Ralph C. Turano October 2016

Ralph Turano was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. In 1965, he entered Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in history, in 1969. He attended the University Of Denver Sturm College Of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctor in 1972. He has advanced training as a Police Legal Advisor from the FBI National Academy and the National Law Institute, Washington, D.C. He is also a graduate of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Ralph began his legal career as a Deputy District Attorney with the 3rd Judicial District, Trinidad, Colorado. During that time he also served as a criminal investigator for the District Attorney, a part-time Deputy City Attorney and Director of Public Safety for the City of Trinidad.

In 1980, Ralph was hired as the legal advisor to the Westminster Colorado Police Department. In that capacity he provided legal advice to the Chief of Police, division commanders, field supervisors and line officers; as well as legal training to police, fire and emergency medical personnel throughout the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas.

In 1991, Ralph was appointed the Director of Human Resources for the Colorado Department of Public Safety. During this time, Ralph continued teaching legal and personnel management courses to state and local law enforcement and other public and private sector agencies. He also served as a special investigator for several state agencies regarding confidential personnel matters.

Ralph left state government in 1998 to pursue a private law practice emphasizing criminal law, employment law and estate planning.

Since 2006, Ralph has served as the Legal Training Attorney for the Colorado State Patrol Academy in Golden. His duties include teaching criminal law/procedure, evidence, civil liability, federal firearms, constitutional law, sexual harassment/workplace violence, search and seizure, interrogation/confession, and courtroom testimony to all levels of our sworn and civilian personnel; produce in-service classes for our field troopers; and provide ongoing legal advice to our Command Staff and regional field commanders and supervisors.

In addition, he is an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Arvada, Colorado on a part time basis, having been in that position since 1998.

Ralph is married and lives in Arvada.