

CU/DU Government and Public Interest Law Career Fair

Virtual Employer Expo Guidebook February 18, 2021

This document contains information on the over 50 organizations participating in the Virtual Employer Expo. The Expo provides an excellent opportunity for networking and learning about a number of different organizations throughout the mountain west.

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Federal Government

[Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of Administrative Law Judges](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Jeremy Hessler and Sharli Silva

About: FERC Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) resolve contested cases as directed by the Commission, either by serving as a Presiding Judge, conducting a hearing, developing a record, rendering an initial decision, or by serving as a Settlement Judge and facilitating a negotiated resolution by settlement.

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of the Chief Counsel](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Melanie Siders and Cortney Price

About: The Office of the Chief Counsel (OCC) was established in 2002 to provide specialized legal advice, opinions, determinations, regulations, and any other assistance to the USCIS Director as an embedded legal program of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the General Counsel.

[U.S. Coast Guard Judge Advocate General](#)

Representative(s) Attending: LCDR Matthew Pecoske or LT Erin Callahan

About: The Coast Guard legal program delivers high-quality legal advice and support to the people who carry out the varied functions of the Coast Guard to ensure their missions, operations and activities can be achieved within the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law.

[U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Allison Morris and Stephen Chen

About: OCR's mission is to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence through vigorous enforcement of civil rights in our nation's schools.

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Rachel Lips

About: OCR enforces federal civil rights laws, conscience and religious freedom laws, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules, and the Patient Safety Act and Rule, which together protect your fundamental rights of nondiscrimination, conscience, religious freedom, and health information privacy.

[U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Lesley Meyer and Jessica Langely-Degroot

About: HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers, meet the need for quality affordable rental homes, utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life, build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business.

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The mission of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities by leading the nation in the enforcement, administration, development, and public understanding of federal fair housing policies and laws.

[U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: Our mission is to enforce the Nation's civil and criminal environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and hazardous waste laws. Our mission also involves the protection of the Nation's natural resources and handling cases relating to tribal rights and resources.

[U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Denver Immigration Court](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The primary mission of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, EOIR conducts immigration court proceedings, appellate reviews, and administrative hearings.

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The mission of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) is to identify and meet the legal needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Its primary objective is to ensure the just and faithful execution of the laws, regulations and policies that the Secretary has responsibility for administering, and by so doing enable the Department to accomplish its mission of service to our Nation's veterans.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Fuels Enforcement Branch](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: EPA regulates emissions of air pollution from mobile and stationary sources under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA regulates fuel used in motor vehicles and non-road equipment. Clean fuels help reduce harmful emissions from a wide variety of motor vehicles, engines, and equipment.

[U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Hearings Unit for the Denver Field Office](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Judge Jacob Smiles and Judge Lucy Rosas

About: The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, transgender status, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.

[U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps provides commanders, Sailors, and Navy families with targeted legal solutions wherever and whenever required to enable effective naval and joint operations.

[U.S. Probation Office and U.S. District Court](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Louise Wilson, Lynda Larsen, and Cherish Ross

About: The U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services System carries out probation and pretrial services functions in the U.S. district courts. The officers, considered the "eyes and ears" of the federal courts, investigate and supervise persons charged with or convicted of federal crimes.

State / Local Government

[1st Judicial District Attorney's Office \(Jefferson County\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Ann Joyce and Colleen Lamb

About: The First Judicial District Attorney's Office serves Jefferson and Gilpin counties and is responsible for prosecuting all state criminal offenses occurring in the two counties. These include cases brought by eleven municipal police departments, two sheriffs' departments two college police departments, and state and federal law enforcement agencies.

[2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office \(Denver County\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Brittany Cooper and Lisa Durbano

About: Our mission is to professionally and competently prosecute crimes and investigate criminal activity on behalf of the people of the State of Colorado and to seek equal justice for all in the criminal justice system. Our mission includes the prevention and deterrence of crimes, support of the well-being of victims, participation in the community, transparency, accountability, and improvement of the criminal justice system to provide fair alternatives to incarceration in appropriate cases.

[4th Judicial District Attorney's Office \(El Paso and Teller Counties\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: Our vision is to be leaders in fair and effective prosecution and innovative justice programs. We will be an employer of choice to recruit and retain attorneys and staff and to develop outstanding future community leaders. We will make a difference in the lives of the individuals who come into contact with the criminal justice system and will enhance public safety and the quality of life for citizens of El Paso and Teller Counties.

[17th Judicial District Attorney's Office \(Adams and Broomfield Counties\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: Our mission is to pursue justice through the fair and ethical prosecution of criminal offenders, to seek justice for victims of crime, to create a safer community through positive partnerships with law enforcement and other community members, and to earn and hold the trust and respect of the citizens that we are privileged and honored to serve.

[18th Judicial District Attorney's Office \(Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Brian Sugioka, Brittany Martin, and Vicki Klingensmith

About: Our mission is to seek justice for all cases within the District. The office will professionally, ethically and vigorously prosecute criminal offenses. The office has three priorities: prosecuting criminals to the fullest extent possible; protecting the rights and interests of crime victims; and preventing crime before it happens. We are committed to advocating for victims' rights and promoting public safety through cooperation and partnership with law enforcement and our community members.

[18th Judicial District Court \(Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Kaitlyn McNeill

About: District Courts hear civil cases in any amount, as well as domestic relations, criminal, juvenile, probate, and mental health cases.

[20th Judicial District Attorney's Office \(Boulder County\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The District Attorney's mission is to maintain public safety while seeking justice in every case, and to enhance the legacy of the Office as a leader in public safety, progressive prosecution, and criminal justice reform. The Office of the District Attorney has jurisdiction, or authority, over violations of state criminal laws and is responsible for upholding the Colorado and United States Constitutions. The District Attorney serves an Executive Branch function, which means it is responsible for enforcing Colorado state criminal laws as created by the Legislature.

[Boulder County Attorney's Office](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Trina Ruhland

About: The Boulder County Attorney's Office is the in-house legal counsel for the Boulder County Government. We advise and defend the Board of County Commissioners and the executive departments that implement the Board's policy, programs, and priorities (the Commissioners' Office, Budget, Land Use, Parks and Open Space, Transportation, Housing and Human Services, Community Services, and Administrative Services).

[Colorado Civil Rights Division, Department of Regulatory Affairs \(DORA\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Colorado Civil Rights Division (CCRD) is charged with enforcement of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act (CADA). CADA prohibits discrimination based on protected class in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation. The CCRD enforces CADA primarily through the investigation of complaints of discrimination, but also through mediation and education.

[Colorado Governor's Office of Legal Counsel](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Jenna Goldstein and Elisabeth Mabus

About: The Governor's Legal Counsel provides legal advice to the governor, cabinet, and staff; assists in the development of the governor's policy initiatives; reviews and draft legislation; coordinates and drafts the governor's executive orders; advises the governor on state judicial appointments; prepares the state's legal response to emergency and crisis situations; manages various criminal justice issues such as clemency and extraditions; serves as a liaison to the attorney general; monitors and respond to ethics problems; and reviews requests for public records and the governor's private papers.

[Colorado Office of Administrative Courts](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Senior Judge Ed Felter and Supervisory Judge Timothy Nemecek

About: The Office of Administrative Courts (OAC) is broken into four work units: Operations, Workers' Compensation, General Services, and Mediations. Additionally, the OAC hears cases in every county in the State of Colorado. Law clerks are extensively involved in the judges' work, attending hearings and assisting in drafting factual findings and legal conclusions. Clerks also prepare memoranda on complex issues of law.

[Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Office of Legislative Legal Services is the non-partisan, in-house counsel for the Colorado General Assembly and writes laws, produces statutes, reviews administrative rules, comments on initiated measures, and serves as a resource of legislative information for the public.

Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel

Representative(s) Attending: Lindy Frolich, Stacie Colling, and Jonathan Rosen

About: The OADC was established to provide representation for indigent persons in criminal and juvenile delinquency cases in which the Public Defender's office determines that an ethical conflict of interest exists. The mission of the OADC is to provide indigent individuals charged with crimes with the best legal representation possible. As a state agency, the OADC strives to achieve this mission by balancing the obligation to the criminally accused and the taxpayers of the State of Colorado. The OADC is committed to ensuring that indigent defendants receive the best legal services available.

Colorado Office of the Attorney General

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Attorney General and the Department of Law, collectively referred to as the Colorado Attorney General's Office, represents and defends the legal interests of the people of the State of Colorado and its sovereignty. Our vision is that "Together, we serve the people of Colorado, advancing the rule of law, protecting our democracy, and promoting justice for all."

Colorado Office of the Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environment Section

Representative(s) Attending: Jason King, Emily Splitek, and Chris Stork

About: Attorneys in the Natural Resources and Environment Section work with their clients to protect and improve the quality of Colorado's land, air, water, and wildlife. Attorneys in the section work in 8 units representing various clients in the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), as well as several independent boards or agencies.

Colorado Office of the Child's Representative

Representative(s) Attending: Ashley Chase

About: The Office of Child's Representative (OCR) gives children and youth a voice in Colorado legal proceedings through high-quality legal representation that protects and promotes their safety, interests, and rights. Case types include dependency and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic relations, and adoption, truancy, probate, mental health, and paternity. OCR trains all of its attorneys on the law, social science research, child development, mental health and education issues, and best practices relating to issues impacting children involved in court proceedings.

Colorado Secretary of State

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The basic mission of the Secretary of State's office, or Department of State, is to collect, secure, and make accessible a wide variety of public records, ensure the integrity of elections, and enhance commerce. The Department is divided into four divisions: Business & Licensing, Elections, Administration, and Information Technology.

Colorado State Public Defender

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The mission of the Office of the State Public Defender is to defend and protect the rights, liberties, and dignity of those accused of crimes who cannot afford to retain counsel. We do so by providing constitutionally and statutorily mandated representation that is effective, zealous, inspired and compassionate.

Denver City Attorney's Office

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The City Attorney's Office serves as the legal adviser to the Mayor, City Council, City Auditor, City Clerk and Recorder and all City departments and agencies; represents and defends the City in legal matters; handles all suits initiated on behalf of the City and County of Denver and any of its departments and agencies; prosecutes violations of City ordinances; and provides counsel to elected officials and client agencies on charter interpretation and reform.

Denver Office of the Municipal Public Defender

Representative(s) Attending: Alice Norman, Ari Krichiver, and Judy Estrada

About: Our primary focus is to provide comprehensive legal representation to defendants who face jail time for violating municipal ordinances in the Denver County Court System. The creation of this office ensures that the City and County of Denver is on the same level with other progressive municipalities providing quality in-house Public Defense services for indigent citizens.

Montana State Public Defender

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The mission of the Office of the State Public Defender (OPD) is to provide effective professional legal services with equal access to quality client-centered representation. OPD consists of 11 regions throughout the state including trial, conflict and appellate divisions, and maintains offices in approximately 15 cities around Montana.

New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorneys

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The basic mission of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys is to improve the Criminal Justice System by promoting professionalism among New Mexico's prosecutors through education, information, liaison, and administrative and technological support, and to achieve objectives which will benefit and improve the offices of the District Attorneys.

New Mexico Law Offices of the Public Defender

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Law Offices of the Public Defender strives for the pursuit of justice and the protection of our constitutional rights. Our mission is to provide exemplary, caring and professional legal services to people charged with crimes in New Mexico. We stand for equal access to quality legal representation for all which improves their lives, reduces recidivism and makes the community safer.

Nonprofit Organizations

[ACLU of Colorado](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Sara Neel

About: The ACLU of Colorado is the state's oldest and largest civil rights organization. We're a private institution funded exclusively by the generous donations of our supporters. Our mission is to protect, defend and extend the civil rights and civil liberties of all people in Colorado through litigation, education and advocacy.

[Boulder County Legal Services / Colorado Legal Services](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Brett Landis

About: The mission of Colorado Legal Services is to provide meaningful access to high quality, civil legal services in the pursuit of justice for as many low-income persons and members of vulnerable populations throughout Colorado as possible. We provide services on wide variety of cases including those involving domestic violence, divorce, custody, bankruptcy, foreclosures, evictions, elder law, government benefits, identity theft, immigration, and other civil issues.

[Colorado Center on Law and Policy](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: We focus on securing access to food, health, housing and income to build a more equitable state. Through research and policy analysis, legislative and legal advocacy and coalition building, we remove barriers that prevent Coloradans from meeting their basic needs and becoming self-sufficient.

[Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Probate Power](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Chris Brock

About: CCDC, Probate Power was founded on the premise that everyone deserves high-quality, pragmatic, and affordable legal representation. Probate Power is committed to providing culturally competent and personalized legal guidance that helps individuals and families protect their assets and their loved ones.

[Colorado Juvenile Defender Center](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: CJDC believes all children and youth should experience adolescence free from over-criminalization in a just society that promotes their well-being and provides second chances. We are dedicated to ensuring justice for all youth in Colorado.

[Colorado Lawyers Committee](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: The Colorado Lawyers Committee is a nonpartisan consortium of 80 Colorado law firms dedicated to creating and increasing opportunities for children, the poor and other disadvantaged communities through pro bono legal advocacy, negotiation and litigation.

[Colorado Nonprofit Legal Center](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Katie Thomas

About: The mission of the Colorado Nonprofit Legal Center is to provide affordable legal services and governance education to nonprofits operating in Colorado. We envision more money being spent on mission driven activities by nonprofits operating in Colorado because they have proper governance and legal structures in place.

[Disability Law Colorado](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: Disability Law Colorado provides free or low-cost legal services to people with disabilities whose civil rights have been violated. We protect and promote the rights of people with disabilities and older people in Colorado through direct legal representation, advocacy, education and legislative analysis. We are committed to increasing opportunities for adults and children with disabilities to live, work and attend school in the community, enjoying independent and productive lives.

[Earthjustice](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Tom Delehanty

About: More national parks and monuments are concentrated in the Rocky Mountains and the desert southwest than in any other part of the United States. The Rocky Mountain office of Earthjustice, based in Denver, protects the region's public lands and unique wildlife, challenges reckless oil and gas development and off-road vehicle use, and safeguards precious water resources.

[Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Shelly Dill

About: Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Center (JAMLAC) seeks justice for those struggling with poverty and oppression. In Colorado, there is only one legal aid lawyer for every 18,750 eligible persons. Legal issues drain the lives of many, including people who must prioritize complex legal situations instead of their homes, children, and livelihoods. To combat this and many other issues, JAMLAC provides free legal services and resources.

[Metro Volunteer Lawyers](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: MVL's mission is "to bridge the gap in access to justice by coordinating the provision of pro bono legal services by volunteer lawyers within the Denver Metro Area to people who could not otherwise afford legal services for their civil legal issues."

[Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Kacie Mulhern and Kate Gladson

About: We are dedicated to serving Colorado's abused, neglected and at-risk children. Our team of legal professionals and social workers work as a unit to make sure we consider the whole child in every decision and recommendation. Kids are more than their circumstances and our cutting-edge programs are uniquely equipped to champion the best interest of kids.

[Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network \(RMIAN\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Sabrina Sameshima

About: RMIAN is a nonprofit organization that serves low-income adults and children in immigration proceedings. RMIAN promotes knowledge of legal rights, provides effective representation to ensure due process, works to improve detention conditions, and promotes a more humane immigration system, including alternatives to detention. We value respect for all human beings, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or legal status.

[Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center \(RMVlc\)](#)

Representative(s) Attending: TBD

About: RMVlc provides a broad range of legal services to victims of crime in Colorado and to other services providers who work with victims of crime. RMVlc's services are designed to meet a broad range of needs and include providing legal information and referrals, limited assistance and consultation on legal issues, pro-bono legal representation, and training and outreach. RMVlc's services are free to victims of crime and services providers and are available in all 22 of Colorado's judicial districts.

[The Public Interest Network](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Liz Silberstein

About: The Public Interest Network operates and supports organizations committed to a shared vision of a better world and a strategic approach to social change. We believe that organizing, and the power of bringing people together to call for change in one voice, will always be at the heart of successful efforts to solve America's problems.

[WildEarth Guardians](#)

Representative(s) Attending: Jen Pelz and Lindsay Larris

About: We work to protect and restore wildlife, wild places, wild rivers and health of the American West. We envision a world where wildlife and wild places are respected and valued, and our world is sustainable for all beings. Driven by passion, we've tackled some of the West's most difficult and pressing conservation challenges over the past three decades.