

Curriculum Vitae

HON. CHRISTOPHER C. CROSS (Ret.)
Mediator/Arbitrator/Special Master/Statutory Judge
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Professional Experience:

February, 2016 to present: JAMS/Denver. Mediator, arbitrator, special master, and statutory judge.

January, 2009 to February, 2016: 18th Judicial District Court Judge (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties, Colorado). Presided over felony criminal, civil, domestic relations, and juvenile matters.

August, 1997 to January, 2009: Arapahoe County Court Judge, 18th Judicial District. Presiding judge, 2001, 2003-2004, and 2008-2009. Presided over misdemeanor, serious traffic, and civil cases. Previously assigned to Division 7 (now Division 301) presiding over felony criminal advisements, preliminary hearings, and assisting District Court on felony motions and trials.

June, 1986 through July, 1997: Private practice (Law Offices of Christopher Cross; Cross, Schlie & Heckenbach, P.C.; and Cross & Heckenbach, P.C.). Emphasized criminal defense, personal injury and commercial litigation, and professional disciplinary actions.

January, 1984 through May, 1986: Associate at Roath & Brega, P.C. Practice emphasized criminal defense and securities and complex commercial litigation.

June, 1979 through December, 1983: Deputy District Attorney in the Denver District Attorney's Office.

April, 1977 through May, 1979 [Employment during Law School]: Law Clerk for Chief Judge Clifton A. Flowers, Denver District Court; law clerk for Saunders, Snyder, Ross & Dickson, P.C.; and intern for the Denver District Attorney's Office.

Education:

1976-1979: J.D., University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado

1970-1974: B.A., *cum laude*, Denison University, Granville, Ohio

Significant Judicial Education:

- Conflict Coaching and Resolution, August, 2015, Centennial, Colorado, Common Ground Mediation and Coaching, LLC.
- Civil Mediation, June, 2015, National Judicial College, Reno, NV (40 hour course granting certification as a mediator)
- Complex Civil Litigation, January, 2015, National Judicial College, Miami, FL
- Financial Issues in Litigation, January, 2013, National Judicial College, San Diego, CA
- Economics for Judges, October, 2012, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL
- 4th Amendment, National Judicial College, Reno, NV
- Advanced Evidence in the Courtroom, National Judicial College, Orlando, FL
- Constitutional Law, National Judicial College, Reno, NV

Professional Affiliations and Honors:

- Courageous Conversations about Race and the Judiciary, 2014-2016. Organizer and Chair.
- Colorado Judicial Philosophical Society, 2005-present, Organizer and Chair
- Criminal Law Section, Colorado Bar Association, 2014-2016, Board member
- Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council, 2008-2015; Chair of Standards and Assessment subcommittee, 2008-2012; Council Chair, 2012-2015
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Alumni Council, 2006-2012
- Arapahoe County Judicial Facilities Review Committee, 2004-2007
- Arapahoe County Bar Association (Board of Directors, 1998 to 2006, Secretary, 2002, Treasurer, 2003, President-Elect, 2004, President 2005-2006)
- Colorado Bar Association (Board of Governors, 1989-1991, 1993-1997, 1999-2001, 2004-2006)
- Who's Who in American Law
- Who's Who
- Appointed Member of the Denver Police Department Pension and Relief Board (1992-1997)
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Denver, Lawyering Process course, (1991-1993)

Recent Volunteer Activities/Boards:

- Lakota Outreach, 1996-present (Steering Committee and have participated in year-long planning and outreach, including week-long trips, to the Pine Ridge Lakota Reservation, South Dakota)
- Arapahoe County Bar Association Foundation Board, 2005-2007
- Arapahoe County Bar Association Community Service Chair, 2006-2007 (Organized and participated in work-days at the House of Hope Women's Shelter and "Holiday Presents" for the children at that shelter program)

- Arapahoe Community College Foundation Board of Directors, 2001-2005
- Denison University Alumni Team (internship program supervisor, assist with potential student interviews), 1980-present
- Colorado Judicial Department mentor, speaker, judicial conference organization team
- Frequent speaker and lecturer for community groups, continuing legal education classes, and law school

Publications:

- Rewrite of Chapter 6, *Sentencing*, DUI Benchbook, CLE of Colorado, 2003
- *Disrespect in the Court: A Judge's Perspective*, University of Denver Law Journal, Oct. 2003
- Rewrite of Chapter 5, *Conducting the Jury Trial*, DUI Benchbook, CLE of Colorado, 2005; Revision editor, 2006, 2007.
- *The Role of an Attorney in Society: A Higher Calling*, 91 Denv. U. L. Rev. Online 75 (2014), <http://www.denverlawreview.org/online-articles/2014/4/11/the-role-of-an-attorney-in-society-a-higher-calling.html>