



**Colorado Justice: Celebrating 42 years of fair  
and impartial courts through merit selection**

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**Chief Justice appoints members to new  
Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee**  
*Panel will provide policy guidance and support to problem-solving courts*

DENVER – A newly appointed advisory committee of the Colorado Supreme Court will convene April 25, 2008, in the first of several meetings intended to develop effective practices and procedures for forming and maintaining problem-solving courts throughout Colorado.

Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey, in an April 9, 2008, order, established the Problem Solving Court Advisory Committee and appointed its 19 members, including judges, magistrates and other court and probation officials from around the state.

Problem-solving courts such as drug courts, DUI courts, mental health courts and family treatment courts are being established in judicial districts all over Colorado. Drug-treatment courts have demonstrated better outcomes for substance-abusing clients than traditional courts have. Clients in treatment courts are more likely to successfully complete treatment, are more likely to have positive outcomes and are less likely to offend again.

Mullarkey said such courts have been established primarily at the local level with little coordination with other judicial districts regarding staffing and funding details, availability of treatment and other policies.

“An effective evaluation of problem-solving courts that will guide future development of these courts cannot be undertaken without an oversight body to make specific recommendations to the court regarding best practices in the problem-solving court field,” Mullarkey said in the order.

More than 2,500 problem-solving courts are in operation in the United States, including nearly 50 in Colorado.

The order establishing the committee, detailing its charged tasks and appointing its members, along with the chief justice’s letter to committee members is at

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/committees/problemsolvingctadvisorycommittee/letter%20to%20members%20and%20order.pdf>.

The initial members of the committee will serve for two-year terms with the option of extending their appointments. The members are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Judicial District</b>
Roxanne Bailin (chair)	Chief Judge	Twentieth
Jaclyn Senese	District Administrator	First
Larry Naves	Chief Judge	Second
Karen Ashby	Presiding Judge	Denver Juvenile Court
Lisa Kirkman	Magistrate	Fourth
Martha Minot	County Judge	Sixth
J. Steven Patrick	Chief Judge	Seventh
Daniel Kaup	District Judge	Eighth
Paul Cooper	Chief Probation Officer	Eighth
James Boyd	Chief Judge	Ninth
Lisa Lane	Chief Probation Officer	Eleventh
John Kuenhold	Chief Judge	Twelfth
Steven Proctor	Chief Probation Officer	Thirteenth
Caren Stanley	District Administrator	Fifteenth and Sixteenth
Katherine Delgado	District Judge	Seventeenth
Laurie McKager	District Administrator	Eighteenth
Gilbert Gutierrez	District Judge	Nineteenth
Kevin Nelan	Chief Probation Officer	Nineteenth
Eric Hogue	District Administrator	Sixth and Twenty-second