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Colorado Center on Law and Policy names executive director

The Colorado Center on Law and Policy, a leading advocacy and research organization, committed to justice and economic security for all Coloradans, announced the selection of Christine Murphy as its executive director.

“Our state is facing unprecedented threats – from significant reductions in public services caused by historic shortfalls in state revenues to a severe economic downturn that’s left thousands of Coloradans struggling for necessities,” Murphy said. “The Colorado Center on Law and Policy and its project, the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute, have the energy and expertise to lead an essential and informed discussion in our state about economic self sufficiency, access to health care and fair state tax and budget policies. I’m honored that I will be part of that effort.”

Christy’s experience uniquely positions her to build on the agency’s 11-year record of defending the interests of the poor, the working poor and other vulnerable populations. She has served since January 2007 as a senior policy analyst in Gov. Bill Ritter’s Office of Policy and Initiatives. Formerly the Executive Director of the Colorado Lawyers Committee, Christy is an attorney with extensive experience in civil rights, poverty and appellate law. She has also been an active volunteer with nonprofit agencies that promote public education and affordable housing.

“I’m sure Christy will continue the Center’s tradition of thoughtful analysis and advocacy on public policy issues,” said T.A. Taylor-Hunt, who has been the Center’s interim executive director since June 2009. “We are excited about Christy’s becoming part of our team. She will be a valuable ally for low-income families and for everyone who cares about creating a fair and sustainable economic future for our state.”

Christy is scheduled to begin serving as the executive director after the current legislative session. Upon her arrival, T. A. Taylor-Hunt will resume her role as president of the Center’s board of directors.

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