

COLORADO

Originally part of the Kansas Territory,¹ Colorado became a distinct territory in 1861.² Statehood followed in 1876,³ with Colorado organized as a single district. Originally part of the Eighth Circuit, Colorado was relocated to the newly-created Tenth in 1929.⁴ Colorado has seven district judgeships.

Statutory History		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
CO.ST.01	Act of June 26, 1876	19 STAT. 61
CO.ST.02	Act of February 10, 1954	48 STAT. 8
CO.ST.03	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
CO.ST.04	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
CO.ST.05	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
CO.ST.06	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
CO.ST. 07	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333

Seat Histories					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>
CO.ST.01.01	Hallett, Moses	January 12, 1877	April 7, 1906	Retired	Republican

¹For a detailed history see the Hon. John L. Kane, Jr. and Sharon Marks Elfenbein, *Colorado: The Territorial and District Courts*, in Hon. James K. Logan, ed., *The Federal Courts of the Tenth Circuit: A History* (Denver: U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1992): 37-78.

²The Organic Act of 1861, February 28, 1861, 12 STAT. 172.

³Act of June 26, 1876, 19 STAT. 62.

⁴Act of February 28, 1929, 45 STAT. 1346.

CO.ST.01.02	Lewis, Robert E.	April 10, 1906	November 15, 1921	Elevated to Eighth Circuit ⁵	Republican
CO.ST.01.03	Symes, John Foster	May 16, 1922	April 4, 1950	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.01.04	Knous, William Lee	April 4, 1950	December 12, 1959	Deceased	Democrat
CO.ST.01.05	Chilson, Olin Hatfield	March 1, 1960	December 31, 1973	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.01.06	Matsch, Richard P.	March 1, 1974	July 1, 2003	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.01.07	Figa, Phillip S.	October 2, 2003	Active	Active	Republican
CO.ST.02.01	Breitenstein, Jean Sola	April 23, 1954	June 27, 1957	Elevated to Tenth Circuit	Republican
CO.ST.02.02	Arraj, Alfred A.	August 5, 1957	August 31, 1976	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.02.03	Kane, John L., Jr.	December 15, 1977	April 4, 1988	Retired	Democrat
CO.ST.02.04	Babcock, Lewis T.	October 14, 1988	Active	Active	Republican
CO.ST.03.01	Doyle, William E.	September 21, 1961	April 26, 1971	Elevated to Tenth Circuit	Democrat
CO.ST.03.02	Finesilver, Sherman G.	September 21, 1971	May 31, 1994	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.03.03	Daniel, Wiley Y. ⁶	June 30, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
CO.ST.04.01	Winner, Fred M.	December 16, 1970	April 8, 1982	Retired	Republican

⁵Subsequently transferred to the Tenth Circuit by the Act of February 28, 1929, 45 STAT. 1346.

⁶First African American district court judge appointed from Colorado.

CO.ST.04.02	Moore, John Porfilio ⁷	June 24, 1982	May 10, 1985	Elevated to Tenth Circuit	Republican
CO.ST.04.03	Sparr, Daniel B.	April 5, 1990	May 1, 2001	Retired	Republican
CO.ST.04.04	Krieger, Marcia S.	January 25, 2002	Active	Active	Republican
CO.ST.05.01	Weinshienk, Zita L. ⁸	September 25, 1979	April 3, 1998	Retired	Democrat
CO.ST.05.02	Blackburn, Robert E.	February 26, 2002	Active	Active	Republican
CO.ST.06.01	Carrigan, Jim R.	September 25, 1979	August 19, 1995	Retired	Democrat
CO.ST.06.02	Miller, Walker D.	July 11, 1996	Active	Active	Democrat
CO.ST.07.01	Nottingham, Edward Willis, Jr.	November 21, 1989	Active	Active	Republican

⁷Moore is the surname of Judge Moore's stepfather. In 1996 he changed his name to John C. Porfilio, the latter being his father's surname. Information provided by the Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

⁸First female district court judge appointed from Colorado.

