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Colorado Chief Justice Helps Kick Off Inaugural ADR Conference *Chief Justice Mullarkey, other Judicial Branch officials to speak at statewide event*

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey headlines a list of several Judicial Branch officials slated to moderate panels or present information at the inaugural Colorado Statewide ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Conference.

The full-day event, scheduled at the Renaissance Denver Hotel at Stapleton on Sept. 28, features a keynote luncheon with Kenneth Feinberg, who served as special master of the federal Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 and was recently appointed by Virginia Tech University to direct distribution of \$7 million donated to the school following the April 2007 campus shootings there.

“Alternative dispute resolution simply offers a different way of resolving disputes that may be quicker, less expensive and more satisfying for the parties,” Mullarkey said. “To the extent that ADR takes cases out of the courts, it frees up time for judges and court employees to better handle the remaining cases.”

She is scheduled to be one of the opening panelists for a discussion on mediation in the three branches of government, moderated by Cynthia Savage, director of the Colorado Judicial Department Office of Dispute Resolution. Also scheduled to appear on the panel are Colorado

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Terrance Carroll and Chief Deputy Attorney General Cynthia Honssinger Coffman.

Other panels and sessions will examine mediation in fields including workplace, community, restorative justice, commercial matters and domestic disputes.

The conference also provides an opportunity to bring organizations and individuals together to further improve the training and effectiveness of ADR professionals in Colorado. The Office of Dispute Resolution worked with the Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations, Colorado Bar Association, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Colorado Judicial Institute, American Arbitration Association, University of Denver Conflict Resolution Institute, Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc., Forum on Restorative Community Justice, Colorado Community Conflict Resolution Association, and others to plan the event.

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