

**2012**

**New Legislator  
Orientation Program**

***Phase II***

***Navigating the Legislative Process:  
Bill Drafting, Fiscal Notes, State Revenue  
and Spending, and Negotiation Skills***



**November 27, 28, and 29, 2012**

**State Capitol  
Denver, Colorado**

*(Revised November 21, 2012)*

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**2012**  
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***Tuesday, November 27***

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**8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**

*House Committee Rooms Lobby*

**8:45 a.m. Introductions and an Overview of the Program's Agenda**

*House Committee Room 0112*

- *Mike Mauer, Director, Colorado Legislative Council Staff*

**9:00 a.m. Overview of the Legislative Service Agencies**

*(Legislators will break into small groups to visit each service agency office for 20-30 minute periods, with 10 minutes in between sessions.)*

**Legislative Council Staff**

*Office of the Director, Room 029, State Capitol Building*

- *Mike Mauer, Director*
- *Cathy Eslinger, Policy and Research*
- *Susan Liddle, Constituent Services*
- *Elizabeth Burger, Committee Staffing*
- *Chris Ward, Fiscal Notes*
- *Natalie Mullis, Economics*

**Office of Legislative Legal Services**

*OLLS Conference Room, Room 079, State Capitol Building*

- *Dan Cartin, Director*
- *Sharon Eubanks, Deputy Director*

**Joint Budget Committee Staff**

*JBC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Legislative Services Building*

- *John Ziegler, Director*

**Office of the State Auditor**

*LAC Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Legislative Services Building*

- *Dianne Ray, State Auditor*

**11:30 a.m. Service Agency Wrap-up**

*House Committee Room 0112*

- *Mike Mauer, Director, Legislative Council Staff*

**12:00 p.m. Welcome Lunch**

*Brown Palace Club*

*Hosted by Legislative Leadership*

**2:00 p.m.**     **Legislators will break out into concurrent sessions on bill drafting and fiscal notes.**

**Group A:**    **House Committee Room 0109 (Green)**

**Group B:**    **House Committee Room 0111 (Blue)**

**Group C:**    **House Committee Room 0107 (Orange)**

**Group D:**    **Senate Committee Room 352 (Red)**

**Group E:**    **Senate Committee Room 353 (Yellow)**

**Group F:**    **Senate Committee Room 354 (Purple)**

Step 1: Office of Legislative Legal Services — Bill Drafting: From Idea to Bill

**Group A:**    **Michael Dohr, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**Group B:**    **Ed DeCecco, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**Group C:**    **Nicole Myers, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**Group D:**    **Richard Sweetman, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**Group E:**    **Kristen Forrestal, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**Group F:**    **Christy Chase, Office of Legislative Legal Services**

**3:30 p.m.**     **Break**

**3:45 p.m.**     Step 2: Legislative Council Staff — Fiscal Note Process and the Role of Legislators

**Group A:**    **Chris Ward, Legislative Council Staff**

**Group B:**    **Todd Herreid, Legislative Council Staff**

**Group C:**    **Clare Pramuk, Legislative Council Staff**

**Group D:**    **Josh Abram, Legislative Council Staff**

**Group E:**    **Bill Zepernick, Legislative Council Staff**

**Group F:**    **Kerry White, Legislative Council Staff**

**4:30 p.m.**     **Adjourn for the Day**

**Wednesday, November 28**

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- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**  
*Staff Support Team Breakfast*  
*House Committee Rooms Lobby*
- 8:30 a.m. Understanding the State Budget and the Budget Process: the Big Picture**  
*House Committee Room 0112*
- *Gregg Fraser, Office of Legislative Legal Services*
  - *Natalie Mullis, Legislative Council Staff*
  - *John Ziegler, Joint Budget Committee*
- 9:15 a.m. Break**
- Topical Policy and Budget Issues**
- 9:30 a.m. Education — K-12 and Higher Education**  
*House Committee Room 0112*
- *Josh Abram and Todd Herreid, Legislative Council Staff*
  - *Patrick Brodhead and Craig Harper, Joint Budget Committee*
  - *Nicole Myers and Richard Sweetman, Office of Legislative Legal Services*
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Health Care and Human Services**  
*House Committee Room 0112*
- *Brita Darling, Office of Legislative Legal Services*
  - *Eric Kurtz and Kevin Neimond, Joint Budget Committee*
  - *Bill Zepernick, Legislative Council Staff*
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon — "Get to Know Your Colleagues"**  
*(New and returning legislators are invited to attend.)*
- Warwick Hotel*
- 1:30 p.m. Professional Development Session — "Negotiation: Art and Preparation"**  
*(New and returning legislators are invited to attend.)*
- Warwick Hotel*
- *Bev Obenchain, Obenchain and Associates*
- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45 p.m. "Negotiation: Art and Preparation" (Cont.)**
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day**

## ***Thursday, November 29***

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**8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**

*House Committee Rooms Lobby*

*The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and Council of State Governments (CSG) will have booths set up in the lobby explaining their services.*

**8:30 a.m. The Justice System — Judicial Branch, Adult Corrections, and Youth Corrections**

*House Committee Room 0112*

- *Steve Allen, Amanda Bickel, and Carolyn Kampman, Joint Budget Committee*
- *Michael Dohr, Office of Legislative Legal Services*
- *Jessika Shipley and Hillary Smith, Legislative Council Staff*

**9:45 a.m. Break**

**10:00 a.m. Interactive Budget Exercise — Mock Budget Caucus**

*House Committee Room 0112*

- *Joint Budget Committee Staff*

**12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Panel Discussion — "Becoming More Media Savvy"**

*Denver Press Club*

*1330 Glenarm Street*

*Moderator: Gene Rose, Executive Vice President of Marmillion + Company/  
formerly with NCSL*

*Panelists:*

- *Lynn Bartels, Denver Post*
- *Senator Greg Brophy*
- *Joe Hanel, Durango Herald / Cortez Journal*
- *Eli Stokols, Fox 31 Denver*
- *Megan Verlee, Colorado Public Radio*

**2:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day / Optional Tour of Dome Renovation Project**

*Tour participants will meet at Denver Press Club and walk as a group back to the State Capitol building.*

- *Kori Donaldson, Legislative Council Staff*
- *Esther van Mourik, Office of Legislative Legal Services*