

## **Courting Pro Bono - Involving the Judiciary in Pro Bono**

- I. Colorado Access to Justice Commission  
(Brief account of background, makeup of ATJC)
- II. Colo. R. Civ. P. 260.8 (NEW) - direct representation and mentoring in pro bono civil legal matters
  - A. Background/Need for Rule
  - B. Process Leading to Adoption of Rule
  - C. Provisions
  - D. Related issues (e.g., development of forms for reporting and application for credit; revision of Chief Justice directive regarding costs for indigent litigants)
- III. Other Colorado ATJC Projects
  - A. Involving Courts and/or Judges
    - Waivers of fees for filing, e-filing, and interpreters in cases involving indigent litigants
    - Efforts to obtain uniformity among district courts in ruling on, e.g., requests for IFP status
    - Involvement of judges on state commission
    - Activities of judges on local ATJ committees in judicial districts
  - B. Other Projects
    1. Developing materials (e.g., brochures, DVDs, web site information) for pro se litigants
    2. Working with other entities to provide training for lawyers who will take pro se cases
    3. Support for law school efforts to increase student interest in pro bono/public service work (e.g., DU Public Interest Practicum; waiver of bar refresher fees for students going into public interest work; LRAP)
    4. Efforts to encourage in-house counsel to take pro bono cases (model pro bono policy; information regarding available pro bono opportunities)
    5. Efforts to encourage greater law firm participation in provision of pro bono services
    6. Resources development