

Laurie Rose Kepros is the Director of Sexual Litigation for the Colorado Office of the State Public Defender where she trains and advises over 400 lawyers statewide in their representation of adults and juveniles accused and/or convicted of sexual crimes. Ms. Kepros was a trial lawyer in the public defender's office for over 10 years before commencing her current position in 2010. As a public defender, she was a full time felony trial attorney in the Arapahoe County Office of the State Public Defender for almost 8 years. She also represented clients in Douglas, Elbert, and Pueblo Counties and interned in Boulder County and at California's death penalty appellate public defense office.

Ms. Kepros has represented thousands of criminal defendants charged with all levels of offense including many who have been victims of sexual assault themselves. She has appeared in every level of trial and appellate court in Colorado. In 2008, she tried a 15 week death penalty jury trial. In 2005 and 2006, Ms. Kepros represented 5% of the defendants charged under Colorado's Lifetime Supervision Act, principally those accused of sexual assault on a child. She has served on dozens of subcommittees of the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board since 2007 and as a member of both the Sex Offense Task Force and Sex Offense Working Group of the Sentencing Task Force of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice since 2010.

Ms. Kepros has also trained and presented on sex offense-related issues at educational institutions, to private defense attorneys, to public defenders in other jurisdictions, to members of the public, and to other criminal law stakeholders including sex offense probation and treatment providers. She has repeatedly testified before the Colorado legislature as a subject matter expert in sexual crime law and defense. In July 2013, she testified and was recognized as an expert witness in Colorado sex offense law in Federal District Court and she has also provided expert testimony about criminal defense in state court. Ms. Kepros served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar from 2003 to 2013 and continues to serve on the Board's Executive Committee. She has been on the policy committee of the CCDB since 2002. She is on the Sex Offense Task Force for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a Professional Member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

She is an honors graduate of both Northwestern University and the University of Colorado School of Law and completed a judicial clerkship after graduation. In 1999, she was published in the Tulane Journal of Law and Sexuality. Ms. Kepros is admitted to the bar in Colorado and at the United States Supreme Court. In 2012, she was honored by the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar with the Gideon Award for upholding and preserving the principles captured by *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the 1963 case in which the United States Supreme Court held that indigent criminal defendants are entitled to court-appointed counsel.