



## Colorado Defense Lawyers Association

The Civil Defense Bar

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### **PROFESSIONALISM ACROSS THE AISLE:**

#### **Colorado's Defense and Plaintiff Bars Work Together to Promote Civility and Professionalism**

The Colorado Defense Lawyers Association, working jointly with the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, will host their annual Professionalism Event on November 9, 2016 at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. The event honors one defense and one plaintiff's attorney – each chosen by members of the other's organization – who have demonstrated an ability to zealously advocate for their clients within the civil justice system while remaining professional and respectful in the process.

The event is designed to promote networking between the two groups and to minimize animosity between defense and plaintiff attorneys whose professional interests are generally adverse. "It's good to have an event where both sides of the bar can get together and be ourselves as people, instead of as adversaries," said CDLA member and event organizer Heather Salg. In determining the honorees, she noted, "we're looking for people who can be polite, and professional, even when they are feeling zealous about their case." This year's honorees are CDLA member Timothy Schimberg, with Fowler, Schimberg, Flanagan & McLetchie P.C., and CTLA member Scott Eldredge, a shareholder with Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C.

The event includes a discussion, led by U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer, about the new state and federal court rules and best practices for preparing – in a professional manner – for scheduling and case management conferences and discovery. Judge Shaffer has been a Magistrate Judge for the District of Colorado since 2001, and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Sedona Conference, a nonprofit research and educational institute and publisher that promotes efficient use of electronic discovery and decreasing the cost and burden of litigation.

Continuing Legal Education credit will be offered.

All members of the Colorado bar are welcome and encouraged to attend, and can register for the event at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edavvqrrc90f574e&llr=z4j5abdab>

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