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**Disability Law Colorado Receives \$375,000 Gift from Estate of Michael E. McGoldrick**

*The generous contribution was made in honor of Mr. McGoldrick's partner, Terry Galpin-Plattner, who remains a dedicated supporter of Disability Law Colorado.*

**[Denver, CO | May 31, 2023]** Disability Law Colorado (DLC) is pleased to announce the substantial gift left in honor of Ms. Galpin-Plattner, who has served as a volunteer and valued nonprofit consultant to the organization. Mr. McGoldrick—a lifelong economist and educator with a penchant for law and justice—held posts at TransAmerica, Janus, and The New York Stock Exchange. He taught at Stanford University, the University of Oregon, Lakeside School, and the American University in Bulgaria.

When not educating others, Michael—a local and global humanitarian—was selflessly serving others. Michael was philanthropic his whole life, always donating his time and resources to charities with missions focused in the areas of arts, education, conservation, human rights, and/or justice. According to Ms. Galpin-Plattner, this gift is in keeping with his commitment to both human rights and the rule of law. Michael once had this to say of DLC, “We are fortunate to have Disability Law Colorado in our state. The organization’s advocacy on behalf of Coloradans with disabilities gives a voice to those that are so often silenced.”

The gift, most of which has been put into a newly established reserve fund named the **Bear Creek Reserve Fund** (lovingly named after Mr. McGoldrick’s and Ms. Galpin-Plattner’s sanctuary tucked away in the foothills of Jefferson County, Colorado), and a portion set aside for innovative programming, will have a notable impact on Colorado’s disability community.



In reflecting on the significance of the contribution, Disability Law Colorado’s Executive Director, Carrie Basas states, “It is a testament to Mr. McGoldrick’s dedication to justice, civil rights, and the rule of law that he left such a substantial gift to our organization. DLC will honor Michael’s legacy in Colorado through the establishment and enrichment of the Bear Creek Reserve Fund for years to come and the co-design of innovative offerings. We’re deeply grateful for this investment in DLC and look forward to celebrating Michael’s impact.”

*Pictured (left) near the home he and Ms. Galpin-Plattner shared on Colorado’s Bear Creek. Mr. McGoldrick was a lifelong fly fisherman and avid conservationist.*

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**About Disability Law Colorado:** Disability Law Colorado is the Protection & Advocacy System for Colorado and host agency for the Colorado State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, State PACE (Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Ombudsman program, and Legal Assistance Developer for Elders program. We work to protect disability rights, elder rights and residents’ rights, and improve the human, civil, and legal rights of Coloradans.

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