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## New Trial Lawyers Committee Hosts a Friends, Rock & Food Event to Help Families in Need with Thanksgiving Day Meals

October 29, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) - The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) and its' New Lawyers Committee present Friends, Rock & Food, an event to raise money for Thanksgiving Day meals for families served by Denver Kids, Inc. on Wednesday, November 10 starting at 6 p.m. at the Walnut Room.

Denver Kids, Inc. helps students, grades K-12, who face the personal challenges of higher risk environments. "To us, it's about making Thanksgiving Day special for these great kids and their families," said Michael Nimmo, chair of CTLA's New Lawyers Committee.

Friends, Rock & Food features music by Phoenix Rising, Colorado's most popular attorney band known for the best R&B, dance cover tunes and original music.

Members of Phoenix Rising include **Angela Ekker**, CTLA member and trial attorney on trumpet; **Scott Evans**, Brighton Public Defender's Office on bass and souzaphone; **Marques Ivey**, criminal defense attorney and former public defender now in private practice on drums; **Skeet Johnson**, former public defender on vocals and congas; **Jayne Lidholm** on vocals; **David Lipka**, public defender in Alamosa County on trumpet; **Steve Miller**, attorney in private practice on keyboards; **Sharon O'Connor**, married to the head of the Arapahoe County Public Defender's Office on vocals; **Jerry Pagett**, married to a former public defender on sax; **Charles Welton**, CTLA member and attorney in private practice on trombone; and **Scott Wolfe**, former public defender and presently involved in business finance on lead guitar.

The group started about 10 years ago when it was challenged by the Denver District Attorneys to enter a battle of the bands event. Phoenix Rising won.

Tickets to Friends, Rock & Food can be purchased at the door for \$10. The Walnut Room is located at 3131 Walnut Street in Denver. For more information, call CTLA at (303) 831-1192 or visit [www.ctlanet.org](http://www.ctlanet.org).

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