

JAG J. Meyer



Judge **Joe Meyer** joined JAG in January of 2007 after leaving the Denver District Court.

Judge Meyer grew up in Denver and considers himself an “almost native.” After graduating from East High School, he received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. He returned to Denver after graduating from law school in 1970 and worked as a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver (now Colorado Legal Services). He then joined the litigation department at Holme Roberts & Owen, becoming a partner after two years. In 1978, he founded a small firm with three other young partners from large firms. There, he continued to practice commercial litigation in the federal and state courts and in arbitration, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in contract, real estate, banking, construction and securities disputes. He became a member of the commercial and construction arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association and served as an arbitrator in several construction, contract and partnership disputes.

In 1985, Judge Meyer joined the firm now known as Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson and Hennessey, P.C. where he continued his commercial litigation practice until his appointment to the Denver District Court in 1997. From 1989 until his appointment to the bench, he was listed in the business litigation section of each edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. While in practice, Judge Meyer was active in local and state bar association committees, chaired the Legal Aid Board of Directors for four years and served on the boards of the Colorado Lawyers Committee, the Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation and the Colorado Judicial Institute. He also taught trial practice at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop. For four years, he was a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Grievance Committee.

In his ten years on the Denver District Court bench, Judge Meyer served in the civil, criminal and domestic divisions. For his last two years, he was presiding judge in the civil division. He also served as president of the Colorado District Judges Association and on the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on the Jury. As a judge, he presided over trials involving complex commercial, construction and real estate matters, medical and legal malpractice, personal injury and contract and partnership disputes.