

# MENDING JUSTICE



# 2006 Bench-Bar Retreat



Saturday, October 21, 2006  
8:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
Inverness Hotel  
200 Inverness Drive West  
Englewood, CO

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE



**8:30 A.M.**

## **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:05 A.M.**

## **Welcome and Introduction**

Paul Chan, DBA President

William Hood, Committee Chair, Isaacson Rosenbaum P.C.

**9:05 – 9:35 A.M.**

## **Justice on Film**

Mark Caldwell, Esq., National Institute for Trial Advocacy

Hon. Christina Habas, Denver District Court

Hon. Robert McGahey, Denver District Court

Over the years Hollywood has both idolized and villainized our profession. To help set the stage for our discussions on mending justice, we will spend a half hour watching film clips that will stimulate your thinking, outrage your sense of ethics, generate laughs and tears, and make you proud to be part of our profession. The speakers will provide a fast-paced trip “through the looking glass.”

**9:35 – 10:35 A.M.**

## **Introduction of Speakers**

Hon. Lawrence Manzanares, Denver District Court

## **Efforts to Improve the Administration of Justice**

Hon. Rebecca L. Kourlis, Executive Director

Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System  
(Colorado Supreme Court ret.)

What is happening around the nation and the world? Civil rules proposals: does one size really fit all? This segment will feature Justice Kourlis discussing innovative practices, pilot projects and proposed rules.

## **Access to Justice**

Hon. Gregory Hobbs, Colorado Supreme Court

Access to Justice Commission

(R.P.C. 6.1 Voluntary *Pro Bono* Public Service)

How can Colorado lawyers and judges fulfill their ethical *pro bono* commitment to the community? Justice Hobbs will talk about how Supreme Court rule changes and Access to Justice Commission assistance will help.

**10:35 – 10:45 A.M.**

## **Morning Break**

**10:45 – 11:45 A.M.**

## **Roundtable Discussion**

Breakout Session 1

**11:45 – 12:30 P.M.**

## **Lunch**

Switch tables

**12:30 – 1:00 P.M.**

## **Upcoming Legislation and Ballot Initiatives Affecting Justice**

Elizabeth A. Starrs, CBA President

Hon. Terrance Carroll, Chairman, Judiciary Committee  
Colorado House of Representatives

Worried about terms limits for judges? Wondering about funding for the judiciary? Join CBA President Liz Starrs and House Judiciary Committee Chairman Terrance Carroll for a frank discussion of upcoming legislative battles and pending ballot initiatives.

**1:00 – 1:30 P.M.**

## **Addressing Disenchantment Among Young Lawyers**

Tim Henderson, Assistant Dean, Career Services  
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Statistics! 62% of entry-level associates leave a law firm by the end of their fourth year. Why? Billable hours? Fewer opportunities? Work ethics of young attorneys? Hear some solutions from DU's Assistant Dean for Career Services and several young lawyers.

**1:30 – 2:15 P.M.**

## **Roundtable Discussion**

Breakout Session 2

**2:15 – 2:30 P.M.**

## **The New Justice Center**

Hon. Andrew Armatas, Presiding Judge  
Denver County Court

James Mejia, Project Manager, Denver Justice Center

Learn about the latest developments and progress for the new Denver Justice Center.

**2:30 – 2:35 P.M.**

## **Closing Remarks**

William Hood, Committee Chair

**\* Five CLE credits requested, including .5 ethics!**

# Registration Form



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## **Cost for Attending the Retreat:**

\$85 for Attorneys • \$60 for Young Lawyers  
\$30 for Judges • \$20 for Law Office/Court Staff

Please send your check, payable to the Denver Bar Association, to:

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