

2018 FORUM FOR STATE APPELLATE COURT JUDGES

State Court Protection of Individual Constitutional Rights

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The Forum is a one-day complimentary judicial education conference. Judges travel and attend as guests of the Institute, at no cost to themselves or to their courts. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOLD THE DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018, DENVER, COLORADO

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In the past, when governments or private interests have sought to restrict individual rights, citizens have often looked to the United States Constitution for protection. But in recent decades, the federal courts have adopted increasingly restrictive procedural hurdles that litigants must surmount to get to trial. Federal government offices which previously had protected individual rights vigorously have recently come under political pressure to ease their enforcement, or even to reverse course. At the same time, citizens' access to state courts is increasingly constrained by "reform" legislation, reduced court budgets, and contractual requirements that either compel individuals to forego their legal rights altogether or limit their ability to litigate disputes in court. As a result, state constitutional protections enforced in state courts remain as some of the strongest protections available to the public when disputes arise.

At the 2018 Judges Forum, nationally-recognized legal scholars will discuss the recent truncation of legal protections for citizens seeking redress, and outline ways in which state courts can protect the rights conferred on their citizens from unconstitutional infringement.

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