

I'd encourage anyone interested in public service to consider working in the Attorney General's Office and consider how you can be a part of the



important challenges we're facing as a community. Lawyers have a role to play and there are lots of ways you can be involved and make an impact.

How has your involvement in professional groups, including bar associations, impacted your career as a government attorney?

I had the unique situation of having to run for office and, if you want to be successful, relationships are even more important than for those who are otherwise serving in government as an appointed official. Relationships matter a ton no matter what because, if you know people and have relationships, you're going to be more effective in doing your work.

You should build relationships when you don't need them, and the bar is a great way to build relationships because there you find people with a shared sense of mission and purpose. Because I've been engaged in

working with the bar, the technology section of the Colorado Bar, as a member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association and active in the Denver Bar as well, I've had the chance over the years to meet lots of different people. And my experience running for office is that those relationships came back to help me in an incredible way.

What do you wish other people knew about the AG's Office?

The breadth of the work that we do here. The quality and impact of the work that we do here. And the level of commitment we have to really get it right. Our values — which we developed by working with attorneys throughout the office and have listed on our website — give you a sense of our commitment to making government work. This builds confidence among the people of Colorado that we're serving them. 🍷

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OF NOTE:

Lawyering seems to lend itself to a plethora of pastimes besides litigation. Especially creative ones. Did you know that many of the world's famous painters, poets, novelists, performers, and musicians only found their way to the arts after first practicing law? I know, you're not surprised. And neither was I. After all, a good attorney must have a dash of artist in order to perform on the stage of the bench and the bar, right?

If severe appendicitis hadn't forced Henri Matisse to an extended period of bed rest shortly after he passed the bar, he probably would have continued to work as a law clerk in the small town of Saint-Quentin, France. Thankfully for Modernism, Matisse's mother brought him a box of art supplies to cheer him up while he recuperated. Soon there af

ter, the world lost a barrister and gained a *Fauves*. *Dieu merci!*

If John Grisham hadn't overheard a twelve-year-old girl's heart wrenching testimony to a tearful jury, he probably wouldn't have started writing his first novel, "A Time to Kill." And if he hadn't started writing, he'd probably still be a lawyer serving in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Instead, he's written 27 books, been translated into 42 languages, and sold 275 million copies.

While studying law at the University of Pisa, Andrea Bocelli sang at piano bars at night to make extra money. He worked one year as a court appointed attorney before Luciano Pavarotti heard his voice on a demo tape at told him it was *time to say goodbye to law*. To date, he has sold over 90 million records worldwide.

"AN INTELLECTUAL SAYS A SIMPLE THING IN A HARD WAY. AN ARTIST SAYS A HARD THING IN A SIMPLE WAY."

— CHARLES BUKOWSKI

As you know, practicing law is stressful. And stress needs an outlet. For corporate attorney Nathan Sawaya, that outlet was building things with LEGO. Well, he must have been under a lot of stress, because his LEGO sculptures evolved to reach epic proportions of pathos and beauty. Now he is officially recognized by The LEGO Group as one of the best LEGO builders in the world. His traveling exhibit "The Art of the Brick," has been named by CNN as a "Top 10 Global Must See Exhibition."



PHOTOS:

Left: Henri Matisse - *Dance*
Source: Artsper Magazine

Right: Nathan Sawaya - *Yellow*
Source: Avant Gallery

