



**KEEP
COLORADO
CONSTITUTIONAL**

★ KCC COURT WATCHERS WORKING GROUP ★

CODE OF CONDUCT

TRANSPARENCY • INTEGRITY • PUBLIC TRUST

We Observe. We Document. We Inform. We Do Not Interfere.



OUR MISSION

The KCC Court Watchers Working Group promotes transparency, accountability, and public confidence in Colorado's judicial system through lawful courtroom observation, accurate documentation, and public education.

Our role is to observe, document, and report — not to interfere with judicial proceedings.

Court Watchers are independent observers. They do not represent litigants, provide legal advice, or attempt to influence the outcome of a case.

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GENERAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT



- Verify that the proceeding is open to the public.
- Arrive on time and dress appropriately.
- Follow courthouse rules and lawful instructions.
- Remain quiet, respectful, and neutral.
- Take accurate notes when permitted.
- Document both appropriate conduct and potential concerns.
- Respect confidentiality and protected information.
- Submit complete and truthful reports to KCC.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest.

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PROHIBITED CONDUCT



- Do not interrupt or disrupt proceedings.
- Do not address a judge, juror, witness, or party without authorization.
- Do not photograph, record, livestream, or take screenshots without permission.
- Do not threaten, harass, or intimidate anyone.
- Do not provide legal advice or act as a legal representative.
- Do not publish confidential information.
- Do not present unverified allegations as facts.
- Do not alter, fabricate, or exaggerate information.
- Do not speak on behalf of KCC without authorization.

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OBJECTIVITY AND INDEPENDENCE



- An observation request does not require agreement with the requesting party.
- Report what you actually observe.
- Include observations that may contradict allegations or expectations.
- A ruling you disagree with is not, by itself, evidence of misconduct.
- Focus on observable conduct, procedures, statements, rulings, and opportunities to be heard.
- Identify potential constitutional or procedural concerns, but distinguish them from legal conclusions.

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COURTROOM ACCESS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES



- Confirm the proceeding is open to the public.
- Follow Colorado laws and court rules.
- Public access does not authorize recording or photography.
- Use only authorized remote observation options.
- Do not circumvent restrictions on sealed, confidential, juvenile, or protected proceedings.
- Seek clarification if you are unsure what is permitted.

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DOCUMENTATION AND REPORTING



- Include date, time, court, division, case number, and judicial officer.
- Document participants, key statements, rulings, and events.
- Clearly distinguish direct quotations from paraphrases.
- Identify uncertainties.
- Report what you personally witnessed.
- Include both appropriate conduct and potential concerns.
- Submit reports through KCC's designated procedures.

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CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFORMATION PROTECTION



- Respect sealed records and privacy laws.
- Protect sensitive personal information.
- Do not independently publish KCC reports or confidential information.
- Internal reports are for authorized review and organizational use.
- External disclosure requires review and permission.
- Follow all legal restrictions for confidential proceedings and protected identities.

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ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATION



- Volunteers are not authorized to speak officially for KCC.
- You may identify yourself as a KCC Court Watcher.
- Only authorized leadership may issue official statements or represent KCC's positions.
- Do not imply judicial authority, investigative powers, or legal representation.

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST



- Disclose any personal involvement, close relationships, or financial interests.
- A conflict does not automatically prohibit observation.
- KCC may reassign an assignment, add observers, or include a disclosure in the report.
- Report conflicts before accepting an assignment.

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COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY



- Follow this Code of Conduct and complete the Volunteer Acknowledgment.
- Violations may result in additional training, reassignment, suspension, or removal.
- Serious misconduct may result in immediate removal.
- Reports will be reviewed fairly, with an opportunity to respond.

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VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES



- Review and understand this Code of Conduct.
- Complete the KCC Court Watcher Volunteer Acknowledgment.
- Familiarize yourself with courtroom rules and procedures.
- Follow KCC observation and reporting procedures.
- Notify KCC if you cannot fulfill an accepted assignment.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLE



*We do not enter courtrooms to determine guilt or innocence.
We enter to observe whether the judicial process is conducted
openly, fairly, and according to law.*



OUR COMMITMENT

KCC Court Watchers are committed to factual documentation, constitutional accountability, public transparency, and respect for the rights of all individuals who participate in Colorado's courts.

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FAITHFUL TO THE CONSTITUTION
ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE
COMMITTED TO COLORADO