

# **ACEC National Launches Expert Witness Designation Program**

The new Expert Witness Designation program being launched by ACEC national is based on ACEC/Colorado's Expert Witness Certification program. The new program will recognize individuals who are dedicated to providing fair and unbiased testimony and investigations, promote a high level of testimony, and help engineers better understand the legal process.

## **Be Grandfathered into the National Program**

All members of the Colorado Expert Witness roster as of June 30, 2009 will be grandfathered onto the national list. To qualify, complete all application requirements by the end of June, including attending this Ethics seminar, and a Practices seminar planned for May 2009.

## **Save Time and Money**

- ◆ Attend two seminars at \$179 each instead of the national 1½-day training at \$795.
- ◆ No need to travel to attend ACEC national training when it is located out of state.
- ◆ Application fees for the national program are not yet known.

## **Benefits**

Becoming certified benefits you and your firm even if you never plan to work as an expert witness. The benefits include:

- ◆ Enhance your and your firm's credibility
- ◆ Demonstrate your firm's commitment to high ethical standards
- ◆ Take advantage of information and training on the legal process and issues that can affect you and your firm
- ◆ Gain confidence in handling ethically challenging situations.

## **Colorado Program to be Discontinued**

The Colorado Expert Witness certification program will discontinue after June 2009. To take advantage of this opportunity to be grandfathered into the national program at Colorado prices, your certification must be complete by that time.

ACEC/CO will continue to provide the annual Ethics and Expert Witness Practices seminars.

## **More Information**

Guidelines, rules, and an application for Colorado Expert Witness certification are available at [www.acec-co.org/expert](http://www.acec-co.org/expert). Contact us at 303-832-2200 or [leslie@acec-co.org](mailto:leslie@acec-co.org) for more information.