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Colorado Practice Materials

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Goals for this session

Introduce Colorado specific sources you need to know

Describe the various formats for those sources

Answer your questions about Colorado research

Answer other questions you might have

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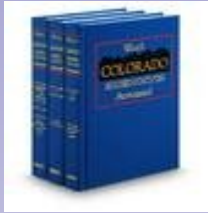
Colorado Practice Series
aka
Krendl
aka
Methods of Practice

As close to an encyclopedia as Colorado has
Has handbooks—one volume paperbacks on specific areas
Has forms—especially court forms
Available online on Westlaw-- COPRAC

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Colorado Revised Statutes

Official version is published by Lexis

West also publishes a version

Available on Lexis and Westlaw

Available free on Casemaker via www.cobar.org

Available free on Web at

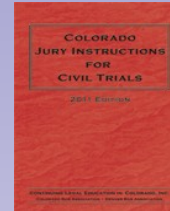
http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/colorado_revised_statutes.htm

Print versions will not be updated until Sept-Oct, 2011 so find new law at

http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/olls/session_laws_of_colorado.htm



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Colorado Jury Instructions

Civil and Criminal instructions

In Print from West and from the Colorado Bar Association

Online on Westlaw and Lexis

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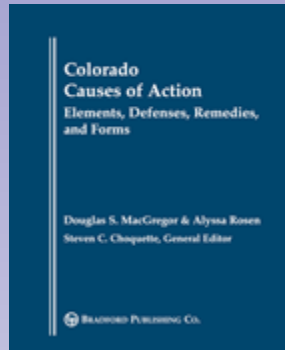
Colorado Lawyer

Monthly publication from the Colorado Bar Association
Entire collection available on Casemaker from Colorado Bar
Limited access on Westlaw
A “must check” resource for Colorado research

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Colorado Causes of Actions

In print from Bradford Publishing

Has elements of actions as well as citations to case law

Great starting place for litigators

Bradford publishes other practice materials for Colorado

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Colorado Bar Association CLE and Publications

Numerous practice materials start out as Continuing Legal Education presentation and then are sold by the Bar on a continuous basis. For example:

Colorado Probate System

Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Domestic Relations Law Colorado Title Insurance

Colorado Ethics Handbook

Colorado Water Law Benchbook

Colorado Appellate Handbook

Practitioner's Guide to Colorado Construction Law Colorado Real Estate Practice

Colorado DUI Benchbook

Colorado Handbook of Wrongful Death Law

These are usually large red or blue binders.



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Colorado Professional Ethics Materials

The Colorado Bar Association provides an excellent portal to Ethics materials:

<http://www.cobar.org/index.cfm/ID/20202/CETH/Ethics-Committee/>

Ethics Committee

Search the Ethics Committee site:

The Colorado Bar Association Ethics Committee is a standing committee of the Colorado Bar Association, staffed by approximately 90 Colorado attorneys, existing for the purpose of giving ethics advice to Colorado attorneys. The Committee will answer written requests for ethics advice subject to certain exceptions such as those listed below. The Committee will issue Formal Ethics Opinions concerning topics of general interest. Also, for more immediate advice, attorneys may call members of the Hotline sub-committee for a brief discussion of ethical issues.

The Ethics Committee is NOT associated with the Colorado Supreme Court, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the Attorney Regulation Committee, or the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel. Committee Opinions, whether informal written opinions or published formal Ethics Opinions, are issued for advisory purposes only and are not in any way binding on the Colorado Supreme Court, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the Attorney Regulation Committee, Attorney Regulation Counsel, or the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel and do not provide protection against disciplinary actions.

Pursuant to its by-laws, the Committee is not obliged to respond to questions:

- about completed conduct;
- about another attorney's conduct;
- about law rather than ethics;
- about matters in litigation;
- from a non-attorney;
- when the inquirer (e.g. caller) will not identify him or herself.

Written requests for an informal letter opinion may be submitted by regular mail or email. Requests by regular mail should be sent to:

Stephen G. Masciochi
Chair, CBA Ethics Committee
Colorado Bar Association
1900 Grant Street, Suite 900
Denver, CO 80203.

Requests by email should be submitted via the following link:

[CBA Ethics Letter Inquiry](#)

If you do not receive a acknowledgement within 10 days that your letter has been received, please contact Melissa Nicoletti at melissan@cobar.org, (303) 860-1115.

Other places attorneys can call for information include:

1. Questions about unauthorized practice of law go to the Supreme Court Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (303) 860-3000.

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Colorado State Materials

Colorado Attorney General Opinions

http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/ag_opinions/index

Colorado Legislative History

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

Colorado Business and Resident Agent Information

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



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Reminder

Check with your librarian, your firm's library catalog and/or University of Denver or University of Colorado Law Libraries if you cannot find materials for your Colorado research.

Questions?

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