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TO: Members of the Media

FROM: Sara Crocker, Colorado Bar Association
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WHAT: [Law School for Journalists: The Life of a Criminal Case](#)

WHEN: **8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 7**

WHERE: Colorado Bar Association
1900 Grant Street, 3rd Floor, Denver, CO 80203

TOPIC: **The Life of a Criminal Case** – Judge Habas, as a representative of Our Courts Colorado, will provide an overview of a criminal case, and will address procedural issues unique to cases involving criminal charges.

Insanity Defenses and the Death Penalty – Karen Steinhauser will address insanity defenses and the death penalty in Colorado. Steinhauser is not a representative of Our Courts.

SPEAKERS: The Honorable Christina Habas left the Denver District Court bench on July 13 and is a shareholder at Keating Wagner Polidori Free P.C. Habas became a Denver District Court judge in January 2004, and in that position, she has presided over more than 200 jury trials and bench trials. Over the past more than 20 years, she has taught trial skills through the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Colorado and Denver bar associations, a number of state trial lawyers associations, and a variety of other organizations.

[Karen Steinhauser](#) practices at Steinhauser Law, handling criminal defense and high conflict family law cases. Prior to entering private practice, Steinhauser served in the Denver District Attorney's Office as deputy and chief deputy district attorney from 1981-2001. In her tenure as a prosecutor, Steinhauser tried more than 250 cases. She has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law since 1990 and faculty member for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy since 1992.

RSVP to scrocker@cobar.org. You may attend in person or participate via a webcast; please specify how you will attend in your RSVP. There is no charge to attend.

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. Our Courts is a nationally recognized organization bringing non-partisan and unbiased information about the court system to adults in Colorado. Our Courts speakers do not comment on pending cases or legal issues.

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