

Seventh Judicial District
State of Colorado

Administrative Order 2000-09 - Appointment of Montrose County Judge to Act in Felony Cases - AMENDED 09/14/12

WHEREAS, the number of felonies in the Montrose District Court has created delays in the proper administration of justice;

AND WHEREAS, Judge Bennet A. Morris has been admitted to practice law in Colorado for more than five years;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Bennet A. Morris to handle felony Class 4, 5 and 6 cases where a plea agreement has been reached would have significant effect on the caseload in the Montrose District Court;

AND WHEREAS, Judge Morris should be permitted to act as contemplated by this order in the types of cases identified and that the appointment includes that the record of all proceedings before him under the terms of this order shall be made through the electronic recording device used by the County Court for making such record;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Judge Bennet A. Morris is appointed to act in all Class 4, 5 and 6 felony matters in which a plea agreement has been reached and for which he has time. Judge Morris shall also be appointed to handle those felony cases, including extradition matters, where the defendant and prosecution do not object and for purposes of bringing these matters to timely conclusion. Judge Morris shall have full authority to act as a district judge for the purposes stated in this Order.

Amended this 14th day of September, 2012.



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge
Seventh Judicial District

xc: Judge Jeff B. Herron
Judge Bennet A. Morris