# Colorado Legal Advisory Committee Member Bios

**Lino Lipinsky**, Chair, has served on the Colorado Court of Appeals since January 2019.  He also chairs the Standing Committee on the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct and serves on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, the Commission's Technology and Delivery Committees, the Appellate Courts Technology Committee, and the Colorado Court of Appeals' Self-Represented Litigant and Governance Committees. He has written and spoken extensively on the intersection of legal ethics, access to justice, and artificial intelligence.  In 2025, he received the Denver Bar Association's judicial excellence award.  He is a graduate of the New York University School of Law, where he was a member of the Law Review, and Brown University.

**Katina Banks** is a knowledge attorney at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, where she leverages her expertise in intellectual property, technology transactions, and corporate law to lead initiatives at the intersection of law, legal technology, and practice innovation.  Before joining Gibson Dunn, Katina held positions in private practice at Dorsey & Whitney LLP (Partner) and Baker Hostetler LLP (Counsel), in-house at HCL America (Senior Corporate Counsel), and within academia at University of Denver (Visiting Assistant Professor).  Katina graduated summa cum laude from Capital University Law School, where she was a member of the Capital University Law Review, and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Jill D. Dorancy** is a District Court Judge in the Second Judicial District, where she was appointed in 2020 and currently serves in a civil division.  Prior to her appointment to the Denver District Court, Judge Dorancy served as Senior Counsel at a boutique energy law firm, focusing on energy-related regulatory matters and litigation.  She also served as a Hearings Officer with Energy and Carbon Management Commission (formerly Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission), was a partner with Cooper and Dorancy, LLC, and clerked for former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory K. Scott.  Before joining the bench, Judge Dorancy represented a wide range of private clients and supported small businesses across socioeconomic, racial, and cultural backgrounds.

**Stacy Guillon** was appointed as a District Court Judge in the 23rd Judicial District in July 2025.  She handles a civil docket.  Before taking the bench, she was an arbitrator and mediator at a Denver-area alternative dispute resolution boutique.  In that capacity, she served on the American Arbitration Association's AI working group, piloted a variety of AI tools in arbitration and mediation, and spoke nationally about opportunities to use AI to increase arbitrator effectiveness and efficiency and better serve parties.  She litigated at Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons (later Lewis Roca), working on a wide variety of commercial, constitutional, land use, and other cases. She clerked for Hon. Timothy Tymkovich of the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit and graduated from Stanford Law School and Dartmouth College.

**April Jones** is the Founder and CEO of Jones Law Firm, PC.  She has practiced law for more than three decades and founded the firm in 2000, focusing her work on complex domestic relations matters.  She has served in state and federal judicial leadership roles, including on Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committees and as a Nomination Commissioner for the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals, and was appointed by U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper to co-chair the U.S. District Court Advisory Committee for federal judicial appointments.  Her work reflects a practical approach to the responsible use of artificial intelligence in legal decision-making.

**Margot Kaminski** is the Moses Lasky Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School and the Director of the Privacy Initiative at Silicon Flatirons.  She specializes in the law of new technologies, focusing on information governance, privacy, and freedom of expression.  Recently, her work has focused on AI Law; she is currently drafting a leading co-authored casebook in the field.  Professor Kaminski's academic work has been published or is forthcoming in the Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, and UCLA Law Review, among others.  She is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School.

**Lois R. Lupica** is the Director of the Legal Innovation Lab at the Community Economic Defense Project and the Maine Law Foundation Professor of Law, Emerita at the University of Maine School of Law.  She served as Director of the University of Denver

Sturm College of Law Legal Innovation Lab from 2020-2024.  In 2019, she received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award to research access to justice and technology at the University of Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia.  Professor Lupica is an Affiliated Faculty member of the Harvard Law School Access to Justice Lab, Co-Principal Investigator of the Financial Distress Research Study, and Co-Principal Investigator of the Princeton Debt Lab.  She also served as a Visiting Scholar at the Colorado Law & Policy Center. She is a member of the Colorado Standing Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct and served on the Standing Committee's Subcommittee on AI and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Subcommittee.  She currently serves as Chair of the Colorado Access to Justice Commission Technology Committee.  She has published research on a variety of topics, including access to justice, legal design, bankruptcy, intellectual property in commerce, and legal ethics, and a leading Casebook on Bankruptcy Law & Practice.  She is also a member of Sync Gallery in Denver, Colorado, where she shows her Cold Wax and Encaustic paintings.


**Julia Martinez** is a former federal prosecutor who served in the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Eastern District of Virginia and the District of Colorado.  Most recently, Ms. Martinez was the Chief of the Cybercrime and National Security Section for the District of Colorado.  In that capacity she led a team of attorneys who investigated and prosecuted cybercrime, national security, civil rights, and child exploitation matters.  Ms. Martinez is a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct and served as the Chair of the Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee.  She is also an adjunct professor at the University of

Colorado Law School, teaching a course on computer crime.  Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Martinez practiced complex commercial litigation at Jenner and Block LLP in Washington, D.C., and clerked for Judge Sidney R. Thomas on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.  Ms. Martinez is a graduate of Yale Law School and Stanford University.

**Colin Moriarty** is a partner at Moriarty Underhill LLC, a commercial litigation and transactional firm representing closely held businesses.  His practice focuses on business and commercial litigation, including contract disputes, business owner disputes, and construction law issues.  He is keenly interested in generative AI and its impact on law and society.  He has authored a four-part series concerning generative AI for the *Colorado Lawyer* and regularly presents Continuing Legal Education classes on the use of generative AI.  Mr. Moriarty received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Damien Riehl** is a lawyer and technologist with experience in complex litigation, digital forensics, and software development.  A lawyer since 2002 and coder since 1985, Damien clerked for the chief judges of state and federal courts, practiced in complex litigation for over a decade, has led teams of cybersecurity and world-spanning digital forensics investigations, and has built AI-backed legal software.  He is Co-Chair of the Minnesota Governor's Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles and Chair of the

Minnesota State Bar Association's AI Committee, which oversees an AI Sandbox to promote Access to Justice.  With FOLIO, the legal ontology project from the ALEA Institute, Damien helps corporations, their law firms, and legal technology vendors implement legal data standards.  For years, Damien led SALI, the legal data standard, where he developed and greatly expanded the taxonomy of over 18,000 legal tags that matter, helping the legal industry's development of Generative AI, analytics, and interoperability.  At Clio — which includes Vincent, Fastcase, NextChapter, and Docket Alarm — Damien helps lead the design, development, and expansion of various products, integrating AI-backed technologies (e.g., GPT) into a billion-document dataset from 100+ countries, all to improve legal workflows.

**Michael Siebecker** is the Maxine Kurtz Faculty Research Scholar and Professor of Law and the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.  After graduating *magna cum laude* from Yale University, Professor Siebecker earned a J.D. and LL.M. from Columbia Law School, where he was both a James Kent Scholar and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.  As a President's Fellow at the Columbia University Graduate School, he received a Ph.D. in Political Science. Prior to teaching at the University of Florida College of Law from 2005 through 2012, Prof. Siebecker worked at the New York firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in both the litigation and corporate departments.  Prof. Siebecker's research addresses the intersection of artificial intelligence, corporate law, and political theory.  His widely quoted publications appear in a variety of leading journals, treatises, and books, including the Southern California Law Review, the Fordham Law Review, the George Washington Law Review, the Washington University

Law Review, the William & Mary Law Review, the Ohio State Law Journal, the Connecticut Law Review, the Alabama Law Review, the Journal of Corporation Law, the First Amendment Handbook, and Artificial Intelligence Governance: Exploring the Public and Legal Landscape.


**Thomas Ward** is a District Court Magistrate in the 20th Judicial District, where he is responsible for civil and domestic relations matters.  Prior to his appointment, he practiced domestic relations and civil litigation at a small firm; his practice included modest means and pro bono representation of survivors of domestic violence and underserved communities.  Magistrate Ward is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Maryland, College Park's Smith School of Business; he worked in consulting before becoming an attorney.  He is an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Law School, where he teaches legal ethics and professionalism, and he serves on the board of directors of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.


**Maria Berkenkotter** is the Supreme Court's liaison to the Committee. Justice Berkenkotter was sworn into the Colorado Supreme Court on January 4, 2021. Prior to her appointment, she handled complex mediations, arbitrations and judge pro tem appointments at Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. From August 2006 to November 2017, Justice Berkenkotter was a District Court Judge in the Twentieth Judicial District. She was the Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District for the last four years of that time. Before her appointment to the trial court bench, she ran the Antitrust, Consumer

Protection and Tobacco Litigation Units of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. Justice Berkenkotter's practice focused on national and local antitrust enforcement litigation. Before joining the Attorney General's Office in 1990, Justice Berkenkotter was in private practice at Holmes & Starr, P.C. in Denver, Colorado. She clerked for Justice Howard M. Kirshbaum of the Colorado Supreme Court after graduating from the University of Denver Law School in 1987. Justice Berkenkotter is a frequent speaker on the intersection of generative artificial intelligence and legal and judicial ethics, and on the promise and peril of the use of generative AI by self-represented litigants. She is the co-author of Generative AI, the Unauthorized Practice of Law, and Self-Represented Litigants, 53 Colo. Law. 40 (Dec. 2024), and Artificial Intelligence and Professional Conduct: Considering the Ethical Implications of Using Electronic Legal Assistants, Colo. Law. at 20 (Jan./Feb. 2024).