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Legal Professionalism Month in Colorado to culminate with Oct. 29 Supreme Court special session for Assembly of Lawyers *Court set to swear in Colorado's newest lawyers*

DENVER – A special session of the Colorado Supreme Court will be held on Oct. 29, 2012, as Chief Justice Michael L. Bender and the Court's Associate Justices will preside over the Assembly of Lawyers to administer the Oath of Admission to hundreds of Colorado attorneys who recently passed the bar exam. The event will round out Chief Justice Bender's designation of October as Legal Professionalism Month in Colorado.

"Each year the Supreme Court has the privilege of administering the oath of admission to Colorado's newest attorneys, welcoming them to the legal profession and community," Chief Justice Bender said. "However, there is much more to it than just taking the oath and practicing law. The Assembly of Lawyers is an opportunity for all lawyers in Colorado to reflect on our professional responsibility to uphold the rule of law and remember the importance of expressing civility and respect for our colleagues and the people we serve."

The Assembly of Lawyers will take place on Oct. 29, 2012, from 2 to 4:15 p.m. at Boettcher Concert Hall. More than 400 attorneys across Colorado have committed to participating in the event; all of the seats in the concert hall have been spoken for.

In addition to the Court's special session to administer the oath, Judge Russell E. Carparelli from the Colorado Court of Appeals will be presented with the Chair's Award for Civility in Law from the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution. The award recognizes lawyers who have taken meaningful steps to promote a more civil public discourse and who epitomize the highest professional standards of civility.

The event also will feature a video tribute to Governor Ralph L. Carr (1939-1943) and his commitment to equal protection under the law during World War II, as well as a discussion with Attorney General John Suthers and Denver County Judge-designate Gary Jackson about what professionalism in the legal community means.

More than 30 bar associations across the state committed to celebrating October as Legal Professionalism Month. A complete listing of the month's events and activities is posted to:
<http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/22250/DPCOM/Professionalism/>