



## *Kansas vs. Colorado, U.S. Supreme Court*

### Problem

The State of Kansas and the State of Colorado are involved in a dispute over possible violations of the Arkansas River Compact. A major claim by Kansas is that the development and increased use of supplemental ground water depleted streamflow in violation of the Compact. Other claims involve the operation of surface reservoirs and their impact on stateline streamflows.

### SSP&A's Role

SSP&A served as a technical expert for the State of Kansas. During an extended trial before a Special Master to the Supreme Court of the United States, Steven P. Larson of SSP&A provided expert testimony on behalf of the State of Kansas. SSP&A, along with other technical consultants, conducted extensive analyses and modeling studies of the Arkansas River Valley to support Kansas' claims.

### Results

While the case is ongoing, the Special Master ruled that Colorado had violated the Compact by allowing the development of wells that significantly depleted streamflows to Kansas. In late 1995, oral arguments on the Master's findings were presented to the Supreme Court which ruled in favor of the State of Kansas.