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RE: July Law School for Journalists

TOPIC: Peaceably to assemble: Protests, petitions and freedom of speech

The First Amendment doesn't guarantee only the freedom of the press. The protesters who have gathered in Colorado over such issues as immigration, the war in Iraq and Columbus Day also are protected. Recent controversy over the federal government's warrantless wiretapping of telephone conversations of U.S. citizens has raised new debate involving freedom of speech. When First Amendment rights conflict with the government's job of preserving the peace and public safety, the courts often are asked to balance these competing goals.

The July Law School for Journalists is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 8:30–10 a.m.

This month's distinguished panel will be Colorado Supreme Court Justice Michael Bender, Denver City Attorney Cole Finegan and Mark Silverstein, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado. Full details including the agenda and reference materials are available at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/lawforjournalists.htm>. Others will be posted as they become available.

The Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Judicial Department have teamed up to create "Law School for Journalists," an ongoing series of classes designed to provide reporters with basic information about the legal system and the judiciary. These free 1.5-hour sessions typically take place one morning a month at the Colorado Bar Association, 1900 Grant St., 3rd floor conference room. Each session focuses on one primary area of the law.

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