

Proclamation



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Declaring October 2017 Legal Professionalism Month in the State of Colorado

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Colorado is vested with the authority and responsibility to determine who is possessed of the moral and ethical character, knowledge, and skill to represent clients and serve as an officer of the court; and

WHEREAS, law schools teach such knowledge and skill and foster the formation of professional identity; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession are public citizens having special responsibility for the quality of justice, the improvement of the law, the access to the legal system, the administration of justice, and the quality of service rendered by the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession in Colorado have established the Colorado Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Colorado Bar Association include advancing the science of jurisprudence, securing more efficient administration of justice, advocating thorough and continuing legal education, upholding the honor and integrity of the bar, cultivating cordial relations among the lawyers of Colorado, and perpetuating the history of the profession and the memory of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado has established the Commission on Professional Development to foster among members of the legal profession a commitment to service, excellence, respect, ethics, and trustworthiness, as well as a commitment to the preservation of the rule of law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado, the President of the Colorado Bar Association, the Chief Justice's Commission on Professional Development, and the Deans of the University of Colorado School of Law and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law do hereby declare and proclaim October 2017 to be **Legal Professionalism Month in the State of Colorado**;

AND IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, encourage

- Members of the Legal Profession to rededicate themselves to demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, and promoting public trust in the rule of law;
- Professional Entities, including law firms, corporate and public law offices, bar organizations, and Inns of Court, to promote legal professionalism and public confidence in the profession;
- Judicial Officers and Court Staff to promote public confidence in the courts, our system of justice, and the professionalism of the bench and bar; and
- All Members of the Legal Profession to foster diversity and inclusion within the profession;

AND IN COMMEMORATION THEREOF, invite all judicial officers and members of the legal profession to attend a Special Session of the Supreme Court of Colorado at Boettcher Concert Hall on October 30, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., to welcome to the legal profession those who then will be admitted to the practice of law;

Declared and Proclaimed this 15th day of August 2017.

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