

COLORADO ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION
RESOURCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

PURPOSE

To identify, develop and promote adequate funding for pro bono legal representation for indigent and needy Coloradans through programs such as Colorado Legal Services (CLS).

ACTIVITIES

1. Legislative Appropriation. Committee members will work to enhance legislative appropriation for programs funding CLS and other providers.
 - a. Education of Legislators and stake-holders – Specific outreach programming to educate legislators and stake holders on the needs, effect and benefits of pro bono legal services, focusing on the following:
 - i. Joint Budget Committee
 - ii. Judiciary Committees
 - iii. Judicial Branch Budgeting
 - b. Lobbying for Appropriations – Specific lobbying efforts in support of or opposition to particular legislation or programs
 - i. Existing Appropriations – to be protected or expanded based on legislative and economic climate and stake holder support
 1. Family Violence Justice Fund
 2. Eviction Legal Defense
 - ii. Future Long-term Funding Initiative – to be formulated and proposed in cooperation with other ATJC standing committees to ensure permanent funding for CLS
2. Attorney General Funds. Committee members will educate and lobby Attorney General’s office to grant settlement funds to further support legal services, including long-term funding for CLS.

3. Private Sector Funding. Committee members will conduct outreach programming to educate private business and non-profits on the needs, effect and benefits of funding pro bono legal services.

SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The committee shall take all action necessary and proper to effectuate its purpose.

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