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Douglas County combined courts kick off 2008 by opening a self-help center in the Douglas County Justice Center *Courtney Eaton named as new self-help center coordinator*

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. – The Douglas County combined courts in the 18th Judicial District announced today that a self-help center is now available for all court visitors. The self-help center officially opened on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008, and is being managed by Self-Help Center Coordinator Courtney Eaton who has worked for the judicial department for seven years.

The center is intended to assist individuals with understanding Colorado court rules and laws, case filing requirements, services available in Colorado and other general information individuals will need to know when representing themselves in court matters. Informational brochures with instructions on how to file various cases are available, along with a public computer terminal that can be used to access the Judicial Branch website

(www.courts.state.co.us) for further research.

Some of the resource materials available include:

- Family court matters – dissolution of marriage (with or without children), allocation of parental responsibilities (parenting time and decision-making responsibilities), modification to child support and parenting time
- County civil matters – name changes for minors and adults, Protection Orders, Money Judgments and FED/Evictions
- Small claims matters
- Miscellaneous matters – petition to seal criminal records, petition to expunge juvenile records, probate guardianship and conservatorship.

The Self-Help center is located on the first floor of the Douglas County Justice Center in suite 2546, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. At this time, appointments are not accepted and customers will be assisted on a first come, first served basis.

Eaton was first hired in January 2000 in Arapahoe County Court where she worked as a clerk in the clerk's office, a division clerk and as the jury commissioner. In March 2004, Courtney transferred to Jefferson County where she was hired as the self-help coordinator and was then promoted to a full-time domestic clerk. A year later, Courtney was promoted to a domestic division clerk in Arapahoe District Court where she remained until September 2006. Courtney then transferred to Douglas County Court as a collections investigator. After a year of collections work, Courtney was granted the opportunity to obtain the position she currently holds as the e-filing specialist and self-help center coordinator.

Eaton and other court employees working in the self-help center are not attorneys and are not permitted to provide legal advice or fill out forms for individuals. However, local attorneys have agreed to volunteer their services to the self-help center and will be available to the public on the second and fourth Friday of each month. Attorney David Rolf has offered his services for Douglas County cases and attorney Clay Hurst is available for Elbert and Lincoln county cases.