



RESPONDING TO CHANGE

The Measure of Intelligence is the Ability to Change. ~ Albert Einstein

2021 Colorado Defense Lawyers Association Summer Conference
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa • Santa Ana • New Mexico
July 29-31, 2021

The Summer Conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico from July 29-31, 2021.

We have no doubt that you will find the conference to be a rewarding, educational and enlightening experience. The theme of the 2021 conference is "Responding to Change." Attendees will hear from Wajahat Ali, journalist, writer, lawyer, award-winning playwright, TV host, Ted Talk Speaker and a consultant for the U.S. State Department; our own Mark Macy on his World's Toughest Race Fiji; Magistrate Tafoya, Judges Werner and Marlowe as well as some of our esteemed colleagues on changes to the practice of law due to the pandemic.

The Board appreciates your support of CDLA and looks forward seeing you in Tamaya, New Mexico.

Sincerely,
2021 Conference Co-Chairs:



Jan Spies
Spies Powers and Robinson



Rob Jones
Jeremy R. Maline & Associates

If you have any questions, please contact Glenna Donegan at (303) 946-6659 or glenna@codla.org.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa

The 2021 Conference will be hosted at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, Santa Ana Pueblo. Situated on 550 acres of the Native American Santa Ana Pueblo in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the resort pays tribute to the traditions and life of the Tamayame people. From the historic artifacts throughout the hotel to the making of traditional Pueblo oven bread, the Hyatt Regency Tamaya has found a unique way of sharing the Santa Ana Pueblo culture.

The property overlooks the beautiful Sandia Mountains and the Rio Grande River – the perfect location for outdoor activities such as biking, horseback riding, and golfing.

There are 2 Options for Rooms at the Conference

Our host hotel is almost booked, but there are still some rooms available at \$209+/night. To make reservations, either call the hotel at 800-233-1234 and use group code G-CODL or go to [codla.org](https://www.codla.org) and click on the conference banner.

Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel

We've also arranged a second location for attendees at \$139+/night. Book your reservations at the Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel by calling 1-844-466-2378, use Group Code 2270 or go to [codla.org](https://www.codla.org) and click on the conference banner.



MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT

Registration includes one attorney for access to all breakfasts, breaks, lunches and evening events. An adult guest (+18) and kids may attend evening events only. Please indicate on the [registration form](#) the name of your guest who will be attending. A name badge and wristband will be provided for pickup at the Thursday Night Welcome Reception. Name badges and wristbands must be worn to attend any of the events. All evening events are casual attire and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

AGENDA / SCHEDULE

We anticipate at least 10 hours of general CLE and 3 hours ethics for a total of 13 hours.

THURSDAY JULY 29, 2021

10:00 am	Golf Tournament —Twin Warriors Golf Course at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort & Spa
2:00 pm	Mountain Biking through the Bosque with Michael Watts
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Opening Welcome Reception —Hummingbird Pavilion & Oxbow Pool

FRIDAY JULY 30, 2021

7:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast —Tamaya Veranda
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Announcements —Tamaya Ballroom
9:00 – 10:30 am	How to Do Diversity with Actual People of Color —Tamaya Ballroom Wajahat Ali, <i>Daily Beast</i> Columnist, Political Commentator, Ted Talk Speaker
10:30 – 10:40 am	Break
10:40 – 11:30 am	Story Telling: Making Your Defense Case Early —Tamaya Ballroom Kevin Kuhn, <i>Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell</i>
11:45 – 1:15 pm	Lunch and Learn: Case Law Update —Tamaya Ballroom Jeff Ruebel, <i>Ruebel & Quillen</i>
1:30 – 2:20 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trends in Penalties & Bad Faith in Workers' Compensation—Puma Joseph W. Gren, and Joshua D. Brown, <i>Lee and Brown</i> Visualize Your Case—For Jury Attention, Memory and Embrace!—Tamaya Ballroom Stuart Jorgensen, <i>Stuart S. Jorgensen & Associates</i>
2:30 – 3:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to Persuade a Juror (or Judge) in 30 Seconds —Tamaya Ballroom Mike McDonner, <i>Pike Reporting Company</i> Ex-Parte Witness Communications During COVID 19 Litigation—Puma Steven Picardi, <i>Picardi Law Firm</i> Unanswered Questions Throughout the Life of a Construction Defect Case— Part 1 The Nuts (Litigation)—Wolf Gregg Rich, <i>Coombe Curry Rich Jarvis</i> Haley Maglieri, <i>Messner Reeves</i>
3:30 – 4:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unanswered Questions Throughout the Life of a Construction Defect Case— Part 2 The Bolts (Technical)—Wolf Terence Kadlec & Andrew Guerra, <i>Envista Forensics</i> Moderator—Gregg Rich, <i>Coombe Curry Rich Jarvis</i> Deselecting Your Jury—Tamaya Ballroom Kevin Kuhn, <i>Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell</i>
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Dinner —Cottonwoods Pavilion & Patio

SATURDAY JULY 31, 2021

7:00 – 8:15 am	Breakfast —Tamaya Veranda
8:20 – 9:00 am	Cultivating Resilience through Adventure and Adversity —Tamaya Ballroom Mark & Travis Macy Reflection on the World's Toughest Race Fiji
9:10 – 10:00 am	Judge's Panel —Tamaya Ballroom Judge Mary L. Marlowe, <i>First Judicial District of New Mexico</i> Judge Gregory R. Werner, <i>Fourth Judicial District of Colorado</i> Magistrate Judge Kathleen M. Tafoya, <i>United States District Court</i> Moderator—Tom Rice, <i>SGR</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:30 am	Maintaining Standards of Professionalism in Dealing with Opposing Counsel: Keeping Your Cool (ethics) —Tamaya Ballroom Haley Maglieri, <i>Messner Reeves</i> Magistrate Judge Kathleen M. Tafoya, <i>United States District Court</i>
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Learn: Legislative Update, Riding Colorado's Deep Blue Wave —Tamaya Ballroom Brandon Hull & Ike Ekert, <i>Overturf McGath & Hull</i>
1:10 – 2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bad Faith Beyond Fisher —Tamaya Ballroom David Werber, <i>Dagner Schluter Mitzner Werber</i>, Ellis Mayer, <i>Nathan Dumm & Mayer</i>, Frank Patterson, <i>Patterson Ripplinger</i> The (Coming) Decline & Fall of Governmental Immunity: Fact or Fiction?—Wolf Tom Rice, <i>SGR</i> Stop Talking About It: An Unconscious Bias Workshop—Puma Christopher Reeves, <i>Waltz Reeves (EDI ethics)</i>
2:10 – 3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcoming Challenges of Determining the Reasonable Value of Healthcare Bills in Colorado—Tamaya Ballroom Jacqueline Bloink, <i>Certified Fraud Examiner</i> What's Next in Litigation with the Pandemic?—Wolf Rob Hinckley, <i>Wilson Elser Moskowitz & Dicker</i> Joe Espinosa, <i>Law Office of Robert B. Hunter</i> Technologies & Tools for Evaluating Water Vapor in Building Envelopes—Puma Thomas Gentry, <i>Madsen, Kneppers & Associates</i>
3:10 - 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical or Unethical? Potential Pitfalls in Trial Practice (ethics)—Tamaya Ballroom Carolyn Fairless, <i>Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell</i>
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Chuck Wagon BBQ at the Hummingbird Pavillion

THURSDAY BIKE RIDE

Join CDLA Member Michael Watts for an exhilarating biking excursion. The Placitas Open Space consists of 560 acres of rolling hills, arroyos and a portion of Las Huertas Creek. The creek is ephemeral and flows after heavy rains or a good snow melt. Vegetation in the area is comprised predominately of piñon-juniper woodland. Be on the lookout for wild horses that travel between the Open Space and surrounding Bureau of Land Management Land. *Parking is available at the trailheads*, and Michael will send everyone who signs up the trailhead location pin. Sign up on the [registration form](#) on page 10 so Michael knows how many riders will be joining him in the fun! BYO Bike.



THURSDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Kick off the 2021 Annual Conference with a round of golf in the company of your CDLA colleagues! Golf holes sponsored by LexisNexis, MDD Forensic Accountants & TriMountain Corporation, Box Lunch sponsored by Judicial Arbitrator Group.

Twin Warriors at Hyatt Tamaya Resort & Spa, Thursday July 29 - 10:00 am Tee Time

- \$155 per player for fees, cart, and range balls.
- Scramble format / four person teams-winners take home prestigious CDLA Cup.
- Create your own foursome, or sign up individually and we'll match you up.
- Strictly limited to 40 golfers max due to space constraints on course.

Please consider arriving on Wednesday.

This 18-hole championship golf course has hosted the 2003 and 2009 PGA Professional National Championship. Surrounded by 20 ancient cultural sites of the Santa Ana Pueblo people and the Sandia Mountains, the Twin Warrior Golf Course is both a beautiful and spiritual experience. The course itself is high desert landscape featuring grassy knolls, ridges dotted with Juniper and Pinon Pine, dry washes and eroded land features.

[Click to register!](#)

THURSDAY EVENING OPENING/ WELCOME RECEPTION AT THE HUMMINGBIRD PAVILION AND OXBOW POOL

Thursday Night Welcome Reception at Hummingbird Pavilion and Oxbow Pool

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by JAMS

Gather with your peers while enjoying New Mexican fare and experiencing traditional Native American Dancers at the Hummingbird Pavilion and Oxbow Pool.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE COTTONWOODS PAVILION

Friday Night Dinner

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Dinner sponsored by Vocational Diagnostics

Join us at the Pavilion, just a short walk from Tamaya and nestled amid the Cottonwood forest with its gorgeous views of the Sandia Mountains for indigenous influenced casual American fare and local New Mexico classics. Relax and catch up with friends, enjoy the band, and take in the nuances and aromas of high-end bourbons at the Bourbon Tasting Tent.



THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK!

We will be raising funds in the name of Mark Macy for The Alzheimer's Association and for the Tamaya Horse Rescue.

Tamaya is home to the Tamaya Horse Rescue and Rehab program for neglected and abandoned horses. They provide surrendered horses with shelter and foster an environment that is conducive to the rehab process. Rehab graduates either become part of the Stables at Tamaya, providing trail rides for guests, or they are adopted by outside parties. The money raised will go toward the purchase of hay and feed, hoof care and stable maintenance.



During Saturday morning's general session, our good friend Mark Macy, retired attorney at Nathan Dumm and Mayer, and his son Travis will be reflecting on the 400-mile-long competition, World's Toughest Race Fiji, while battling Alzheimer's. You'll easily see why his team won the Spirit of Eco-Challenge award for their grit, teamwork and overall spirit.



Funds raised will be donated to The Alzheimer's Association, which leads the way to end Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

Please join us and give what you can to these worthy causes.



This is an incredible property that affords so many amenities for all to enjoy. Join us for 3 days of entertainment, golf, horseback riding, tennis, swimming, great food and drink, and most of all comradery with your peers at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, Santa Ana New Mexico.

*Looking forward to seeing you there,
Jan Spies and Rob Jones*

REGISTRATION FORM

Name		Name as you would like it to appear on your badge		
Spouse/ Guest Name		Guest/spouse name as it should appear on badge		
Firm Name		Firm Address		
City	State	Zip	Phone	E-mail

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Please identify the activities and/or excursions you and your guest would like to attend.

YOU GUEST

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE: Thursday, 2:00 p.m., Placitas Open Space—trailhead pin for exact meet, BYO Bike.

SATURDAY NIGHT CHUCK WAGON BBQ

Registering for the GOLF TOURNAMENT? Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Twin Warriors Golf Course at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort & Spa

To register and pay for yourself or your foursome click [HERE](#).

REGISTRATION FEES

	<i>Until June 30, 2021</i>	<i>July 1, 2021 and after</i>	
CDLA Members:	\$795 _____	\$845 _____	
Non-CDLA Members:	\$895 _____	\$945 _____	TOTAL _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION—PLEASE FILL OUT ALL CREDIT CARD FIELDS.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed. (Please make checks payable to CDLA.)

Pay by Credit Card: Please charge my credit card in the amount of \$ _____ (Visa, MasterCard, American Express Accepted).

Name on Card	CC Number	Exp. Date	CSV Code
Street Address of Cardholder			
City / State / Zip		Signature	

PLEASE MAIL, SCAN + EMAIL, OR FAX with payment to: CDLA: 643 Dexter Street, Denver, CO 80220

Send fax to: 925.364.2405. For more information call 303.946.6659 or email glenna@codla.org.

REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY: A registrant for a CDLA event will be entitled to receive a refund in the amount of 50% of the registration fee if the request is received more than 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the event. Thereafter, no refunds will be provided, but the registrant may substitute another person to participate in the event.