

COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS OVERVIEW

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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 2010, 2,890 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 2,625 cases; 1,752 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, 101 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 837-3767.

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

JUDGES OF THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS
January 1, 2011

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Appointed</u>	<u>Next Retention</u>
Janice B. Davidson (Chief Judge)	1988	2014
Daniel M. Taubman	1993	2012
James S. Casebolt	1994	2012
Arthur P. Roy	1994	2012
John Daniel Dailey	1999	2018
John R. Webb	2002	2012
Dennis A. Graham	2002	2012
Russell E. Carparelli	2003	2014
Alan M. Loeb	2003	2014
Robert M. Russel	2004	2014
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	2018
Richard L. Gabriel	2008	2018
David J. Richman	2008	2018
Gail Miller	2009	2012
Laurie Booras	2009	2012
Terry Fox ¹	2011	2014

¹ Judge Fox joined the court on January 7, 2011, replacing Judge Sean Connelly.