum with his Gladius in hand and his foot pressing on the bloodied throat of his opponent, looking up to the crowd for instruction. Embedded into the painting is a quote from Gladiator (the painting inspired the movie): "the time for half measures and talk is over." We make sure defense lawyers and adjustors sit on the side of the table facing the painting so there can be no mistake about my firm's intentions.

I have humbly served on the Board since 2015 and also try to make sure that Colorado's interests are protected at the national level by serving as the President of the New Lawyers Division of AAJ.

With your vote, I would like to continue in our endless quest to fight the injustice that is constantly inflicted by insurance companies and corporations in these dark times.

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."