

## **Colorado Court of Appeals**

The Colorado Court of Appeals is the state's intermediate appellate court. Sixteen judges, who sit in panels or divisions of three, serve renewable eight-year terms. The mission of the Court of Appeals is to provide the citizens of Colorado with clear, impartial and timely resolution of appealed orders and judgments as provided by law.

The body was created by statute; accordingly, jurisdiction is limited to areas specified by statute, together with the inherent powers granted to all courts in the state. However, in cases of first impression, or where existing law is not dispositive, the Court of Appeals is a law-making court.

The Court of Appeals is generally the first court to hear appeals of judgments and orders in criminal, juvenile, civil, domestic relations and probate matters. In addition, the Court of Appeals has specific appellate jurisdiction over decisions originating from a number of state administrative boards and agencies, including the Industrial Claim Appeals Office. Its determination of an appeal is final unless the Colorado Supreme Court agrees to hear the matter.

Oral arguments are open to the public and you are always welcome to visit the court. For more information pertaining to the Colorado Court of Appeals, or to observe oral arguments, contact John Doerner, Clerk of the Court at (303) 837-3785 or (800) 888-0001, ext. 785. The Court of Appeals is located in the Colorado Judicial Building at Two East 14<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, Colorado 80203.

General information about the court and links to published opinions, oral argument schedules, rules, forms and policies are available on-line at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/coa/coaindex.htm>.