

Honor recipients June 9 at Colorado History Museum

Award of Merit

He was a terrific trial lawyer, very bright and well-prepared. As a judge, he was professional, civil, courteous, fair and reasonable, and he never barked at anyone in the courtroom. There was no pretense about him, friends said. The DBA this year posthumously honors William (Bill) DeMoulin (1933-2009) with the DBA Award of Merit. DeMoulin was a founder of the Thursday Night Bar, which grew into today's Metro Volunteer Lawyers. MVL volunteers served more than 2,000 indigent clients last year alone. As president of the DBA 1980-1981, and of CBA 1988-1989, DeMoulin actively pushed for more women in leadership roles in the legal community. He served as a district judge in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties for 10 years, with two years as chief judge, and retired in 1999. He won numerous honors over the years, including the William Lee Knous Award from the University of Colorado College of Law, the highest award the law school gives.



Volunteer of the Year

Charlene Krogh, an intellectual property associate at Dorsey & Whitney mentors other attorneys and is consistently recognized as a top performer. She speaks regularly at law schools, bar education courses and other events, on multiple topics of intellectual property law. Krogh helps organize events such as the WomenCook! Dining for a Difference event and tutors special needs children at Columbine Elementary. She has helped build the bars' Courage Classic cycling team, Wheels of Justice, to be one of the biggest fundraisers benefiting The Children's Hospital. Krogh has provided *pro bono* service to Colorado Uplift, Mirror Image, Spinhead Foundation and Glow-mundo Creations.



Young Lawyer of the Year

At 33, Amanda Smith of Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti has already mentored numerous junior lawyers at her firm, as well as served on the firm's associate development committee. Smith is a senior associate in the firm's land use planning and commercial real estate groups. She is a committee member for the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado Campaign for Justice, raising funds from law firms to serve clients in poverty. Smith has worked with the regional Anti-Defamation League to recruit law firms to participate in a *pro bono* program for summer associates. Smith also serves on the board of directors of Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.



Judicial Excellence Award

The Hon. Orrelle Rodgers Weeks served the Denver Juvenile Court from 1973 to 2007, serving as presiding judge for 20 years before retiring. Several attorneys who appeared before her over the years nominated Weeks for the Judicial Excellence Award. Weeks has been regarded as tough by some and others say the high standards and protocols set in her courtroom made them better lawyers. During her tenure, Weeks worked within the legal and larger communities to reform and improve the lives of young people. She worked with agencies such as the state's Department of Human Services and Denver Public Schools to collaborate on programs. Weeks, who still lives in Denver and belongs to the DBA, said she extends her appreciation to everyone working in the courts today.



Photo by Gerald Mellman

Teacher of the Year

Barbara Gale-Martinez was nominated by the Democracy Education Committee, Public Legal Education Department and DBA Past-President Elsa Martinez-Tenreiro to receive the 2009 Teacher of the Year Award in particular for her outstanding success in coaching the George Washington High School Mock Trial Team. In its inaugural year, the 2008 state champ team went on to take fifth place in the national competition. As a Mock Trial coach, Gale-Martinez used the program as a platform to help her students realize their potential apart from mock trial and beyond high school. She has helped students, who never envisioned going to college, to become successful college students.

