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Bar Association Award of Merit goes to Connie Talmage

DENVER — The Colorado Bar Association awarded **Connie Talmage** with its highest award, the Award of Merit, at the Colorado Bar Foundation annual Bar Fellows dinner on Friday, Jan. 8.

Talmage has had a legal career committed to helping worthwhile causes. Since 2000, she has been the executive director of Colorado Lawyers Committee, a nonpartisan coalition of 50 metro Denver law firms that do high impact *pro bono* work to improve conditions for children and the underprivileged.

A graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Talmage began her career at Holland & Hart. She also worked for Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe. In 1990, she began working for the Colorado Judicial Institute on a statewide study of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Her work caught the attention of the Colorado Supreme Court, and she was hired as director of ADR for the state courts.

Talmage served as an adjunct professor, teaching ADR at DU from 1996-2007. She has also been involved in leadership of the following organizations: Colorado Women's Bar Association and CWBA Foundation, Colorado Access to Justice Commission, CBA Judicial Liaison Section, DU's Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, Deans' Diversity Council, Minoru Yasui Inn of Court, the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence and the CBA's 2020 Law Firm Initiative Committee. She also volunteers on the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention International Foundation and at her church.

The CBA Award of Merit is awarded annually to a member of the association for outstanding service to the association, the legal profession, the administration of justice, and the community.

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