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Colorado Legal Community Rallies to Defend, Preserve and Protect the Constitution, Independent Judiciary, Due Process, and Free Expression

DENVER, CO – September 8, 2025 At noon on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, the day before Constitution Day, members of Colorado's legal community and people concerned about the rule of law will gather in a public demonstration to reaffirm their commitment to the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary, and the protection of attorneys and law firms from unlawful attacks. The demonstrations will take place at courthouses in counties around Colorado, including Arapahoe, Adams, Boulder, Denver, El Paso, Garfield, Grand, Larimer, and Summit.

The Constitution Day Eve rally underscores the critical role an impartial and independent judiciary plays in safeguarding constitutional rights, including due process, freedom of speech, and freedom of association. In recent months, judges, attorneys and law firms across the country have faced escalating pressures and improper threats that undermine their ability to adjudicate cases or represent clients freely and without fear of retaliation.

"Our democracy depends on a justice system where lawyers can advocate ardently, judges can rule fairly, and citizens can trust that the law—not politics or intimidation—will prevail," said Judge Gary Jackson (retd). "We stand united to protect these foundational principles."

"The rule of law is on life support," lawyer and organizer Pat Ridley commented. "As Americans we support the US and Colorado Constitutions, advancing the rule of law, and supporting an independent judiciary, to ensure access to justice for all. These principles are the foundation of our freedom. We cannot let these rights be eroded."

"The Great American Experiment is our common, ongoing journey as a Democratic Republic. The Rule of Law, enshrined in the Constitution of the United States and each individual state, is the life blood that sustains and propels our democracy by guaranteeing freedom, equality and justice in the United States. Constitution Day Eve is a day intended for us to reflect upon and honor our Constitution, the Rule of Law, and our democracy, " added Lorraine Parker, another organizer.

The event will feature choice readings from the US Constitution and remarks from respected members of the legal profession, civic leaders, and advocates for civil liberties. Participants will highlight the dangers posed when attorneys are targeted for fulfilling their professional responsibilities, and when courts are subjected to political or extrajudicial interference.

Denver the speakers include Attorney General Phil Weiser, Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas, the Honorable Russ Carparelli - former Colorado Court of Appeals judge, Lucy Marsh - DU Emeritus Law Professor, Danae Kinnett – Denver Bar Association President, Dr. Kimberle

Jackson Butler- Law School 'Yes We Can' Executive Director, Dr. Antoinette Gifford - National Teacher of the Year from Cherry Creek Schools, Claire Hunter - HKM Employment Attorneys Managing Partner, Lucy Stark - Holland & Hart Managing Partner, Natacha Gutierrez - President-Elect of the Sam Cary Bar Association, and Sabrina Sameshima – Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network.

In Boulder, constituents will hear from Secretary of State Jena Griswold, Junie Joseph - State Representative from District 10, Ashley Teague - Senior Administrator for Sen. Janice Marchman, and others.

Organizers emphasize that the demonstration is nonpartisan and open to all who believe in the preservation of constitutional freedoms and the fair administration of justice.

Event Details

- **What:** Constitution Day Eve Rally
- **When:** September 16, 2025, at Noon
- **Where:** The following Court Houses:
  - Adams County: 1100 Judicial Center Drive, Brighton
  - Arapahoe: 1790 W Littleton Blvd, Littleton
  - Boulder: Boulder County Justice Center 1777 6th St, Boulder
  - Denver: City and County Building B, 1437 Bannock St, Denver
  - El Paso County: 270 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs
  - Garfield County: 109 8th St, Glenwood Springs
  - Grand County: 307 Moffat Ave, Hot Sulphur Springs
  - Larimer County: 201 Laporte St, Ft Collins
  - Summit County: 501 N Park Ave, Breckenridge
- **Who:** All members of the public who care about the Constitutions including Colorado attorneys, judges, law students, and community supporters

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