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**What:** Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention

**Who should attend?** Attorneys in any practice, settlement firms, consultants, finance, banking, tax professionals and CPA's.

**When:** August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Sheraton Steamboat Resort and Conference Center

## A Pooled Trust for Large Settlements?

**Special Needs Trust Network to exhibit at the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention!**

**Denver, Colo.** – Special Needs Trust Network's (SNTN) Co-Founder and Executive Director Rita Blackwood, a recognized expert on Special Needs Pooled Trusts and non-profit management, will be attending and exhibiting at the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) Annual Convention. The event will be held at Sheraton Steamboat Resort and Conference Center August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time a special needs pooled trust has exhibited at the CTLA and SNTN looks forward to bringing their wealth of knowledge and experience managing pooled trusts to the attendees.

When a personal injury case results in a settlement for a plaintiff who has been disabled, the attorney has to consider the question about how to preserve all benefits to which the person is entitled. Historically most large settlements won by trial lawyers are set up as special needs private trusts and managed by the trust departments of banks or other wealth management companies. Because special needs pooled trusts have lower financial entry levels the legal field has thought of these trusts only for smaller settlement amounts.

SNTN believes there are many reasons why a large settlement should be placed with a non-profit special needs pooled trust. "We pool more than money. We pool knowledge, skill, talent, experience and expertise," says Rita Blackwood, Executive Director of SNTN. Reasons why a large settlement client would benefit by using a special needs pooled trust are numerous and include:

- She has no family members close by who are willing or capable of being involved in the beneficiary's ongoing activities of daily living.
- He has no care manager, experienced in special needs trust requirements to do an assessment, create a spending plan, coordinate services and benefits and advocate for the beneficiary's needs.
- She has a disability that requires a lot of one-on-one time that the bank trust department may not be prepared to fulfill.
- He has a challenging family dynamic and vigilant oversight is necessary to ensure the beneficiary is actually the one receiving benefit from distributions.

For more information about SNTN, or to consult with us about setting up a trust for yourself or a family member, please call 303-331-4420 or visit us on the web at [www.SNTNetwork.org](http://www.SNTNetwork.org). Look for us on Facebook or LinkedIn at "The-Special-Needs-Trust-Network" and twitter at "[SpecNeedsTrust](https://twitter.com/SpecNeedsTrust)"

*The Special Needs Trust Network, Inc is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, permitted by federal regulation to operate pooled special needs trusts for people with disability*

