

**Celebrate Judicial Excellence
Strengthen Colorado's Courts**

**Hosted by the
Colorado Judicial Institute**

24th Annual Judicial Excellence for Colorado Awards Dinner

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Hilton Denver City Center

For twenty-four years, the Colorado Judicial Institute has brought together judges, attorneys, corporate executives, and civic leaders to celebrate the individuals who exemplify excellence on Colorado's judicial bench.

The Judicial Excellence for Colorado Awards Dinner is one of our community's few opportunities to publicly recognize the judges whose professionalism, fairness, integrity, and commitment to justice strengthens our courts every day.

Your sponsorship helps make this celebration possible while supporting CJI's work to promote public trust, advance judicial education, and foster civic understanding of Colorado's courts.

Join hundreds of leaders from across Colorado as we honor this year's Judicial Excellence Award recipients and celebrate the vital role our courts play in protecting our rights and serving all Coloradans.

We hope you'll join us as a sponsor to honor...



The 2026 Judicial Excellence Honorees



**District Court
Honoree**

Chief Judge
Carl McGuire
13th Judicial
District



**County Court
Honoree**

Judge Colleen
Clark
18th Judicial
District
Arapahoe
County



**Magistrate
Honoree**

Magistrate
Linda Connors
8th Judicial
District
Larimer County



**Judicial
Leadership
Honoree**

District Court
Judge Dea
Lindsey
20th Judicial
District

What the Judicial Excellence Awards Mean to our Judiciary

Judges believe in public service. For many of us, the bench is a calling—an opportunity to help others, resolve disputes, and promote access to justice. Being a judicial officer is a wonderful job and a great privilege. It offers countless opportunities to mentor and educate others.

But judging is hard work. You need to bring your best every day, in every case. It takes all the energy you have to do it well—energy that might otherwise go to your family, your friends, or self-care.

There are unhappy litigants, unhappy lawyers, and even threats. You receive very little feedback about whether you're making a difference, and even when you do, you can't respond.

But then there is the Colorado Judicial Institute. CJI celebrates the judiciary because they truly see us. CJI's Judicial Excellence Awards bring together a community that supports judicial officers.

To be nominated by your colleagues is a tremendous honor. I am immensely proud to have received a Judicial Excellence Award alongside so many remarkable judicial officers, past and future.

District Court Judge Angela R. Arkin (Ret.)
18th Judicial District, Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties
2015 District Court Judicial Excellence Honoree



Retired Judge Angie Arkin accepts her 2015 Judicial Excellence Award from 2015 CJI Awards Chair Robert Miller

Why Sponsor?

- ✓ **Honor Colorado's judges**
- ✓ **Recognize outstanding judicial service and leadership**
- ✓ **Engage the legal community**
- ✓ **Connect with attorneys, judges, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) professionals, corporate partners, and business leaders**
- ✓ **Support public trust in the courts**
- ✓ **Help fund judicial education and civic education programs throughout Colorado**
- ✓ **Review our sponsorship packages on the next page to find the right fit for your organization**

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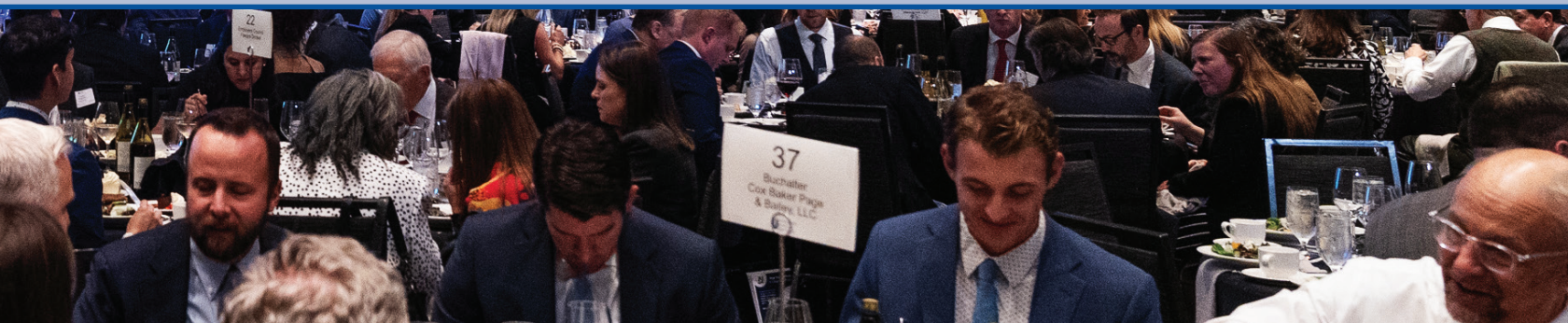
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Sponsorship Opportunities

AWARDS DINNER	PLATINUM \$9,000	GOLD \$7,000	SILVER \$5,000	BRONZE \$3,000	SMALL/ SOLO* \$1,000
Seats	10	10	10	5	2
Table Placement	Full Table, Up Front/ Premium	Full Table, Near Front/ Priority	Full Table, Preferred	Half Table, Shared	
Recognition from Podium	First	Second			
Recognition in Printed Program	Full Page, Premium Location	Full Page	Half Page	Quarter Page	Quarter Page
Digital Recognition During Event	First, Logo Stand Alone	Second, Logo Shared W Other Gold	Name, Shared	Name, Shared	Name, Shared
Recognition at Event Table	Stand Alone Name	Stand Alone Name	Stand Alone Name	Shared	
Recognition in Social Media	Logo Solo Post	Logo Shared Post W Other Gold	Name In Post W Other Silver	Name W Other Sponsors	
Recognition in Event Promotion	Logo Top Of Sponsor Listing	Logo 2nd In Sponsor Listing	Name In Sponsor List	Name In Sponsor List	Name In Sponsor List
Recognition on Event Webpage	Logo Top Of Sponsor Listing	Logo 2nd In Sponsor Listing	Name In Sponsor List	Name In Sponsor List	Name In Sponsor List

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Colorado Judicial Institute: Strengthening Public Trust in Colorado's Courts

The Colorado Judicial Institute (CJI) is an independent, nonpartisan, statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening public confidence in Colorado's courts.

Our mission is to promote excellence, equity, impartiality, and public trust in Colorado's judicial system through education, outreach, and community engagement.

CJI's members and supporters include business and civic leaders, attorneys, judges, and community members from across Colorado who share a commitment to a fair, accessible, and trusted judiciary.

Founded in 1979, CJI was originally established to protect and improve Colorado's merit-based judicial selection system and to educate the public about its importance. Over the past four decades, the organization has expanded its work to address the evolving needs of Colorado's courts and communities.

Today, CJI advances its mission by:

- Educating the public about Colorado's courts and judicial system
- Supporting diversity on the bench and initiatives that promote access to justice
- Providing financial support for the continuing education of judges through the Judicial Education Fund
- Recognizing outstanding judicial service through annual Judicial Excellence Awards
- Hosting educational and networking programs that connect legal professionals, civic leaders, and community members

Through these efforts, CJI helps ensure that Colorado's courts remain fair, impartial, effective, and responsive to the communities they serve.



Justice Susan Blanco accepts her 2025 District Court Judicial Excellence Award from CJI Awards Chairs Marilyn Chappell and Judge Robert Hawthorne (ret.)

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