

VOTE

P R E S I D E N T



JENNIFER KNIES

I would be honored to serve as President of the El Paso County Bar Association. I am committed, both personally, and through my law firm, Knies, Helland & McPherson, to serving as an active and involved member of our legal community. For the last five years I have practiced as a family law attorney in El Paso County. Prior to my family law practice, I served in the US Army for 22 years. I am also currently serving as the secretary of the Pikes Peak Justice and Pro Bono Center. I would enjoy working with a group of similarly motivated professionals to further the mission of the El Paso County Bar Association and serve the legal community in El Paso County. I would be very happy to support the incredibly important work of the Justice Center and the El Paso County Bar Foundation.



WRITE IN

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SECRETARY



MIKAYLA SHEARER

Mikayla Shearer is a private family law attorney at Marrison Family Law. Here her dockets included the Responsible Parent Program, a problem-solving docket for those in contempt of nonpayment of child support. Mikayla also served on the Child Support State Enforcement Task Group, where she participated in proposing changes to administrative policy as well as strategizing ways to implement enforcement measures. Mikayla is currently the Program Chair for the EL Paso County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association for 2019-2020. She is also a member of the Ben S. Wendelken Inn of Court and a member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Mikayla wishes to serve as the Secretary of the El Paso County Bar Association because she desires to see the EPCBA continue to thrive as a resource for the legal community.



ELIZABETH VENATTA

I am pleased to be considered for election as Secretary of the El Paso County Bar Association. I am an ideal candidate, given my prior role as President of the 16th Judicial Bar Association from 2014 to 2015, as well as my work in our local legal community over the last four years in many areas of law. If elected, I pledge first to learn current record-keeping procedures maintained by past Secretaries, and then to strive to adhere to those procedures while bringing in new creative data-maintenance ideas. I am confident that my extensive knowledge of Excel, software development, and technology in general will help me maintain vast amounts of information on behalf of the Association. I am also confident that my current work in developing a new legal department at TESSA of Colorado Springs will provide great overlap in duties. I look forward to your consideration for this position, and hopefully to serving as Secretary of the Board of the El Paso County Bar Association.

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TRUSTEES



ERIN GARDNER

I have been investing my energy in the Colorado Springs and El Paso County legal community since before I earned my law license. While still in law school, I volunteered in the office of the Pikes Peak Pro Bono Project with its (then) Executive Director, Sara Brewen. I am well-traveled, having visited or lived in dozens of countries, and I strongly believe my travel experiences serve me well in learning to listen to and relate to various types of people. I try to bring that same passion and understanding into my practice of Plaintiff's Personal Injury law, listening to people in need, helping them fight the powers far wealthier and stronger than them, and telling their story. I hope that same motivation serves me well as a trustee for the EPCBA Board of Directors, helping our bar association spread its influence, both to the fine community of legal professionals here in El Paso County, as well as the local population in need of legal aid.



BRIAN MELTON

I am somewhat new to the El Paso County Bar, having moved from Tulsa, OK to Colorado Springs in February 2018, and hope to do what I can to involve myself more deeply in the legal community by serving the El Paso County Bar Association as an At-Large Trustee. Despite a relatively short time in practice, I have had the opportunity to represent clients in a variety of practice areas including personal injury, criminal defense, domestic relations, defamation, fraud, and various other civil areas. Currently, I am honored to serve on a panel of lawyers assisting El Paso County Magistrate Judge Vincent Rahaman's staff in outlining appropriate parameters for varying levels of oversight for personal injury settlements for minors. I value this experience because it provides an opportunity to work collegially with other members of the local legal community to establish standards that address the needs of the El Paso County's citizens. Thus, the opportunity to work with other lawyers is to be cherished and I hope to do so as an At-Large Trustee.



CHRISTOPHER WILHELMI

I believe my legal, business, and engineering background, as well as my desire to serve and maintain the prestige of the legal profession will allow me to positively and productively contribute as an EPCBA Trustee. My successful management of high value projects, offices, cases, and clients demonstrates many aptitudes including my competency, reliability, ability to work independently and collaboratively, lead significant assignments, and achieve continuous measurable improvement, which supports the EPCBA's goal of securing the more efficient administration of justice. In sum, my experiences over the past 19 years demonstrate my ability to positively and immediately contribute as a Trustee. Further, I know my energy and knowledge will also allow me to quickly come up to speed in unfamiliar areas of the EPCBA that I am asked to support or handle.