

Court Order Filed in DRE Voting Machines Case

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On October 19, 2006, Denver District Court Judge Lawrence Manzanares filed the "Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law" in *Conroy v. Ginette Dennis*, a *pro bono* lawsuit with national ramifications. Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell ("WTO") represented a nonpartisan group of Colorado voters seeking to insure the security and integrity of electronic voting machines in the state. The Colorado lawsuit alleged that the Secretary of State had neither adequately tested the machines nor promulgated minimum security standards, as required by law. After a three-day trial in September, the Court agreed with the WTO lawyers that the Secretary of State's office had failed to develop the required minimum security standards and failed to do adequate testing for certification of the machines. As stated in the referenced "Findings and Conclusions," the court ordered the Secretary of State to enact meaningful security standards for electronic voting machines and to retest the machines under those standards following the November, 2006 general election. Judge Manzanares also ordered the Secretary of State to adopt state-wide physical security standards before the November 2006 election and to ensure compliance by all Colorado counties using the machines. Those security standards, approved jointly by the Colorado Attorney General

and WTO, were filed with the Court on September 27. To print Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, please go to News/Press Releases & Media Coverage, choose *Conroy* **Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law** and select Print.