

**The University of Colorado Boulder
Department of Mathematics Presents the
Sixth Annual Fall Convocation Lecture**

Mathematics, Science and the Law: Will This Ever Work?

Judge Morris Hoffman

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

MATH 100

(Pizza and refreshments to follow in MATH 175)

What does the n -body problem have to do with legal causation? What does the mind/body problem have to do with the criminal law? What has the United States Supreme Court said about testing the reliability of science in the courtroom? Come find out, and rub some math/law elbows.



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