

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F C O L O R A D O

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE

MIDYEAR CONFERENCE FOR JUDGES

For many years, the Colorado Division of Highway Safety, in conjunction with the Colorado County Judges Association and the Colorado District Judges Association, has sponsored a midyear conference for judges during the months of May or June. The Judicial Department has approved and been a co-sponsor of this conference in the past. This conference has resulted in the suspension of judicial business and the closing of courtrooms in some county and district courts of the state for the two or three day period during which the conference is conducted.

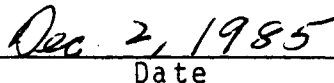
The suspension of judicial business and the closing of courts for the midyear conference is detrimental to the effective operation of the judicial system. District and county judges, therefore, are not authorized to suspend judicial business or to close courts for the purpose of attending the midyear conference for judges.

The Judicial Department will no longer be a sponsoring party for this conference. If, in the future, the County Judges Association and the District Judges Association wish to sponsor a midyear conference, such conference should be scheduled on a weekend or legal holiday so as not to interfere with the operation of the Colorado courts.

In recognition of the need to provide training opportunities for judges, training sessions on a regional and/or specialty basis are being planned by the Judicial Department. These conferences will be designed so as not to result in the suspension of judicial business on the days of the conference and will offer timely educational programs for those judges interested in attending.

APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE



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