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## A note from CLI's Board Chair Ryann Peyton



Dear CLI Members, Stakeholders, & Friends

I hope you and your families are staying well during this difficult time. I wanted to take this opportunity to write with some news and affirmations, to reach out to CONNECT at this time we are all being encouraged to physically distance.

As many of your know, our Interim Executive Director Phyllis Wan has moved on to her new role as Chief Diversity and Inclusion Office for Holland & Hart. We congratulate Phyllis on this important role and send our sincerest appreciation for her leadership of CLI during her seven month tenure. Phyllis was the right person at the right time and she is leaving CLI in a much better place than when she arrived. The gala was a tremendous success, we have a new membership model in place, and our members have a renewed sense of value and purpose in our work. It has been a pleasure to work with Phyllis in this capacity and I look forward to our continued collaboration as Phyllis will be joining the CLI Board of Directors as our Board Chair-Elect.

After a fruitful search we have found the right person to fill Phyllis' large shoes. I am very excited to announce CLI's new CEO as Sara Scott. The Executive Committee was deeply impressed by Sara's passion for the work we do, her commitment to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and her profound belief in the education and capacity building values that make this organization, and this community, so unique and so impactful.

With Sara at the helm, I believe CLI will be well positioned to meet the challenges we'll face over the years to come and, most importantly of all, to meet the needs of you, our community, without whom nothing that we do would be possible.

On behalf of the board, I want to wish Sara all the best in her new role. As a team, we know you have high expectations of us, and we're conscious each and every day of the importance of the work that we're doing to ensure a diverse, inclusive, and equitable legal profession for all of us.

It may be a minute before we can fully appreciate the enormity of the masterpiece that is our community right now. We are still in the thick of this pandemic and will be problem solving for weeks to come. I won't be surprised when it is June and we all look back on this time and see how we SHINED... how we were there for each other; how we were there for our community; how we were there for and gentle with ourselves. Please know that I am appreciating your synergy. The "ALL IN-ness" that I have come to know exudes from each of you.

The thread of optimism that I am hanging on to right now is that this crisis is such a bold, concrete reminder of our interconnectedness. Something we all treasure, and maybe take for granted. Please know that I am beaming stamina, energy, clarity of thought and love to each of you. If you need to blow off some steam, talk something through, or get a new perspective, I am available for phone or zoom support anytime, just email me at [r.peyton@csc.state.co.us](mailto:r.peyton@csc.state.co.us) and we will set something up.

So let's stay connected. Let's be there for each other. Let's support the organizations we value.

With deep admiration and appreciation for the work you do,

J. Ryann Peyton  
CLI, Board Chair



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**Join CLI YLD for Trivia Night!**

CLI YLD is hosting a virtual social hour with trivia! Join us for a few round of pop culture trivia  
(and a few diversity bonus questions)

**When** - April 30th at 5:15pm  
**Where** - where ever you are, we'll do it over Zoom!  
**Cost** - its free!  
[Click here to RSVP](#)



**Member News**

Board member Velveta Golightly-Howell's induction into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame was recently the subject of an ColoradoBiz Magazine feature. [Read more here](#). Congratulations to Velveta!

Our Member Spotlight seeks to recognize our members and their lawyers who make diversity, equity and inclusion contributions above and beyond, bringing our mission of a more inclusive legal community to life.

If you have a submission for us to consider for our Member Spotlight, please email us [here](#)



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## Support Diversity & Inclusion

On May 5, 2020, people all around the world are coming together to tap into the power of human connection and strengthen communities at the grassroots level.

*Will you be one of them?*

The Center for Legal Inclusiveness will be one of those participating organizations and we need your help! By joining the #GivingTuesdayNow movement, you're proving that in times of uncertainty, generosity can bring the whole world together!

### Summit Institute and Career Fair Both Postponed


Given the current climate with COVID-19 and local regulations about larger gatherings, we have decided to postpone both the Legal Inclusiveness and Diversity Summit and The Career Fair. We are looking into some other options at this time. Please stay with us as we navigate this new territory.



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