

United States District Court
District of Colorado

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PRESS RELEASE

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New Federal Pro Se Clinic to Provide Better Access to Justice for Unrepresented Litigants in the Federal Court System

The Rocky Mountains' first federal pro se clinic staffed and operated by the Colorado Bar Association, will formally open in Denver on June 29, 2018. With funding and critical support from the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, the Federal Pro Se Clinic will improve access to justice in our federal courts, benefitting litigants as well as the court. One goal of the clinic is to provide those who are representing themselves with assistance in navigating the often complex federal court system. The clinic will provide assistance to litigants with federal civil cases involving civil rights, labor and employment law, contracts, personal injury, and other areas of federal and state law.

Examples of the clinic's services include:

- § Legal advice and counseling
- § Assisting litigants with formulating claims prior to filing
- § Interpreting and explaining rules and procedures
- § Reviewing and explaining motions and court orders
- § Assisting with pleadings and correspondence

The clinic will not provide in-court representation.

The clinic is located at:

Alfred A. Arraj Courthouse (first floor)
901 19th Street
Denver, CO 80294

Pro se litigants may make appointments by phone or online at www.cobar.org/cofederalproseclinic. Walk-in appointments are also available on a space-available basis. For more information, please contact The Federal Pro Se Clinic at 303-380-8786.

The Court will initially fund the clinic using the Court's attorney admissions fees, and thereafter, by a \$50 biennial assessment collected from attorneys. Collection of the new fee will commence in the fall of 2018.

The Court is hosting a Grand Opening Ceremony for the Federal Pro Se Clinic at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29, 2018 in the Alfred A. Arraj Courthouse Jury Assembly Room. Media representatives are welcome to attend; those interested in attending should RSVP to media@cod.uscourts.gov

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