

Law School for Journalists
Thursday, March 1, 2006
8:30–10 a.m.
1900 Grant Street, 3rd floor, Denver

Presenters: Theresa Spahn, executive director of the Office of Child’s Representative
Colene Flynn Robinson, University of Colorado School of Law
Magistrate Regina Walter. Dependency and Neglect Drug Court
Michael Valdez, CBA’s Director of Legislative Relations

Topic: **Children’s law yesterday, today and tomorrow**

Reference Materials: Posted at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/lawforjournalists.htm>.

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Agenda:

8:30–9:45 a.m. Panel discussion. This month’s experts will delve into the types of cases that fall into dependency and neglect (D&N) and truancy, as well as other issues that impact pre-teen and early teen children in juvenile courts. The anatomy and mandates involved in delinquency and D&N cases will be outlined. Discussion will include the challenges facing our juvenile courts, including: meeting the changing needs of youth, the influence methamphetamines have had on child abuse, guardian ad litem, and direct file in delinquency cases. Magistrate Regina Walter will cover the success of her D&N drug court. Michael Valdez, CBA’s Director of Legislative Relations, to discuss recent and upcoming legislative issues.

9:45–10 a.m. Questions and answers