

Law School for Journalists
Thursday, April 6, 2006
8:30–10 a.m.
Colorado Supreme Court, 2 East 14th Avenue, Fifth Floor, Denver

Presenters: Senior Judge Frank Plaut
Richard Laugesen, solo practitioner
William Keating of Fogel Keating Wagner Polidori & Shafner
Michael Valdez, CBA's Director of Legislative Relations

Topic: What about the \$2 million cup of McDonald's coffee?

Reference Materials: Will be posted as they become available at
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/lawforjournalists.htm>.

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Agenda:

8:30–8:40 a.m. Supreme Court Justice Mary Mullarkey to welcome participants and make opening remarks

8:40–9:45 a.m. Panel discussion. Tort cases often involve extreme or unusual circumstances and claims for large monetary damage awards, and, as a result, invite broad public interest. Even for seasoned reporters, understanding and reporting on the legal issues and rulings in these cases is a challenge. The April session will include discussions regarding basic concepts of tort law, the economic realities, landmark cases, the frequent debates regarding the need for tort law reform, past and present efforts at reform, and a legislative update.

9:45–10 a.m. Questions and answers