

COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS OVERVIEW

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The Court of Appeals is the state's intermediate appellate court. It is a statutory, not a constitutional court. As such, its jurisdiction is limited to the areas delineated by statute, together with the powers granted to and inherent in all courts. As a decisional court, its primary purpose is to decide cases in accordance with existing law. However, in cases of first impression, or where existing law is not completely dispositive, it is a law-making court.

By the court's jurisdictional statute, § 13-4-102, C.R.S. , the court has initial jurisdiction in appeals from final orders of: all district, juvenile and probate courts throughout Colorado; virtually all administrative boards; and appeals from decisions of state agencies, including the Industrial Claim Appeals Office. The statute lists instances in which the Court of Appeals does not have jurisdiction.

In calendar year 2022, 2,276 new cases were filed in the Court of Appeals including a mix of criminal, civil, agency, juvenile, domestic relations, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance appeals. In addition, the court resolved 2,546 cases; 1,724 of which were by issuing a full-written opinion. The court has worked diligently over the past several years to eliminate the pending case backlog created by a consistent high level of new case filings. There are currently 22 judges on the court who review cases in divisions of three judges each. The assignment of judges to the divisions changes every four months. The Chief Judge determines the composition of the divisions, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

The judges have a support staff of approximately eighty employees. These positions include staff attorneys, judicial assistants, law clerks, the reporter of decisions, and the staff of the clerk's office.

Further information can be obtained by contacting: Pauline Brock, Clerk of the Court, 2 East 14th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203, 720-625-5150.

General information about the court, as well as judicial biographies, links to published opinions, oral argument schedules and audio recordings of oral arguments held, court rules, forms and policies are available on the Court of Appeals webpage at:

http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/Court_of_Appeals/Index.cfm

JUDGES OF THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS
January 1, 2023

Name	Year Appointed	Next Retention
John Daniel Dailey	1999	2026
Gilbert M. Roman	2005	2024
David M. Furman	2006	2024
Jerry N. Jones	2006	2024
Terry Fox	2011	2030
Stephanie Dunn	2013	2024
Anthony J. Navarro	2013	2024
Elizabeth L. Harris	2015	2026
Rebecca R. Freyre	2015	2026
Craig R. Welling	2017	2028
Ted C Tow III	2018	2028
Lino S. Lipinsky de Orlov	2019	2030
Matthew D. Grove	2019	2030
Neeti V. Pawar	2019	2030
Jaclyn Casey Brown	2019	2030
Sueanna P. Johnson	2020	2030
Christina Gomez	2020	2030
David H. Yun	2020	2030
W. Eric Kuhn	2021	2024
Timothy J. Schutz	2022	2024
Karl L. Shook	2022	2026
Katharine E. Lum	2022	2026