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Nancy Cohen to Serve as 2016–17 Denver Bar Association President



Note to editors: A headshot of Cohen can be downloaded [here](#).

DENVER—Nancy Cohen will begin her one-year term as president of the Denver Bar Association on July 1, representing the association’s 9,222 members.

Throughout her year-long tenure as president, Cohen will focus on harnessing the power of her motto: “The Denver Bar Association is here for you.” She wants to inform members about important work being done in the Denver community and encourage her fellow members to participate. She believes that attorneys should use their knowledge and skills to give back in whatever way they can. Her love of the law centers on lawyers as people, who, though not infallible, are in a privileged position to make the world a more equitable place. As she puts it, “I like lawyers a lot. That’s why I defend them.”

The historic alignment of female bar leaders across the country warrants that the bar will be raised in new and unprecedented ways. One of her chief missions during her presidency will be implementing the DBA’s five-year strategic plan, a plan that was a year in the making.

Cohen is currently a partner in Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP’s Professional Liability Practice Group. Her practice focuses primarily on the representation of lawyers in malpractice claims and grievances. She also defends health care professionals with licensure issue. Previously, she was a co-founder of the boutique litigation firm MiletichCohen PC. Before that, she served as chief deputy regulation counsel at the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel.

Cohen readily acknowledges that the practice of law has changed dramatically since she graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. She shares outgoing American Bar Association President



Paulette Brown's view that it is important to be open to where your support comes from. "It's not just about women helping women; it is also about seeking people who will help you with your career."

Supporting access to justice and mentoring are two areas that Cohen would like to bolster during her presidency. She aspires to build upon Immediate Past President Janet Drake's "Make a Difference" campaign in a way that strengthens the fact that membership in the DBA is a mutually beneficial investment. For Cohen, it's not just about what lawyers can do for the legal community; it's also about what the bar association can do for lawyers—of all ages and backgrounds. "It's about positioning ourselves to do even better," she says.

Cohen prioritizes a balanced life and spending time with her husband Jim (from Cannes, France) and their children, Daniel and Jessica. As their passports suggest, they love globetrotting. Next on the itinerary is somewhere in Africa.

About the Denver Bar Association

The Denver Bar Association was founded in 1891 with the commitment to promote justice, support and assist member attorneys in delivering legal service and uphold the honor and dignity of the bar. The association likewise works to foster respect for the legal profession, encourage ongoing legal education and offers resources for the media and the public on legal issues. For more information, visit denbar.org.

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