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TO: Members of Colorado Media

FROM: Sara Crocker, Colorado Bar Association
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WHAT: Law School for Journalists

WHEN: **Wednesday, July 20, 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

WHERE: Colorado Bar Association
1900 Grant Street, 9th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

TOPIC: **Redistricting** – This program will provide an overview of the redistricting process, redrawing congressional boundaries, when it is decided in the courts because of a stalemate in the legislature.

SPEAKERS: The [Honorable John Coughlin](#) served as a Denver District Court judge for 20 years. He heard the last case on redistricting, in 2001. In 1992, Judge Coughlin received the Judicial Excellence Award from the Denver Bar Association. That same year, the Catholic Lawyers Guild also awarded him the St. Thomas More Award for service and judicial excellence. He is now a member of the Judicial Arbitrator Group.

Tom Downey is the Deputy of Business and Licensing of the Colorado Secretary of State's Office. Before that, he was the President of the Timothy and Bernadette Marquez Foundation. Previously, he was President of the Children's Museum of Denver. Prior to his career switch to the nonprofit sector, Tom was a lawyer specializing in administrative, legislative and constitutional litigation, including a term as an Assistant Attorney General under Ken Salazar. His higher profile cases included the Congressional Redistricting, State Reapportionment, the GAVEL Amendment and the Blue Book battles.

[John Zakhem](#) is president of Zakhem Law. Zakhem's practice area includes election, campaign finance and state and local government law. He is a member of the Colorado Secretary of State Campaign & Political Finance Advisory Panel and served on the Denver Judicial Nominating Commission from 2002 to 2008. Zakhem has represented clients in reapportionment cases.

Details and course materials, once available, are posted at: <http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/21788>.

RSVP to scrocker@cobar.org. You may attend in person or participate via a webinar. 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.

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