

10 YEARS OF IMPACT

We are so proud of what we have accomplished, together with your help. IAALS is a place of aspiration and innovation. We identify problem areas in our legal system, do the research, convene the experts, design solutions, and implement them. And, the results have been nothing short of amazing.

2006

IAALS opened its doors at the University of Denver – January 17



Shared research, expertise, and input with state legislatures and others seeking judicial policy change

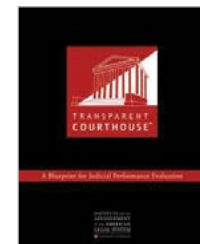
Presented at “The Performance Institute Summit on Performance Management for the Judiciary”

Provided written testimony to the New York legislature on the benefits of judicial performance evaluation with an appointive process

Provided election-year commentary; criticized ballot measures that would have fired, term-limited, recalled, or jailed judges



Published *Shared Expectations: Judicial Accountability in Context*, an overview of JPE processes nationwide



Published *Transparent Courthouse: A Blueprint for Judicial Performance Evaluation*

Presented at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Conference on the State of the American Judiciary

Hosted the IAALS Head To Head Series – a conversation highlighting major issues and experts in the legal and judicial arena

2007

Launched IAALS E-Newsletter

Assumed national leadership role to educate the media and public about the role and relevance of the courts in our lives

Testified before Utah and Colorado legislators to inform proposed JPE statutes, which were ultimately signed into law

Provided research and policy recommendations to New Mexico civil justice reform community



Hosted the First Civil Justice Reform Summit to identify many of the most serious problems plaguing the system



Published *Navigating the Hazards of E-Discovery: A Manual for State Courts Across the Nation*



Received Legal Reform Organization of the Year Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Published the *Report from 2007 Civil Justice Reform Summit*

Co-hosted panel about “The Politics of Choosing Judges” at the National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Summit

Rebecca Love Kourlis presented at the American College of Trial Lawyers Annual Meeting, concerning “America’s Courts Under Siege”

Conducted Colorado Voter Opinions on the Judiciary survey to gauge voter knowledge of judicial elections

Collaborated with media to increase coverage of judicial election issues as a public service

ACTL Task Force on Discovery and Civil Justice formed

2008

JPE Working Group formed to provide a forum for states to collaborate on best practices

Partnered to launch Civil Litigation Reform Project, examining interrelationship between Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and increased cost and delay

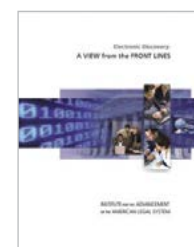


Hosted the 1st Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.)

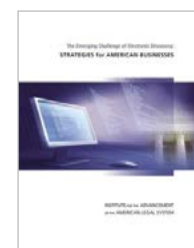
Conducted Litigation Survey of Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers on the state of civil litigation processes and procedures



Published *The Bench Speaks on Judicial Performance Evaluation: A Survey of Colorado Judges*



Published *Electronic Discovery: A View from the Front Lines*



Published *The Emerging Challenge of Electronic Discovery: Strategies for American Businesses*

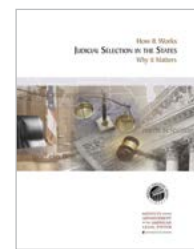
Hosted “JPE: Strategies for Success” – the nation’s first conference dedicated solely to JPE

JPE Working Group doubles in size

JPE website launched as an essential resource of comprehensive information

Published the ACTL Task Force Interim Report and Survey

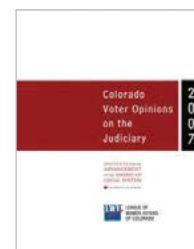
2009



Published *Judicial Selection in the States: How it Works, Why it Matters*



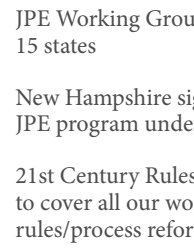
Hosted the 2nd Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Christine M. Durham



Published *Colorado Voter Opinions on the Judiciary*



Published *Civil Case Processing in the Federal District Courts: A 21st Century Analysis*



JPE Working Group expanded to include 15 states

New Hampshire significantly expanded its JPE program under our guidance

21st Century Rules Initiative launched to cover all our work related to rules/process reform

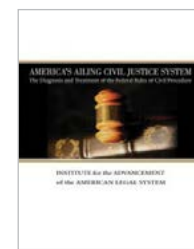
Published the ACTL Task Force Final Report and Recommendations



Hosted the Second Civil Justice Reform Summit: Anecdotes to Action to stimulate dialogue about reforming rules and developing new pilot projects and measurement tools

Ignited conversation around ways to improve the system, including possible changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

2010



Published *America's Ailing Civil Justice System: The Diagnosis and Treatment of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*

Hosted “E-Discovery: In Search of the Smoking Gun”



Hosted the 3rd Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring New Hampshire Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr.



Published *A Roadmap for Reform: Pilot Project Rules*



Published *A Roadmap for Reform: Civil Caseload Management Guidelines*

Georgia, New Hampshire, Colorado, and Massachusetts pursued pilot projects based on IAALS recommendations



O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative launched with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to help support states looking to improve their processes for selecting judges

Advisory Committee formed to aid the work of the O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative

Began study to determine if bias exists in the JPE process that might negatively affect women and minorities, and if so, how to eliminate it

New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Oregon launched pilot programs aimed at improving the civil justice process



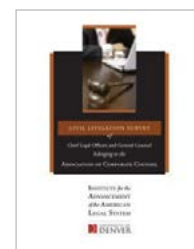
Published *Survey of the Arizona Bench & Bar on the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure*



Published *Survey of the Oregon Bench & Bar on the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure*



Published *Civil Case Processing in Oregon Courts: An Analysis of Multnomah County*



Published *Civil Litigation Survey of Chief Legal Officers and General Counsel belonging to the Association of Corporate Counsel*

Involved in Nevada ballot Question 1, which would have changed the Nevada system to merit selection, including JPE

Partnered to launch Know Your Judge in Colorado, providing educational outreach and information about judges to voters

Rebecca Love Kourlis delivered keynote address on “Civil Justice at a Crossroads” at Pepperdine University School of Law

Assisted committee of judges and attorneys in Wyoming regarding processes and procedures for domestic relations cases

Civil Litigation Conference held at Duke University School of Law in response to IAALS' and others' work on rules and process reform



Published *Report from the Task Force on Discovery and Civil Justice of the ACTL and IAALS to the 2010 Civil Litigation Conference at Duke University School of Law*

Published *Preserving Access and Identifying Excess: Areas of Convergence and Consensus in the 2010 Conference Materials*

Published *Fact-Based Pleading: A Solution Hidden in Plain Sight*

Published *Reinvigorating Pleadings*



Published *Options for Federal Judicial Screening Committees*

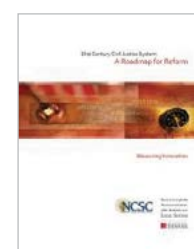
Pilot projects under consideration in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and the Federal District Court in the Southern District of New York



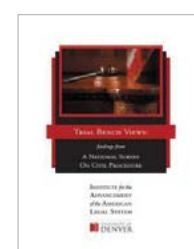
Hosted the 4th Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring Nevada Senator William J. Raggio, Nevada Assembly Speaker Barbara E. Buckley, and former Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer, posthumously



Published *Surveys of the Colorado Bench & Bar on Colorado's Simplified Pretrial Procedure for Civil Actions*



Published *Roadmap for Reform: Measuring Innovation*



Published *Trial Bench Views: Findings from a National Survey on Civil Procedure*

Began developing family resource pilot project to explore ways family issues can be resolved outside the court process

2011

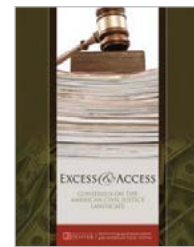
O'Connor Judicial Selection Initiative renamed as *Quality Judges Initiative*



21st Century Rules Initiative renamed as *Rule One Initiative*



Partnered to develop software to make JPE more cost-effective



Published *Excess and Access: Consensus on the American Civil Justice Landscape*

Advocated merit selection in Wisconsin

Colorado adopted the Civil Access Pilot Project, which we helped develop, implement, and evaluate

Hosted “Evaluating Appellate Judges: Preserving Integrity, Maintaining Accountability”

Launched *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers*



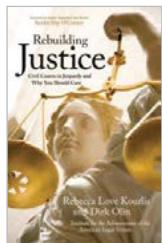
Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Consortium of law schools launched with 15 founding members

Studied federal docket in Ohio, tested caseload management recommendations, and measured effectiveness



Published *Options for Federal Judicial Screening Committees, Second Edition*

2011



Published *Rebuilding Justice: Civil Courts in Jeopardy and Why You Should Care*

Launched our Business Leadership Network



Rebecca Love Kourlis testified at hearing on “The Costs and Burdens of Civil Discovery” before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Committee



Hosted the 5th Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring Judge Mark R. Kravitz, Judge Lee H. Rosenthal, and Judge John G. Koeltl



IAALS moved to new home at DU: John Moye Hall



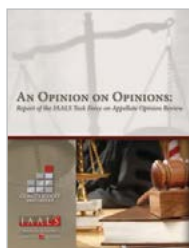
Published *Post-Conference Report: Evaluating Appellate Judges: Preserving Integrity, Maintaining Accountability*

Launched new IAALS website

Published *Goals and Principles for Judicial Nominating Commissions*

Hosted “Roundtable on Judicial Selection”

Worked toward identifying principles to undergird in-court dissolution or child custody cases, to help courts better meet the needs of families



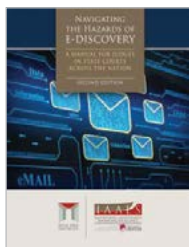
Published *An Opinion on Opinions: Report of the IAALS Task Force on State Appellate Court Opinion Review*

Hosted and staffed the Udall-Bennet Federal Judicial Screening Committee



Published *Cornerstones of State Judicial Selection: Laying the Foundation for Quality Court Systems and Judges*

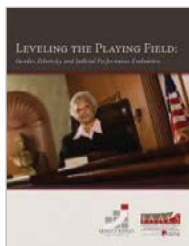
Worked with Oregon to help design a stream-lined model for a responsive and cost-effective divorce and custody court



Published *Navigating the Hazards of E-Discovery: A Manual for Judges in State Courts Across the Nation, Second Edition*

Hosted Two-Day Summit on E-Discovery

Formed Steering Committee to develop model for multidisciplinary, out-of-court center for separating and divorcing families



Published *Leveling the Playing Field: Gender, Ethnicity, and Judicial Performance Evaluation*

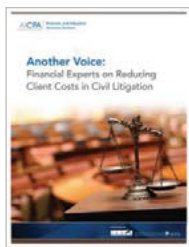


John Moye Hall Dedicated at the University of Denver

Hosted “Special Symposium for Governors’ Legal Counsels”

Published *It Is Just Good Business: The Case for Supporting Reform in Divorce Court*

Hosted the 1st Annual Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Conference: The Development of Professional Identity in Legal Education: Rethinking Learning and Assessment



Published *Another Voice: Financial Experts on Reducing Client Costs in Civil Litigation*

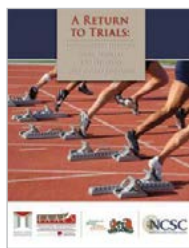
2013



Hosted the Third Civil Justice Reform Summit on the new landscape of innovation

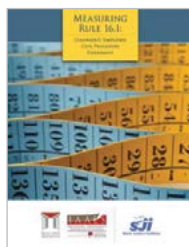


Hosted the 6th Annual Transparent Courthouse® Award Dinner honoring Professor James E. Moliterno, Washington and Lee University School of Law



Published *A Return to Trials: Implementing Effective Short, Summary, and Expedited Civil Action Programs*

Launched the IAALS Online blog



Published *Measuring Rule 16.1: Colorado’s Simplified Civil Procedure Experiment*

ETL Consortium grew from 15 to 25 schools

Sixteen professors became ETL Fellows and shared their innovative courses online

Launched the *Honoring Families Initiative*



Published IAALS Appellate Judicial Performance Evaluation Focus Group Report

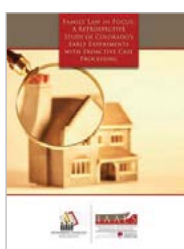
Submitted comment to, and Alli Gerkman testified before, the ABA Task Force on the Future of Legal Education, outlining six major recommendations



Hosted event and published report on “An Uncommon Dialogue: What Do We Want in Our Judges and How Do We Get There?”



Published *A Roadmap for Review: Guide for Appraisal and Improvement of Caseflow Management of Civil Cases in U.S. District Courts*



Published *Family Law in Focus: A Retrospective Study of Colorado’s Early Experiments with Proactive Case Processing*

Launched Action on the Ground, an online tool for tracking pilot projects around the country



O'Connor Advisory Committee met with Justice O'Connor at the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

Launched Law Jobs: By the Numbers™, providing prospective law students the most transparent and complete law school employment rate information available

Published *Report on the 2012 ETL Conference and Introduction to the 2013 Conference*



Published *A Credit to the Courts: The Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment Process for Bankruptcy Judges*



Participated in “Selecting Our Judges” program at 2013 Legislative Summit of the National Conference of State Legislatures with Justice O'Connor

Published *Courts and Communities Helping Families in Transition Arising from Separation or Divorce*

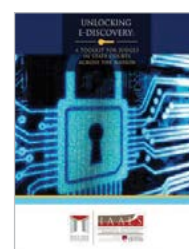
Opened the Resource Center for Separating and Divorcing Families at the University of Denver



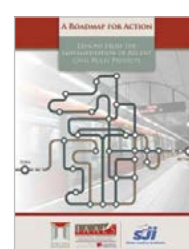
Brought Justice O'Connor to Colorado to deliver the 3rd Annual John Paul Stevens Lecture at the University of Colorado Law School



Hosted the 2nd Annual Educational Summit for State Court Judges: Unlocking E-Discovery



Published *Unlocking E-Discovery: A Toolkit for Judges in State Courts Across the Nation*



Published *A Roadmap for Action: Lessons from the Implementation of Recent Civil Rules Projects*

Launched our Law Firm Council



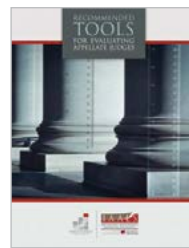
Hosted the 2nd Annual Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Conference: Connecting the Academy & the Profession

2014



Professor William D. Henderson of Indiana University Maurer School of Law receives our *Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Award*

Published *A Summary of the Short, Summary, and Expedited Civil Action Programs Around the Country*



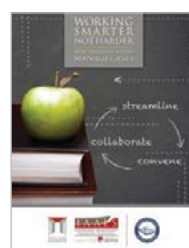
Published *Recommended Tools for Evaluating Appellate Judges*

Launched ETL Resources Section, allowing improved ability to share and find innovative teaching materials, course portfolios, and research related to legal education

ETL Consortium grew to 30 schools



Hosted “A Forum for Understanding and Comment on the Proposed Federal Rules Amendments”



Published *Working Smarter, Not Harder: How Excellent Judges Manage Cases*

Submitted Joint Comment on Proposed Federal Rule Amendments with ACTL Task Force

Published *Report from “A Forum for Understanding and Comment on the Federal Rules Amendments”*

Updated Law Jobs: By the Numbers™, to provide prospective students new ways to create individualized law school rankings



Hosted the 7th Annual Rebuilding Justice Award Dinner honoring Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender (Ret.) and University of Denver Chancellor Robert D. Coombe



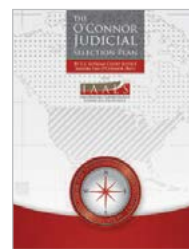
Launched Foundations for Practice, to identify the foundations entry-level lawyers need for practice



Published *Summary of Empirical Research on the Civil Justice Process: 2008-2013*

Published FAQs: *Judges in the United States*

Hosted “Fundamentals of E-Discovery for State Court Judges: A Webcast”



Published the *O'Connor Judicial Selection Plan*, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor



Published *Choosing Judges: Judicial Nominating Commissions and the Selection of Supreme Court Justices*

Hosted Social Media Webinar for JPE Working Group, in advance of 2014 judicial elections

Began work with the Conference of Chief Justices on the Civil Justice Improvements Committee, to develop recommended changes at the state court level

Participated in the “Informed Voters. Fair Judges.” project

Published *Allocating the Costs of Discovery: Lessons Learned at Home and Abroad*

Provided training for members of Missouri’s judicial nominating commissions

Prepared resources and testimony for New Jersey task force on judicial independence



Hosted the 3rd Annual Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers Conference: Accelerating Competency: Assessment in Legal Education



Published *Momentum for Change: The Impact of the Colorado Civil Access Pilot Project*



Published *The Modern Family Court Judge: Knowledge, Qualities & Skills for Success*

Responses to the HFI White Paper published in *Family Court Review*



Hosted “Preservation in Practice: A Corporate Convening on Rule 37(e) and Beyond”