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The Insider's Guide to Colorado Practice Materials

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- New vs. Old
- Print vs. Online
- Getting Help

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Primary Sources

- Constitution

Legislative

- Statutes/Codes/Uniform Laws

Executive

- Regulations/AG/Governor/Agencies

Judicial

- Cases/Court Rules

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Constitution

Colorado Revised Statutes

Lexis: Volume 1

West: Volumes 1-3

Colorado State Constitution: A Reference Guide

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Statutes/Codes

State Statutes

Colorado Revised Statutes (Official)

West's CRS Annotated

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Statutes/Codes

Local Codes

Boulder Revised Code

Colorado County Governments

<http://www.colorado.gov/colorado-government/countygovs.html>

Colorado Local Governments & Special Districts

<http://www.colorado.gov/colorado-government/sdlg.html#local>

Colorado Municipal Governments

<http://www.colorado.gov/colorado-government/municipalgovs.html>

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Statutes/Codes

Compilations

Guide to State Legislative and Administrative Materials

Martindale-Hubbell Law Digest

National Survey of State Laws

Subject Compilation of State Laws

Uniform Laws

Uniform Laws Annotated

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Regulations

Code of Colorado Regulations
(aka Colorado Administrative Code)

Colorado Register

Attorney General Formal Opinions

http://www.ago.state.co.us/ag_opinions.cfm

Governor's Executive Orders

<http://www.colorado.gov/governor/executive-orders.html>

(Bill Ritter, 2007)

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/GovOwens/EOS/eolist.htm>

(Bill Owens, 1999-2006)

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Cases

Historical

Colorado Reports

Colorado Court of Appeal Reports

Current

West's Colorado Reporter

West's Pacific Reporter

West's Federal Reporter

West's Federal Supplement

West's Federal Appendix

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Court Rules

- Civil
- Criminal
- Juvenile
- Probate
- Traffic
- County and Small Claims
- Appellate
- Evidence
- Attorney and Judicial Conduct

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Court Rules

Colorado Court Rules: Federal

Colorado Court Rules: State

Colorado Revised Statutes

Lexis: Last 2 Volumes

West: Volumes 4-6 for civil procedure rules; other rules located with code sections

Colorado Rules of Evidence Annotated

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Digests/Citators

- West's Colorado Digest
- West's Pacific Digest
- Shepard's Colorado Citations

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Secondary Sources

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American Law Reports

- State and Federal
- Cases and “Annotations”

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Encyclopedias/Annotations

General

- American Jurisprudence (AmJur)
- Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS)

Colorado

- Colorado Law Annotated
- Colorado Law Finder

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Classic Treatises

- See ‘Classic Treatises’ handout
- Actual title may differ from commonly-used title
- Example: “Prosser on Torts” is now The Law of Torts by Dan B. Dobbs

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Colorado Practice Series ^w

- Vol 1-3A Methods of Practice by Krendel
(Vol 1A Business Corporation Deskbook)
- Vol 4-5 Civil Rules Annotated by Hyatt & Hess
- Vol 5A Colorado Handbook on Civil Litigation
- Vol 6 Civil Trial Practice by David R. DeMuro
- Vol 7-8A Personal Injury Practice : Torts and Insurance by Grund & Miller
- Vol 9-10 Creditors' Remedies, Debtors' Relief by Seifert
- Vol 11-13 Civil Procedure Forms & Commentary by Knapp
- Vol 14-15 Criminal Practice and Procedure by Dieter
- Vol 16 Colorado Employment Law and Practice by Paddock
- Vol 16 A Colorado Employment Law and Practice Handbook
- Vol 17 Colorado Workers' Compensation Practice and Procedure by Phillips & Phillips
- Vol 18 Colorado Appellate Law and Practice by Plank & Gill
- Vol 19-20 Colorado Family Law and Practice by McGuane, Hogan & Storey
- Vol 21 Colorado Family Law and Practice Handbook
- Vol 22 Colorado Handbook on Evidence by Hess & Hyatt

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Topic-Specific Practice Materials

Bankruptcy
Construction
Corporations/Business
Criminal
Elder Law
Estate Planning
Family Law
Insurance
Labor and Employment
Landlord-Tenant
Natural Resources
Personal Injury
Real Estate/Property
Securities
Water Law
Workers' Compensation

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Topical Practice Materials

Example: Estate Planning

The Orange Book
aka Colorado Estate Planning Forms and Handbook

The Green Book: Selected Colorado Materials on Wills, Estates, Trusts and Taxes

Colorado Estate Planning, Will Drafting, and Estate Administration

Colorado Law of Wills, Trusts and Fiduciary Administration

Fundamentals of Colorado Trust Practice

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Civil Procedure

Civil Procedure Forms and Commentary

Civil Rules Annotated

Colorado Causes of Action

Discovery: A Handbook for Colorado Practitioners

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Trial Practice

Civil Trial Practice

Colorado Causes of Action: Elements, Defenses, Remedies, Forms

Colorado Courtroom Handbook for Civil Trials

Colorado Handbook on Civil Litigation (CO Practice)

Colorado Litigation Forms and Analysis

On Depositions in Colorado

Trial Handbook for Colorado Lawyers

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Evidence

Colorado Evidence Courtroom Manual
Colorado Evidence Handbook
Colorado Evidentiary Foundations
Colorado Handbook on Evidence (CO Practice)

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Jury Instructions

Colorado Jury Instructions for Civil Trials
Colorado Jury Instructions 4th, Civil
Colorado Jury Instructions, Criminal

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Appellate Procedure

Colorado Appellate Handbook
Colorado Appellate Law and Practice (CO Practice)

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CLE Materials

Examples:

2006 Bench & Bar Family Law Institute
7th Annual Business Law Institute
Drafting Compensation and Other Employee Agreements
Litigation Skills : Nuts and Bolts of Deposition Practice
Trial Preparation

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Legal Periodicals

CU Journals/Law Reviews

University of Colorado Law Review

Colorado Journal of International Environmental and Policy

Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law

DU Journals/Law Reviews

Denver University Law Review

Tax Law Journal

Transportation Law Journal

University of Denver Water Law Review

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Legal Periodicals

Annual Surveys

Annual Survey of Colorado Law

Annual Tenth Circuit Survey (DU Law Review)

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Legal Periodicals

Professional/Practice Publications

Colorado Lawyer

•Contains recent rule changes/AG opinions/etc

Denver Business Journal

The Docket (Denver Bar Association)

Law Week Colorado

Jury Verdict Reporter of Colorado: Weekly Summaries of Colorado Jury Verdicts

Mineral Law Newsletter

Water Law Newsletter

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Legal Periodicals

Newspapers

Daily Camera

Denver Post

Rocky Mountain News

Weeklies

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Legal Periodicals

Finding Tools

- Index to Legal Periodicals
- LegalTrac
- HeinOnline
- Lexis/Westlaw

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Additional Resources

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Court Resources

Books

The Litigator's Handbook of Colorado District Court Judges

Websites

Colorado State Judicial Branch
www.courts.state.co.us

U.S. Courts for the Districts of Colorado
www.cod.uscourts.gov

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
www.ca10.uscourts.gov

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Court Resources

Websites (cont.)

Colorado Courts Newsletter
www.courts.state.co.us/exec/scao/cocourts/newsletter.htm

Court Facts
www.courts.state.co.us/exec/pubed/courtfactspage.htm

Colorado Chief Justice Directives
www.courts.state.co.us/supct/directives/supctdirectives.htm

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Court Resources

Services

PACER
pacer.psc.uscourts.gov

LexisNexis CourtLink
www.lexisnexis.com/courtlink/online

LexisNexis File & Serve
www.lexisnexis.com/fileandserve

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Professional Resources

Books

Colorado Attorney's Professional Liability Handbook

Lawyer's Professional Liability in Colorado: Preventing Legal Malpractice and Disciplinary Actions

Practitioner's Guide to the Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work Product Doctrine

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Professional Resources

Websites

Colorado Bar Association
<http://www.cobar.org>

Boulder Criminal Defense Bar
<http://members.aol.com/bcrimdb/index.html>

Colorado Criminal Defense Bar
<http://www.ccdb.org>

Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
<http://www.ctlanet.org/co>

Denver Bar Association
<http://www.denbar.org>

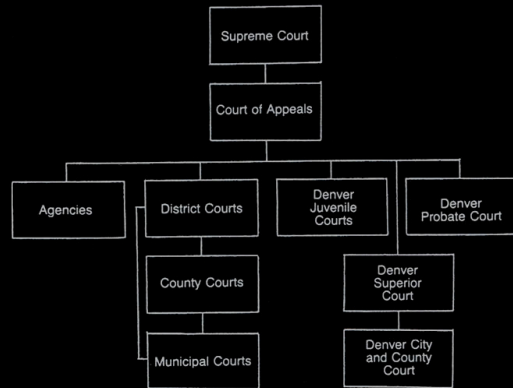
Women's Bar Association
<http://www.cwba.org>

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Background Reading

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Colorado Legal History



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Colorado Legal History

Books

From Guns to Gavels: A History of the Federal Territorial and Districts Courts of Colorado

John L. Kane and Sharon Marks Efenbein

Prestatehood Legal Materials

Michael Chiorazzi and Marguerite Most, editors

Articles

"The Colorado Bar Association: A Brief History"

Christopher Brauchli

"A Jurisdictional History of the Colorado Courts"

Barbara Bintliff

"Histories of Selected Colorado Courts"

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State Government

Books

Colorado: A Practical Guide to its Government and Politics

Roger Alan Walton

Colorado's Government

Robert S. Lorch

Websites

State of Colorado

<http://www.colorado.gov>

Colorado General Assembly

<http://www.leg.state.co.us>

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Colorado Libraries

Colorado Supreme Court Library
<http://www.state.co.us/courts/sctlib>

U.S. Tenth Circuit Library
<http://www.ck10.uscourts.gov/library/index.php>

Colorado Legislative Council Library
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff

University of Colorado Law Library
<http://www.colorado.edu/Law/lawlib>

University of Denver Law Library
<http://law.du.edu/library>

National Indian Law Library
<http://www.narf.org/nill/index.htm>

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Online Catalogs

Colorado Virtual Library
<http://www.aclin.org>

Prospector
<http://prospector.coalliance.org>

WorldCat
<http://www.worldcat.org>

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Research Guides

Colorado Legal Resources : An Annotated Bibliography

Find it Free and Fast on the Net : Advanced Internet Strategies for the Colorado Legal Professional

Legal Research Corner (CoALL)
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/corner.htm>

Colorado Bar Association: Legal Research Links
<http://www.cobar.org/hotlinks.cfm>

CU Law Library: Colorado Legal Resources
<http://www.colorado.edu/law/lawlib/>

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