

Law School for Journalists
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006
8:30–10 a.m.
1900 Grant Street, 3rd floor, Denver

Presenters: District Court Judge Thomas J. Curry, 18th Judicial District, Chair of the Sex Offender Management Board
Philip A. Cherner, sole practitioner, Denver
Jeanne Smith, Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice Section, Denver, Chair Task Force on Sexually Violent Predators
Terri Morrison, First Assistant Legal Counsel, State Court Administrator's Office

Topic: **Who, what, when, and where: Sex offenders in Colorado**

Course Overview: Diverse communities, including elected officials and the criminal justice system, wrestle with how sex offenders are identified, prosecuted, sentenced and managed. The session will provide an overview of Colorado's containment model for all persons convicted of sex offenses who are supervised in the community, perspectives on the prosecution and the separate sentencing scheme of indeterminate sentences, and lifetime supervision for felony sex offenders. The complex interplay of the statutes and terminology related to defining sex offenders and unlawful sexual behavior for purposes of evaluation, treatment and registration will also be discussed.

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Agenda:

8:30–9:30 a.m. Panel discussion. Judge Curry to discuss the Sex Offender Management Board and his experiences in the judicial system with sex offenders; Jeanne Smith will outline the deliberations and findings of the Sex Offender Task Force as well as the challenges she faced as the District Attorney in the 4th Judicial District convicting offenders; Philip Cherner, a member of the criminal defense bar, will outline sentencing and supervision under Colorado's Sex Offender Lifetime Supervision Act ; and Terri Morrison will discuss the legal process related to sex offenses along with the interaction between supervision, and statutes pertaining to sentencing, evaluation and registration.

9:30–9:45 a.m. Michael Valdez, CBA's Director of Legislative Relations, to discuss recent and upcoming legislative issues

9:45–10 a.m. Questions and answers