



Colorado Access to Justice Commission (ATJC)

Report 2021 Listening Tour

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Mission:

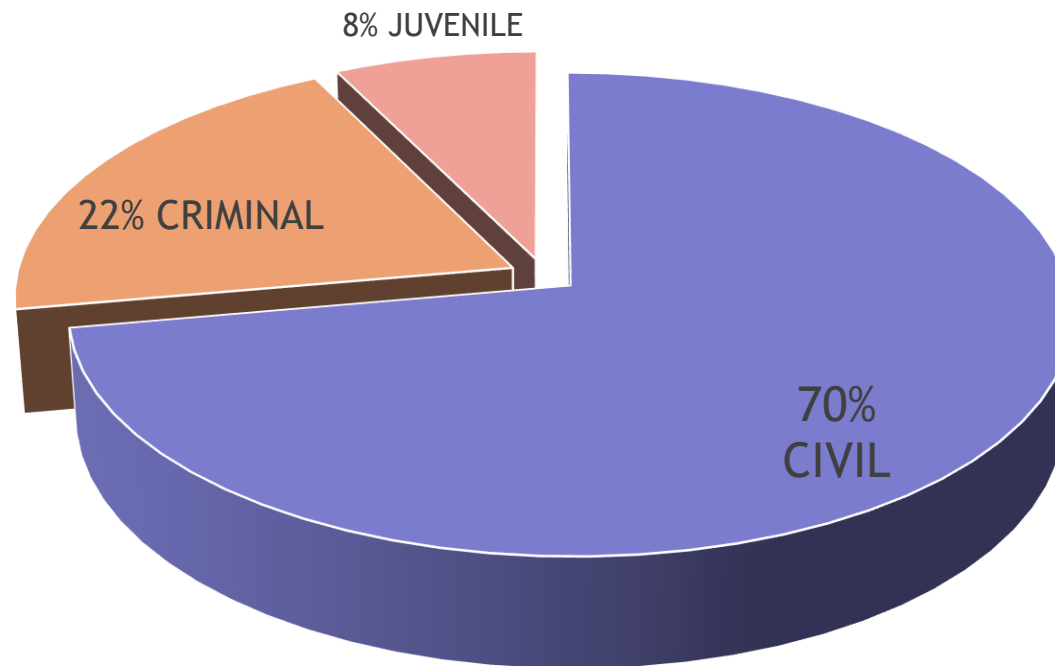
The ATJC exists to develop, coordinate, and implement policy initiatives that address barriers Coloradans face gaining access to the civil justice system.

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Civil Justice



Cases filed in Colorado in 2021



Source: Colorado Judicial Branch Annual Statistical Report, Fiscal Year 2021

Civil Justice



HOUSING
(Rental Disputes,
Foreclosures)



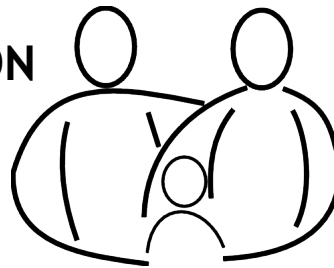
**FINANCIAL
SECURITY**
(Employment,
Disability, Energy,
Childcare, Food, &
Cash Assistance)



**PHYSICAL
SAFETY**
(Civil
Protection
Orders)



**FAMILY
COMPOSITION**
(Divorce,
Custody,
Adoption)



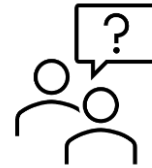
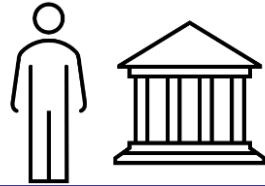
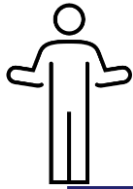
HEALTH
(Medicaid,
Medicare,
Worker's
Comp.)



Spectrum of Access to Justice Solutions

No legal help

Full representation
(start to finish)



Simplified Laws
& Procedures

Translation,
Interpretation, ADA

Court Navigators

Legal Clinics

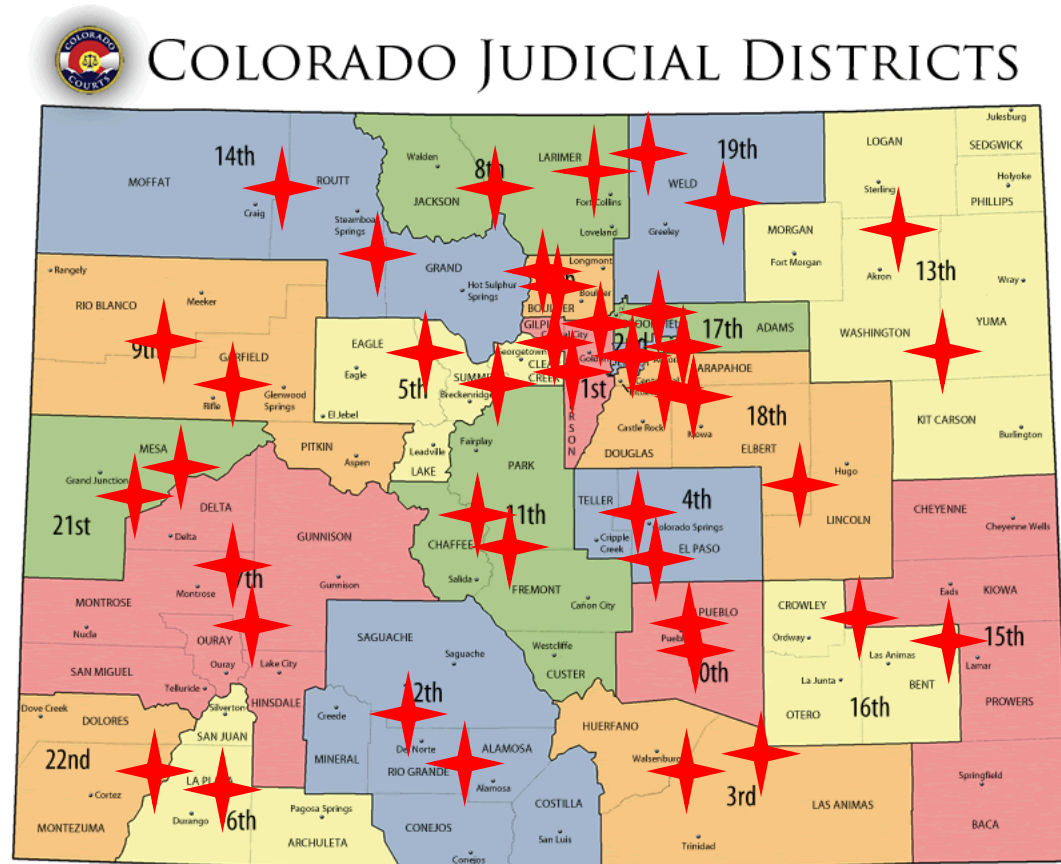
Mediation

Pro Bono &
Legal Aid Attorneys



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Listening Tour 2021



- ▶ Held 41 virtual meetings across Colorado
 - ▶ 1/3 urban
 - ▶ 2/3 rural
- ▶ Spoke with 518 stakeholders
 - ▶ 295 Legal Service Providers
 - ▶ 224 Community Service Providers

Findings



Most Prominent **Legal Issues:**

- ▶ Eviction
- ▶ Divorce
- ▶ Custody
- ▶ Domestic Abuse
- ▶ Government Benefits

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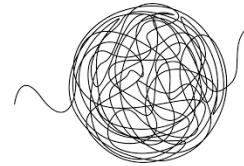
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Most Prominent Barriers:


▶ Cost of legal services \$\$\$

▶ Laws & procedures are complex



▶ Language & culture यं

▶ Technology 

▶ Transportation 

Recommendations



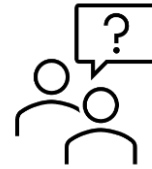
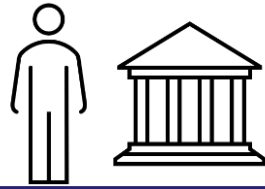
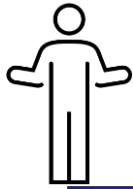
General Assembly:

- Significantly increase state funding for legal aid
- Use plain language in legislation
- Prioritize bills that simplify procedures and protect pro se parties
- Support & fund continued virtual court appearances (IT)
- Support judicial services to ensure equal access for
 - English Language Learners
 - People with disabilities

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