

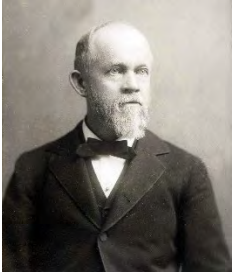
# List of Jefferson County Attorneys





**NATURE OF THE OFFICE:** The Colorado Constitution, Article XIV, Section 8, provides that a County Attorney may be either appointed or elected. The statutes provide that the Board of County Commissioners of each county may employ an attorney when the interests of the county require it. The person must be a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Colorado and be at least 25 years of age [CRS 30-11-118].

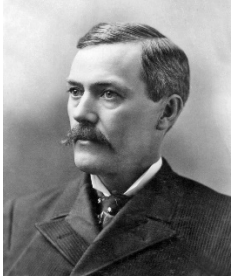


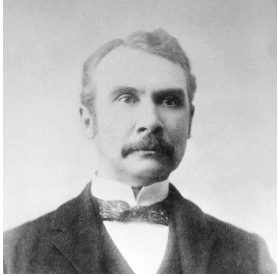


**DUTIES:** The County Attorney’s Office provides legal advice and representation to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, elected and appointed officials, boards, and county staff. They handle all civil and transactional matters for Jefferson County, including civil litigation, land use, employment issues, property tax, election issues and contracts. Additionally, the office prosecutes zoning and building violations, and provides advice and representation to the Jefferson County Human Services Department.



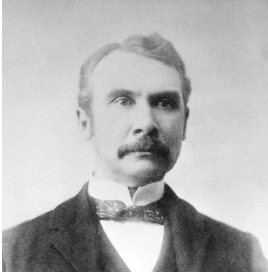



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date First Elected or Appointed</b>	<b>Term Served</b>	<b>Photo</b>
<b>J.F. Rhodes</b>	Elected Jan. 1860	Jan 1860 To ?  Provisional Government	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>J.B. Wolff</b>	1861	Jan 1862 To ?  1 <sup>st</sup> County Attorney	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>John Kirby</b>	Appointed Jul 6, 1863	Jul 6 – Sep 8, 1863  Resigned	<i>No photo available</i>

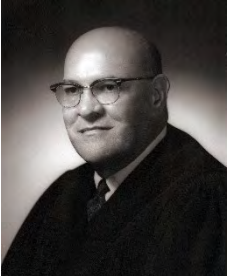
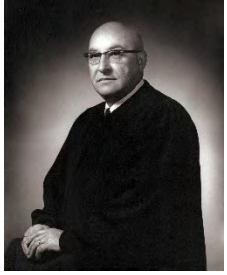



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<b>J.M. DeFrance</b>	Appointed Jul. 26, 1864	Jul 1864 To 1866	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>A.O. Patterson</b>	1866	1866 Acting County Attorney	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>Charles G. Cox</b>	Appointed Jan. 8, 1867  To fill vacancy	Jan – Jun 1867  Resigned	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>Allison H. DeFrance</b>	Elected Aug. 13, 1867	Oct 1867 To 1869	
<b>Unknown</b>	Gap	1870 To Apr 1872	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>George W. Perkins</b>	Appointed Apr. 4, 1872	Appointed for one year term.  An Act of the Legislature of Colorado to provide for the appointment of a County Attorney was approved Feb. 6, 1872	<i>No photo available</i>



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<b>George B. White</b>	Appointed Apr 7, 1873	Apr 1873 To Apr 1874  Resigned	No photo available
<b>Allison H. DeFrance</b>	Appointed Jul. 10, 1874	Jul 1874 To Jul 1876  First year appointment \$600/yr. Reappointment \$500/yr.	
<b>C.C. Carpenter</b>	Appointed Jul. 18, 1876	Jul 1876 To Dec 1878  First year appointment \$350/yr. Reappointment \$300/yr.	
<b>Joseph Mann</b>	Appointed Nov. 4, 1878	Jan 1, 1879 To Dec 1881  \$300 per year	
<b>J.R. McCowen</b>	Appointed Jan 1882	Jan-Feb 1882  Appointment revoked	No photo available
<b>Joseph Mann</b>	Appointed Feb 1882	Feb 1882 To Dec 1883  \$300 per year	

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<b>Alexander D. Jameson</b>	Appointed Jan. 9, 1884	Jan-Mar 1884  Resigned Mar. 3, 1884	
<b>Joseph Mann, Esq.</b>	Appointed Mar. 5, 1884	Mar 1884 To Dec 1887	
<b>William A. Dier, Esq.</b>	Appointed Jan. 7, 1888	1888 To 1898  Starting in 1896, \$25 per mo.	 <small>GoldenHistoryMuseumAndPark</small>
<b>J.W. Barnes</b>	Appointed Jan. 10, 1899	1899  Becomes a judge at end of the year	
<b>William A. Dier</b>	Appointed Jan. 9, 1900	1900 To 1908	 <small>GoldenHistoryMuseumAndPark</small>
<b>George B. Campbell</b>	Appointed Jan. 12, 1909	1909 To 1911  Salary \$500 per year	

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<b>William N. Vaile</b>	Appointed Feb. 7, 1912	Feb 1912 To Jul 7, 1914  Resigns	
<b>William A. Dier</b>	Appointed Jul. 1914  To fill vacancy	Jul 1914 To Dec 1916	
<b>J.W. Barnes</b>	Appointed Jan. 9, 1917	1917  Died while in office	
<b>George B. Campbell</b>	Appointed Jun 1917  To fill vacancy	Jun 1917 To 1920	
<b>William G. Smith</b>	Appointed Jan. 11, 1921	1921	
<b>John C. Vivian</b>	Appointed Jan. 5, 1922	1922 To 1931	

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<b>William L. Boatright</b>	Appointed Jan. 4, 1932	1932 To Jul 1937	 A black and white oval portrait of a man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a suit and tie. The name "W. L. BOATRIGHT" and "COUNTY ATTY." are visible at the bottom of the photo.
<b>Emory L. O'Connell</b>	Appointed Jan. 3, 1938	1938 To Mar 31, 1946	 A black and white rectangular portrait of a man with short hair and glasses, wearing a suit and bow tie.
<b>George J. Robinson</b>	Appointed Apr. 1, 1946  To fill vacancy	Apr 1, 1946 To 1948	No photo available
<b>Mansur Tinsley</b>	Appointed Jan. 11, 1949	1949 To 1956	 A black and white rectangular portrait of a man with short hair and glasses, wearing a suit and tie.
<b>Ronald J. Hardesty</b>	Appointed Jan. 8, 1957	1957 To 1960	 A black and white rectangular portrait of a man with short hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and tie.
<b>Thomas J. Carney</b>	Appointed Jan. 10, 1961	1961 To Sep 1963  Resigned due to conflict of interest	 A black and white rectangular portrait of a man with short hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt and tie.

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<b>Robert Willison</b>	Appointed Jan. 6, 1964	1964 To 1966  Appointed County Judge Jan. 10, 1967	
<b>Law Firm of Fleming &amp; Pattridge</b>	Filled in Jan. 10, 1967	Jan 10 to Feb 20, 1967  Filled in after Robert Willison was appointed as a County Judge, before a new County Attorney was appointed	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>Joseph Edward Maker</b>	Appointed Feb. 20, 1967	Mar 1, 1967 To Jun 1968  Salary: \$13,500/yr.	
<b>Leonard R. Liss</b>	Appointed Jul 1, 1968	Jul 1, 1968 To Jun 1, 1972  Resigned	
<b>Patrick Mahan</b>	Appointed Aug 8, 1972	Aug 8, 1972 To 1992  Salary: \$15,000/yr.	
<b>Ellen Wakeman</b>	Acting County Attorney	2003	

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<b>Frank J. Huftless</b>	1994	1994 To 2001	
<b>Bill Tuthill</b>	Acting County Attorney	2002 To Oct 12, 2004	
<b>Tim Cox</b>	Acting County Attorney	Oct 19 to Dec 2004	<i>No photo available</i>
<b>Frank J. Huftless</b>	Appointed Jan. 11, 2005	2005 To 2007  Resigned at the end of 2007	
<b>Ellen Wakeman</b>	Appointed 2008	2008 To Apr 2019	
<b>Kimberly (Kym) Sorrells</b>	Appointed May 2019	May 2019 To Present	