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ATTORNEY GENERAL CYNTHIA H. COFFMAN AND SOLICITOR GENERAL FRED YARGER ACCEPT SECOND CONSECUTIVE U.S. SUPREME COURT “BEST BRIEF AWARD” FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL

DENVER—Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman and Solicitor General Frederick Yarger have accepted another National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) “Best Brief Award” at the organization’s 2016 summer conference in Burlington, Vermont. This is the second consecutive year the office has received the award, which honors the best United States Supreme Court briefs authored by attorneys general offices across the country.

“Winning two of these awards in a row is no small feat,” said Colorado Attorney General Coffman. “The lawyers in my office do outstanding work, and my appellate and Supreme Court litigation team is no exception. They handle some of the most complex legal issues facing Colorado, producing written work on par with the best of the Supreme Court bar.”

The award honored the work of Solicitor General Fred Yarger, Chief Deputy Attorney General David Blake, First Assistant Attorney General Claudia Brett Goldin, Assistant Solicitors General Scott Steinbrecher and Grant Sullivan, and Assistant Attorney General Sueanna Johnson for their brief in opposition in *Nebraska v. Colorado*. This lawsuit, filed originally in the United States Supreme Court in December of 2014, challenged Colorado’s legal framework for regulating marijuana. Colorado successfully persuaded the Supreme Court Justices to dismiss the case in March of this year.

The Best Brief Awards are selected by a panel of Supreme Court experts and coordinated by the NAAG Center for Supreme Court Advocacy, which recognizes that appellate brief writing and oral argument, particularly in the United States Supreme Court, are specialized skills. The annual Best Brief Awards honor appellate practitioners in attorneys general offices who have demonstrated superb work.

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