



Bridge to Justice

PROVIDING EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE

University of Colorado Law School professor, advocate for equal justice, joins the Bridge to Justice Board

Boulder, CO October 22, 2015 – Melissa Hart, Professor of Law and Director of the Byron R. White Center at the University of Colorado Law School, is the newest member of the Bridge to Justice board of directors. Executive Director, Bruce Wiener says Hart is a great addition: “Professor Hart is a lawyer and legal scholar who has devoted her career to protecting the disadvantaged and expanding access to justice. Bridge to Justice is privileged to have Professor Hart on our board and I am excited to work with her.”

Professor Hart understands the growing need to serve those in the justice gap, “I am honored to join the Bridge to Justice Board. At a time when legal services are out of reach of the vast majority of Americans, the Bridge to Justice mission of ensuring equal access to justice for moderate income clients with civil legal needs is an essential piece of addressing the justice gap.”

Professor Hart devotes her teaching and scholarship to employment discrimination, civil procedure, and constitutional law. She has been teaching at the University of Colorado Law School since 2000 and has been the Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law since 2010. A 1995 graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Hart clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court. Professor Hart practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C., including as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Professor Hart remains active in the legal community, representing clients pro bono in district and appellate courts and serving on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, the Colorado Supreme Court’s Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, and the Colorado Supreme Court’s Board of Continuing Judicial and Legal Education.

About Bridge to Justice

Bridge to Justice (BJ) is a 501(c)(3) Colorado nonprofit organization that provides reduced-rate civil legal services to low- and moderate-income Coloradans who do not qualify for free legal aid. BJ’s mission is to ensure that our clients receive access to justice regarding civil legal issues that significantly impact their lives. The organization has assisted over 650 low- and moderate-income individuals along the Front Range since formation in April 2013.

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