

Maurice “Maurie” Knaizer

Maurie Knaizer retired as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Colorado Department of Law in December, 2012 after 33 years of service in the Attorney General’s Office. He worked in the General Legal Services-Public Officials Unit for all but 3 years of his tenure and represented the offices of Secretary of State, Governor and Treasurer as well as the State Lottery, Judicial Branch and Department of Military Affairs.

A sampling of notable cases he handled includes Colorado General Assembly v. Owens, 136 P.3d 262 (Colo. 2006) (separation of powers dispute between Governor Owens and General Assembly); Denver Post v. Ritter, 255 P .3d 1083 (Colo. 2011) (Open Records dispute); and Gessler v. Doty, 272 P .3d 1131 (Colo. App. 2012) (scope of duties of county clerk in elections).

Prior to his work with the state, Maurie worked for the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver and for Pueblo County Legal Services through VISTA. He is currently a volunteer with Colorado Legal Services.

A graduate of the University of Illinois (Chicago) with a major in political science, Maurie earned his Juris Doctor at Northwestern School of Law.

In May 2017, Governor John Hickenlooper appointed Maurie Knaizer to the State Personnel Board for a three-year term of July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020. This position replaces that of Teresa Salerno, who completed her term on June 30, 2017.