

***Colorado Access to Justice Commission
2007 Access to Justice Hearings
Summary***

<i>Statewide Sponsors</i>	❖ Colorado Access to Justice Commission
<i>Local Sponsors</i>	❖ Local ATJ Committees
<i>Purposes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To gather information regarding the extent to which civil legal needs of low-income people in Colorado are being met and to identify the gaps, including information on the needs of individual communities ❖ To compile the information in a report on the civil legal needs of low-income people in Colorado. This report will be submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court, the Governor and the Colorado Legislature.
<i>Hearing Description</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Congressional style (speakers by invitation only) ❖ In as many as 10 judicial districts throughout the state
<i>Hearing Panel Members</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ATJ Commissioner (chair) ❖ Colorado Supreme Court Justice or Court of Appeals ❖ Local judge ❖ Colorado state legislators ❖ U.S. Congressional delegation individuals or staff ❖ Member of local ATJ Committee ❖ Local Bar Association officer or member ❖ Other possibilities: local government officials ❖ Member of Governor's staff
<i>Witnesses</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ATJ Commissioner (will introduce the hearing and the panel) ❖ Colorado Legal Services employee ❖ Legal services client ❖ Local judge ❖ Member of local ATJ committee (pro bono coordinator in Grand Junction) ❖ Local service providers ❖ ATJ Commission Resource Committee member
<i>Audience</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Local media ❖ Lawyers ❖ Court personnel ❖ Local and state agencies ❖ Local nonprofit agencies ❖ Business community ❖ Low-income people, including clients ❖ Legal service providers
<i>Logistics</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Hearings will be 2 hours including questions by the panel ❖ Hearings will be from 4-6, 5-7 or 6-8 PM with a one hour reception following the hearing ❖ Held at court house if possible ❖ For those who want to comment and are not invited speakers, distribute comment cards to be handed in or mailed to CBA