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District Attorney's Office Participates in Colorado Supreme Court Well-Being Recognition Program

Over the past few years, the prosecution community has taken significant action to more directly deal with secondary, or vicarious, trauma for staff. Our office continues to prioritize these efforts.

The District Attorney's Office is excited to share that our office was selected to participate in the Colorado Supreme Court's Well-Being Recognition Program for Legal Employers to assess the potential for a formal well-being program in Colorado and to generate strategies to inspire legal employers to implement organization-wide, well-being recommendations. As a participant, the DA's Office further developed a robust well-being plan.

The Project released its Final Report and Recommendations detailing how and why Colorado has the opportunity to be a national leader in lawyer well-being by creating a first-of-its-kind program to encourage, support, and recognize legal employers for implementing well-being strategies and recommendations within their organizations.

We are happy to share this report with you, as the DA's Office is committed to supporting and promoting the well-being of all its employees. To view the full Well-Being Program, go to: <http://coloradolawyerwellbeing.org/final-report/>

Director of Center for Prevention and Restorative Justice Elaina Shively stated, "We are grateful we were selected to participate in this pilot. We already had several positive well-being initiatives in place, and we've now implemented additional efforts focused on building resilience and proactively addressing the impacts of our high stress, trauma-exposed work. By supporting our employees' well-being, we better support our office's important work and our community's health and safety."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "Our office is excited to be a part of this effort. We were honored to represent the prosecution community in further developing well-being programs to address the significant exposure to trauma and difficult cases. The well-being of our staff is a priority."