



ANNOUNCEMENT: SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS FOR NEW COLORADO EQUAL JUSTICE AUTHORITY

September 30, 2024

The Equal Justice Act

The Equal Just Act established a new Equal Justice Fund earlier this year with the purpose of increasing access to civil legal representation for low-income Coloradans. The fund will receive revenue from fees assessed on initial pleadings in civil legal matters and distributed annually. Sixty-seven percent of the funds raised each year will go to Colorado Legal Services. The remaining funds minus administrative costs will be distributed to eligible legal aid organizations by the Equal Justice Authority Board. All additional parameters will be determined by the Board and conveyed through its governing documents and written policies.

Board Appointments

Per statute, the Equal Justice Authority Board will be made up of seven appointed members:

- One member to be appointed by each the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, the Attorney General, the Colorado Bar Association, and the Legal Aid Foundation.
- Three members will be appointed by the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, at least two of whom are employed by a qualified civil legal aid provider, of which at least one of whom is employed by a qualified civil legal aid provider that employs ten or fewer full-time attorneys.

Board Appointee Requirements

Board members must be residents of Colorado and have a demonstrated exceptional commitment to civil legal aid through current or prior employment with a qualified civil legal aid provider or through substantial volunteer service with a similar organization.

Diversity and Experience

The appointees must reflect the geographic and demographic diversity of the state, including members from rural parts of Colorado, and members of diverse political, racial, ability, gender, cultural, educational, and socioeconomic background.

Tenure

The initial terms of the members appointed by the Colorado Access to Justice Commission are two years. After that, members will serve terms of three years and may be appointed to serve two additional terms. Terms expire on December 31 of the final year of the term.

Time Commitment

The board must meet at least four times per year. Founding board members can expect to dedicate additional time during the first year to establishing governing documents and the grantmaking process, including selection criteria and funding determinations.



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Compensation

Members serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

Conflicts of Interest

Members from legal aid organizations who are eligible to receive funding may need to recuse themselves from votes that would directly impact their organization.

To Apply:

Please complete the online [APPLICATION FORM](#) by October 18, 2024.