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GENEROUS DONATION FROM JAG KICKS OFF CDLA'S FUNDRAISING SEASON

CDLA's Foundation has received its largest single donation to date – a gift of \$2,500 from Sandy Brook and Bill Meyer of Judicial Arbitrator Group, Inc. ("JAG"). "This is an exciting start to the year in terms of CDLA's fundraising and this will go a long way in the CDLA Foundation's ability to continue to contribute to the community and the Children's Hospital 'Snowpile' event," said Kevin Ripplinger, Director of Diversity/Outreach for the CDLA.

The CDLA is getting ready to kick off the fundraising season for CDLA's Foundation and its annual "Hub's Pub" fundraiser. "Hub's Pub" is fundraising social event at CDLA's annual conference honoring Daniel M. Hubbard, a former CDLA member and equity partner at Messner & Reeves who suffered a fatal cardiac event while cycling home from work in 2011. All funds raised go to purchasing bicycles and helmets which are given to Children's Hospital patients and their families as part of the hospital's annual "Snowpile" event. "It's a really nice event," Ripplinger said. "Participants are extraordinarily excited about the bikes going to their kids and the bikes are typically always the first presents to run out."

The CDLA's Foundation has raised more than \$42,000 over the past five years and has donated 157 bicycles. Last year, with the help of Wheat Ridge Cyclery and the Trek Bicycle Company, CDLA donated a record-breaking 40 bicycles and helmets to Children's patients and their families. "That is a direct result of contributions like that provided by JAG," Ripplinger said.

Although it accepts donations year-round, CDLA will soon be launching its formal fundraising campaign with letters to managing partners at various firms. The letters will talk about the Foundation's work, the importance of giving back to the community and the need for donations to help fund this year's Snowpile bicycle giveaway. CDLA also welcomes any silent auction donations from its members for this year's Hub's Pub at the annual conference in Santa Fe July 27-29. Last year's items included snowboards, signed sports memorabilia, art work, spa services, and other fun items. If you have any ideas or are able to help secure auction items please contact Kevin Ripplinger at kriplinger@pattersonsalg.com.

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