

U.S. District Court / Faculty of Federal Advocates

Civil Pro Bono Panel Counsel Recognition - 2021

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

5:00-5:45 p.m.

I. Numbers for 2021:

Current Pro Bono Panel Numbers and Case Trends:

- **131** individual lawyers, **41** Law Firms/Organizations.

Number of **Orders of Appointment** entered by judicial officers in 2021 was **38** entered, one of which has an additional **31** member cases as part of a consolidation of cases of Judge Kane’s concerning Denver Jail Covid-19 conditions – those cases have been taken by group of lawyers. A total of **69** orders of appointment have been entered to date.

- The Panel program made **22 appointments (44 entries of appearance)** independently of the JLK consolidated case, **9** of which were Federal Limited Appearance Program (“FLAP”) appointments through the CBA Young Lawyers Division. Overall success rate: **78%**; success rate not counting the JLK consolidated cases: **32%**; not counting FLAP cases, **19%**.

II. The following Panel Individual or Law Firm members accepted cases in 2021:

Name	Law Firm	Contact Info.	Case Info.	Cause of Action	Accepted in 2021
Jennifer Oxley, Natalie Colao, Judith Pace Youngman, Frederick Richard Yarger	Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell LLP	303-244-1800; oxley@wtotrial.com colao@wtotrial.com youngman@wtotrial.com yarger@wtotrial.com	20-cv-01248- RM-NRN Nicholas Jason Hall v. Reams et al	42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	08/24/2021

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Clarissa Collier, David Schaller	Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP	303-244-1800; collier@wtotrial.com schaller@wtotrial.com	20-cv-02765- RBJ-MEH, Jane Doe (Xingfei Luo) v. Paul Wang	28:1332 Diversity-Tort	03/04/2021
John-Paul Sauer, Lukasz Gilewski	Goodspeed & Merrill LLC	720-473-7644 JSauer@goodspeedmerrill.com lgilewski@goodspeedmerrill.com	20-cv-03370- RM-SKC, Antonio McCowan v. Bayaud Enterprises, Inc.	42:12111 - Americans With Disabilities Act - Employment	06/25/2021
Samantha Taylor Ivy, Amy Farr Robertson	The Noble Law Firm, LLC Fox & Robertson	303-232-5160 taylor@noble-law.com 303-951-4164 arob@foxrob.com	20-cv-03345- RMR-NYW, Maria Montoya v. Colorado Department of Corrections	42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	05/20/21
Laura Beth Wolf	Spark Justice Law LLC	303-802-5390 laura@spark-law.com	20-cv-03789- MEH, Nicole M. Fanning v. Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrances Inc.	Cause: 42:2000 Job Discrimination (Sex)	08/4/21; Federal Limited Appearance [FLAP] program – settlement conference representation

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Andrew Joseph McNulty, Mari Anne Newman	Killmer Lane & Newman LLP	303-571-1000 amcnulty@kln-law.com mnewman@kln-law.com	21-cv-00387-CMA-NRN, Darlene Griffith v. El Paso County Colorado	Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	08/17/2021
Andrew Jacob Felser, Rebecca A. Mastel, Edward L. Shepyer	Glade Voogt Lopez Smith P.C.	303-861-5300 afelser@gvslaw.com eshepyer@gvslaw.com rmastel@gvslaw.com	21-cv-01567-RBJ, Melanie R. Camacho v. State Farm Insurance Company	Cause: 42:12111 - Americans With Disabilities Act - Employment	10/08/2021
Kristin L. Arthur, Philip D. Nickerson	Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP Scott Douglas & McConnico LLP	303-892-9400 kristin.arthur@dgsllaw.com 512-495-6300 pnickerson@scottdoug.com	20-cv-00328-RMR-STV, Manuel Joseph McGee v. Gabriel Pacheco Correctional Officer, et al.	Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	09/24/2021
Elizabeth Michaels (eventually withdrew)	Snell & Wilmer LLP	303-297-2600 emichaels@swlaw.com	1:20-cv-02179-RBJ-MEH, Arthur Walker v. Knapic, et al.	Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act	02/03/2021

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Kelsey Kay Johnson, Kyler Karl Burgi	Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP	303-892-9400 kelsey.johnson@dgslaw.com kyler.burgi@dgslaw.com	1:20-cv-02179-RBJ-MEH, Arthur Walker v. Knapic, et al.	Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act	02/03/2021 (FLAP Limited Appearance)
Roderick O'Doriso, Marcus Haggard, Michael Sink (didn't enter an appearance) and L. Norton Cutler	Perkins Coie LLP	303-291-2303 rodoriso-efile@perkinscoie.com MHaggard@perkinscoie.com ncutler@perkinscoie.com	18-cv-01763-MEH, Vail Summit Resorts, Inc. v. Zip-Flyer, LLC et al	Cause: 28:1332 Diversity-Breach of Contract	01/26/2021
Luke Weatherly McConnell	Mulligan Breit McConnell LLC	303-295-1500 luke@mulliganbreit.com	1:19-cv-01012-DDD-KLM, Stephen Haff v. Dawn Dawson, Dr.	Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	01/22/2021
Nina H. Kazazian Daniel R. Shaffer	Kazazian & Associates LLC Daniel R. Shaffer, LLC	303-888-1100 nina@kazazian.com 970-243-2552 lawyerdan@danielshafferlaw.com	20-cv-01524-RBJ, Richard Wolf v. Meadow Hills III Condominium Association et al	Cause: 42:3601 Fair Housing Act	12/15/2020 (Entries of Appearances 1/15/21)

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Bradley Aaron Levin, Nelson Andrew Waneka, Robyn L. Clarke	Levin Sitcoff PC	303-575-9390 bal@levinsitcoff.com naw@levinsitcoff.com rl@levinsitcoff.com	20-cv-01795, Tahlil Johnson v. Denver Sheriff's Dept. , consolidated with cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-cv-03590, • 21-cv-00014, • 21-cv-00015, • 21-cv-00017, • 21-cv-00052, • 21-cv-00063, • 21-cv-00064, • 21-cv-00065, • 21-cv-00086, • 21-cv-00091, • 21-cv-00112, • 21-cv-00116, • 21-cv-00121, • 21-cv-00122, • 21-cv-00137, • 21-cv-00139, • 21-cv-00157, • 21-cv-00162, • 21-cv-00173, • 21-cv-00177, • 21-cv-00302, • 21-cv-00340, • 21-cv-00343, • 21-cv-00353, • 21-cv-00358, • 21-cv-00359, • 21-cv-00362 • 21-cv-02747 	Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	02/22/2021, per Judge Kane's minute order Docket No. 36, followed by blaster e-mail to all Panel members on 2/23/21
Katayoun A. Donnelly	Azizpour Donnelly LLC	720-675-8584 katy@kdonnellylaw.com			Looks like no Notice of Pro Bono Appointment was entered;
Rick D. Bailey	Rick D. Bailey, Esquire	720-323-2363 rick@rickbaileylaw.com			
Zachary Dwight Warren, Annika K. Adams	Highlands Law Firm LLC	720-722-3880 zwarren@highlandslawfirm.com aadams@highlandslawfirm.com			Brad Levin, Nelson Waneka, and Katy Donnelly all entered 3/18/21, Rick Bailey 3/26/21, Robin Clark 3/30/21, Zach Warren 4/13/21, Annika K. Adams of Highlands Law firm, 12/3/21.

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Matthew Buck	Red Law	Phone: 720-771-4511 Email: matt@red.law	21-cv-01000- RM-NRN, Orendorf v. Office of Behavioral Health, et al.	Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights Act	Notice of Appointment 12/3/21
Luis Cortes-Romero	Novo Legal Group, L.L.C.,	206-212-0260 Email: Luis@novo-legal.com	19-cv-02338- PAB-STV Rodney A. Smith v. Shy, et al	Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights	Replaced Olivia Kohrs of Novo Legal Group, 7/13/21
Matthew A. Morr, Michael L. Schuster, Mudasar Sardar Khan	Ballard Spahr LLP-Denver	303-292-2400 mormm@ballardspahr.com schusterm@ballardspahr.com khanm@ballardspahr.com	19-cv-02183- NYW	Christopher Nelson v. Cardinelli, et al.	Entered appearances after initial declining of appointment; the Court arranged a Status Conference to all counsel and Plaintiff to speak re: representation.

Also, these additional Federal Limited Appearance Program (FLAP) Appointments:

- **Alan Schindler of Timmins Law:**

Case Number/Title	Dates	Category/Event	Docketed by	Notes
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1:19-cv-01056-CMA-GPG Biro et al v. Smith et al	<i>Entered:</i> 02/01/2021 11:21:46 <i>Filed:</i> 02/01/2021	<i>Category:</i> motion <i>Event:</i> Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>Document:</i> 210	A. Schindler <i>Type:</i> aty	<i>Cause:</i> 28:2201 Declaratory Judgment <i>NOS:</i> Real Property: Other <i>Office:</i> Denver <i>Presider:</i> Christine M. Arguello <i>Referral:</i> Gordon P. Gallagher <i>Jury demand:</i> None
MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel by Defendant Eric Richard Aslakson, Cross Claimant Eric Richard Aslakson. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Entry of Appearance)(Schindler, Alan)				

... and:

1:19-cv-03244-DDD-KLM Singey v. Boulder Valley School District	<i>Entered:</i> 09/17/2021 12:43:15 <i>Filed:</i> 09/17/2021	<i>Category:</i> motion <i>Event:</i> Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>Document:</i> 76	A. Schindler <i>Type:</i> aty	<i>Cause:</i> 42:12101 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) <i>NOS:</i> Civil Rights: Americans with Disabilities - Employment <i>Office:</i> Denver <i>Presider:</i> Daniel D. Domenico <i>Referral:</i> Kristen L. Mix <i>Jury demand:</i> Plaintiff
MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>PURSUANT TO D.C.COLO. LAttyR 2(b)(1) and LAttyR 5(a)</i> by Plaintiff Kathryn Singey. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order (PDF Only))(Schindler, Alan)				

- **James Fogg** of **Ogborn Mihm, LLP**:

1:20-cv-01638-CMA-SKC Valentine v. James River Insurance Company et al	<i>Entered:</i> 12/23/2020 11:03:14 <i>Filed:</i> 12/23/2020	<i>Category:</i> motion <i>Event:</i> Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>Document:</i> 77	J. Fogg <i>Type:</i> aty	<i>Cause:</i> 28:1332 Diversity-Insurance Contract <i>NOS:</i> Insurance <i>Office:</i> Denver <i>Presider:</i> Christine M. Arguello <i>Referral:</i> S. Kato Crews
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				Jury demand: Both
Unopposed MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LAttyR 2(b)(1) and LAttyR 5(a)-(b) by Plaintiff Elet Valentine. (Attachments: # 1 Entry of Appearance to Provide Limited Scope Engagement, # 2 Proposed Order (PDF Only))(Fogg, James)				

- Philip Nickerson of Davis Graham & Stubbs:

1:20-cv-02690-KLM Maskaeva v. Portercare/Porter Adventist Health System CASE CLOSED on 12/23/2020	Entered: 12/22/2020 08:56:03 Filed: 12/22/2020	Category: motion Event: Appoint Limited Representation Counsel Document: 18	P. Nickerson Type: aty	Cause: 42:2000e Job Discrimination (Employment) NOS: Civil Rights: Jobs Office: Denver Presider: Kristen L. Mix Jury demand: None
Unopposed MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel for Scheduling Conference Matters by Plaintiff Tatyana Maskaeva. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order (PDF Only))(Nickerson, Philip)				

- Spencer Allen of Williams Weese Pepple & Ferguson PC:

1:20-cv-03686-SKC Gonzalez v. Englewood Lock and Safe, Inc.	Entered: 10/13/2021 16:41:57 Filed: 10/13/2021	Category: motion Event: Appoint Limited Representation Counsel Document: 31	S. Allen Type: aty	Cause: 42:1983 Civil Rights (Employment Discrimination) NOS: Civil Rights: Jobs Office: Denver Presider: S. Kato Crews Jury demand: Plaintiff
MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel Under the Federal Limited Appearance Program by Plaintiff Carina M Gonzalez. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order (PDF Only))(Allen, Spencer)				

- Jeremy Jonsen of Allen Vellone Wolf Helfrich & Factor P.C.:

1:20-cv-03751-STV Gentile v. Colorado State University	<i>Entered:</i> 02/19/2021 10:50:02 <i>Filed:</i> 02/19/2021	<i>Category:</i> motion <i>Event:</i> Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>Document:</i> 13	J. Jonsen <i>Type:</i> aty	<i>Cause:</i> 42:12101 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) <i>NOS:</i> Civil Rights: Jobs <i>Office:</i> Denver <i>Presider:</i> Scott T. Varholak <i>Jury demand:</i> Both
MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>UNDER THE FEDERAL LIMITED APPEARANCE PROGRAM (FLAP)</i> by Plaintiff Janine L. Gentile. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order (PDF Only))(Jonsen, Jeremy)				

- **Michelle Aikin, Esq.:**

1:21-cv-01581-WJM-NRN Smith v. Family Restaurants Inc.	<i>Entered:</i> 11/08/2021 16:14:09 <i>Filed:</i> 11/08/2021	<i>Category:</i> motion <i>Event:</i> Appoint Limited Representation Counsel <i>Document:</i> 29	M. Aikin <i>Type:</i> aty	<i>Cause:</i> 42:2000e Job Discrimination (Employment) <i>NOS:</i> Civil Rights: Jobs <i>Office:</i> Denver <i>Presider:</i> William J. Martinez <i>Referral:</i> N. Reid Neureiter <i>Jury demand:</i> None
MOTION to Appoint Limited Representation Counsel by Plaintiff Ruby Michelle Smith. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Document Proposed Entry of Appearance, # 2 Proposed Order (PDF Only) Proposed Order Granting Leave to Provide Limited Scope Representation)(Aikin, Michelle)				

III. The following Panel members resolved/completed cases in 2021:

- **Kevin Homiak** and **Kevin Chen** of **Homiak Law**; **Katherine Anne Bailey** of **Messner Reeves**; and **Athul K. Acharya** of **Public Accountability** = 16-cv-01065-KLM Rodney Eaves v. El Paso Board of County Commissioners, et al (with a significant settlement amount for their client).
- **Alexandra Lakshmanan Luster**, **Andrew John Ball**, **Christopher J. Casolaro**, **Hannah Caroline Carter**, **Isaac T. Smith**, and **Jeffrey S. Roberts** of **Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP** = 18-cv-03338-STV, Victoria Wright v. Gess [Case is not completely resolved, a Motion for Reconsideration is pending].
- **Matthew Buck** of **Red Law** = 16-cv-00724-KLM, Michael Bunton v. Russell, et al.
- **Hannah Seifert McCalla**, **Jasmine Jade-Monee Reed**, and **Xavier Jarron Avery** of **Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell** = 18-cv-00693-STV, Michael Bueno v. Chekush, et al.
- **David Levin Miller** and **Timothy Michael Reynolds** of **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP** = 17-cv-02194-KLM, Mark Janny v. Palmer, et al.