



Office of the State Court Administrator

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TO: Members of Colorado Media

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WHAT: July Law School for Journalists

WHEN: **Tuesday, July 1, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

WHERE: Colorado Bar Association
1900 Grant Street, 9th Floor, Denver

TOPIC: **Merit Selection, Judicial Performance and Retention** – This session will take a look at how the state’s judicial nominating commissions operate, how judges are appointed to the bench and how judges are regularly evaluated by the commissions on judicial performance. The discussion will also cover how the commissions’ evaluations serve to inform the public as voters decide whether to retain sitting judges. **Voters this November will participate in retention elections across the state for approximately 100 judges.**

PANEL: The Honorable Russell Carparelli, Colorado Court of Appeals
The Honorable Harlan Bockman, Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial District
Jane Howell, Executive Director, Commission on Judicial Performance

Details, including the agenda and course materials have been posted at:

<http://www.courts.state.co.us/exec/media/lawforjournalists.htm>

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The Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Judicial Branch jointly offer “Law School for Journalists,” an ongoing series of classes designed to provide reporters with background information about issues in the legal system and judiciary. The sessions are free and typically run for 90 minutes at the Colorado Bar Association offices. A dial in number will be available for media wishing to participate by phone and will be distributed prior to the meeting.

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