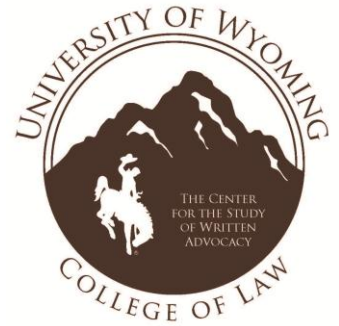


The Center for the Study of Written Advocacy at the University of Wyoming College of Law



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Announcing the First Annual CSWA Writers' Retreat

Sponsored by the University of Wyoming College of Law Center for the Study of Written Advocacy

Dates: July 13-18, 2013
Location: Winter Creek Condos, Durango Cabin
Centennial, Wyoming



Do you have a writing project planned for this summer? Do you need some time away from your daily routine, devoted to your writing? Consider joining us for a four-day retreat at the gateway to the Snowy Mountain Range in the Medicine Bow National Forest of southeast Wyoming.

The mission of the Center for the Study of Written Advocacy is to advance the discipline of legal writing and, more specifically, the practice of professional legal advocacy by producing, facilitating, and promoting research and scholarship that explores the substance, procedure, and ethics of written legal advocacy. This retreat will bring together a small group of scholars working in this field to provide quiet time to work on their current projects, while providing opportunities for informal discussions and collaborations with each other.

The Program

The CSWA Writers' Retreat is designed to be an informal, unstructured opportunity to spend time away from distractions, and in the company of like-minded scholars, to give you time to think and write. There will be opportunities during meals, or on an ad hoc basis, throughout the retreat, to interact with the other scholars who will be working on their own projects. You can bounce ideas off of the other participants as your needs require and their availability allows.

You do not need to have a completed manuscript to participate; indeed, we anticipate that most or all participants will still be in the research and writing phase of their projects. This is not a formal "workshop" where participants will all read your work and provide feedback through a structured program. But it is an opportunity to work in a relaxed setting in the company of others working on similar projects, and to share in the collective wisdom of retreat participants.

The Retreat Site

The Winter Creek Condos are located about one mile outside of Centennial, WY, at the entrance to the Medicine Bow National Forest, in a secluded valley just below the Snowy Mountain Range and Medicine Bow Peak. We have reserved the Durango Cabin, which includes sleeping accommodations for five to six individuals, kitchen facilities, living areas suitable for private discussions, a deck and high-speed Internet access. Check it out here: <http://wintercreekcondos.com/durango.html>.

Additional private rooms are available in Centennial at the Old Corral Hotel and Restaurant; for more information check this link: <http://www.oldcorral.com/>.

The condo is at about 8,400 feet of elevation, so it is likely to be cool in the evening and quite pleasant during the day.

Cost

There is no fee to participate. Participants, however, will be responsible for their own travel arrangements to either Denver International Airport, the Laramie Regional Airport, or the retreat site itself. The University of

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, July 13

Arrive in Laramie, WY

Evening: Welcome reception/dinner at home of Ken and Robin Chestek

Overnight stay in Laramie hotel

Sunday, July 14

9:00-11:30 – Check-in meeting at University of Wyoming College of Law

Noon-2:00 – Lunch in historic Laramie downtown; shop for provisions for retreat meals

2:30 – Arrive at Winter Creek Condos

3:00-6:00 – On your own (writing or settling in)

6:00 – Dinner in Centennial, WY

Monday, July 15 to Wednesday, July 17

Unstructured time to write, reflect, and connect with other participants for informal discussions, feedback and brainstorming

Thursday, July 18

Check out of Winter Creek Condos

[Option 1] Depart for Laramie and/or Denver for return flight home

[Option 2] Hiking in Medicine Bow National Forest; return to Laramie or Denver by late afternoon, for return flight home on Friday

Wyoming College of Law will provide ground transportation to and from either airport to the retreat site, and will sponsor a welcoming meal for retreat participants.

Participants will also be responsible for the cost of their own meals and accommodations. The cost of staying at the Durango Cabin will depend upon the number of participants who choose to stay there. The basic rental is \$260 per night, so if four people stay there (for example) the cost would be \$65 per person per night. Private rooms at the Old Corral are around \$80 to \$85 per night for stays of two nights or more.



The Durango Cabin has a full kitchen and dishes to serve up to ten people, so the plan would be to have at least breakfast and lunch at the cabin. There are several restaurants in Centennial for dinner (or the occasional lunch).

Hiking in Medicine Bow National Forest

The Winter Creek Condos sit right on the edge of Medicine Bow National Forest, which contains numerous lakes as well as the Snowy Mountains. There are many fabulous hiking trails, most starting near Lake Marie (pictured to the left, as seen last July) at around 10,000 feet. If one or more participants so choose, we can hike in the forest on any day during the retreat. The tentative schedule also includes an option for a day-long hike on Thursday after the retreat itself ends.

Registration deadline

The Winter Park Condos have a 30-day cancellation policy. Therefore, we need to know no later than **June 15, 2013** how many people are planning to attend, and whether you prefer to stay at the Durango Cabin or at the Old Corral Hotel. If you would like to participate in this retreat, please email

Ken Chestek at kchestek@uwyo.edu. Please let Ken know whether you plan to stay at the cabin or the hotel, and give him a general idea of the writing project you are working on. The topic should fit broadly within the mission of the CSWA: research and scholarship that explores the substance, procedure, and ethics of written legal advocacy.

Space is limited, so we may not be able to accommodate everybody who might wish to participate. If you are interested in participating, we encourage you to contact us soon.

For more information, contact Ken Chestek at the email address above, or call his office at (307) 766-3367.

We hope to see you in Wyoming in July!