

## COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS OVERVIEW

### January, 2016

The Court of Appeals is the state's intermediate appellate court. It is a statutory, not a constitutional court. As such, its jurisdiction is limited to the areas delineated by statute, together with the powers granted to and inherent in all courts. As a decisional court, its primary purpose is to decide cases in accordance with existing law. However, in cases of first impression, or where existing law is not completely dispositive, it is a law-making court.

By statute, the court has initial jurisdiction in appeals from final orders of: all district, juvenile and probate courts throughout Colorado; virtually all administrative boards; and appeals from decisions of state agencies, including the Industrial Claim Appeals Office. The statute lists instances in which the Court of Appeals does not have jurisdiction.

In fiscal year 2015, 2,413 new cases were filed in the Court of Appeals including a mix of criminal, civil, agency, juvenile, domestic relations, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance appeals. In addition, the court terminated 2,513 cases; 1,767 of which were by issuing a full-written opinion. The court has worked diligently over the past several years to eliminate the pending case backlog created by a consistent high level of new case filings. There are currently 22 judges on the court who review cases in divisions of three judges each. The assignment of judges to the divisions changes every four months. The Chief Judge determines the composition of the divisions, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

The judges have a support staff of approximately eighty employees. These positions include staff attorneys, judicial assistants, law clerks, the reporter of decisions, and the staff of the clerk's office.

Further information can be obtained by contacting: Christopher T. Ryan, Clerk of the Court, 2 East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, 720-625-5150.

General information about the court, as well as judicial biographies, links to published opinions, oral argument schedules and audio recordings of oral arguments held, court rules, forms and policies are available on the Court of Appeals webpage at:

[http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Court\\_of\\_Appeals/Index.cfm](http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Court_of_Appeals/Index.cfm)

**JUDGES OF THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS**  
**January 1, 2016**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Next</u> <u>Retention</u>
Alan M. Loeb Chief Judge	2003	2022
Daniel M. Taubman	1993	2020
John Daniel Dailey	1999	2018
John R. Webb	2002	2020
Dennis A. Graham	2002	2020
Robert D. Hawthorne	2005	2016
Gilbert M. Roman	2005	2016
David M. Furman	2006	2016
Steven Bernard	2006	2016
Jerry N. Jones	2006	2016
Diana Terry	2006	2016
Nancy Lichtenstein	2008	2026
David J. Richman	2008	2026
Gail T. Miller	2009	2020
Laurie A. Booras	2009	2020
Terry Fox	2011	2022
Stephanie Dunn	2013	2016
Anthony J. Navarro	2013	2016
Karen M Ashby	2013	2016
Michael H. Berger	2014	2016
Elizabeth L. Harris	2015	2018
Rebecca R. Freyre	2015	2018