

STATE OF COLORADO
7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DELTA, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, MONTROSE, OURAY & SAN MIGUEL COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-06 AMENDED and EFFECTIVE September 29, 2017 – Concerning the Division of the Caseload of the District Court and making assignments and procedures for implementation.

The Chief Judge is delegated the responsibility to divide the caseload and assign the cases filed in the district and county courts of the Seventh Judicial District to the various Judicial Officers of the District by Chief Justice Directive 95-01. All case assignments, except as noted below, shall be done by the Chief Judge or as delegated to the District Administrator. To determine and approve this caseload division and general case assignments, the Chief Judge requires information regarding the types and number of cases filed in each location. Additionally, the Chief Judge needs the input of the other Judicial Officers in the district so as to have the best information to make a fair case division and case assignments as required. To the extent feasible, cases shall be assigned geographically taking into account the residence of each judge, the number of courtrooms and chambers in each courthouse and weighted caseloads.

Order

The division of the District Court as of September 29, 2017, is attached. This includes the internal assignments of recusals/disqualification and appeals. The cases in each location are divided as noted.

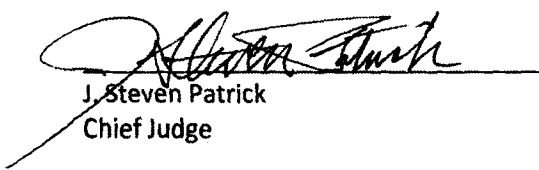
All assignments of District Judges and Magistrates to cases other than as noted above shall be done by the Chief Judge or as delegated to the District Administrator. County Court cases in every county of the 7th Judicial District are assigned to the County Judge appointed and presiding in that county.

All other assignments of County Judges to cases or dockets outside their county or to District Court cases shall be done by the Chief Judge or as delegated to the District Administrator.

Recusal policy is on a case by case basis considering the guidance of reported cases and the Colorado Rules of Judicial Conduct. Where attorneys who regularly practice in this district appear as a party, and the requested relief is substantive, not ministerial in that proceeding, all judges in the district may be recused and either a senior judge or judge from outside the District may be appointed.

For future caseload division and case assignments the district administrator shall provide for the August judges' meeting each year, or as otherwise may be directed, the filing data for each location. Additionally the district administrator shall provide recommendations for the division or case assignments of the caseloads based on all the factors known including travel, administration, case types and other factors as may be determined. Following the discussion with Judicial Officers, the Chief Judge shall approve a plan which will be distributed for implementation to judges and staff.

Done this 24th day of October, 2017 *nunc pro tunc 9/29/17*


J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

XC: 7th JD Judges
7th JD Clerks of Court

Division of District

			As of 09/29/2017	
Div 1 DJ Case types				
Location				
Delta	100% CV, CR, JV Gen, JD, DN, PR, MH, ADC			
Total Div		1.162		
Div 2 DJ Case types				
Location				
Gunnison	100%	0.882		
Hinsdale	100%	0.034		
Water	DJ%	0.030		
Admin	100%	0.250		
Total Div		1.196		
Div 3 DJ Case types				
Location				
Montrose	67% CR, 100 % JD, 50% DR referrals	0.628		
San Miguel	100%	0.464		
Total Div		1.093		
Div 4 DJ Case types				
Location				
Montrose	85% DR, 100% JV Gen, DN	0.840		
Ouray	100%	0.215		
Total Div		1.055		
Div 5 DJ Case types				
Location				
Montrose	100% CV, 33% CR, 100% PR, MH, DC, 50% DR referrals	1.154		
Total Div		1.154		
Div Mag 1 Case types				
Location				
Montrose	15% DR, 100% IV-D	0.208		
Delta	100% DR, IV-D, FDC	0.688		
Total Div		0.896		
Water Ref Case types				
Location				
Montrose	Water RF	0.750		
Total Div		0.750		
CR percentage for DJ is Bindovers only				
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Weighted Caseload	
Location	FTE
Delta	1.930
Gunnison	0.932
Hinsdale	0.034
Montrose	3.710
Ouray	0.225
San Miguel	0.495
Admin	0.250
Total	7.576

District Div	FTE
DJ 1	1.162
DJ 2	1.196
DJ 3	1.093
DJ 4	1.055
DJ 5	1.154
Mag 1	0.896
Water Ref	0.750
County Judge	0.270
Total District	7.576

Recusals:
 Div. 1 = Div. 4
 Div. 2 = Div. 4
 Div. 3 = Div. 5
 Div. 4 = Div. 5 in Ouray Div. 3 Montrose DR, JV&DN
 Div. 5 = Div. 3

Rule 106
 100% Div. 2

Alternate water judge:
 Div. 5

Appeals:
 Delta to Div. 5
 Gunnison to Div. 4
 Hinsdale to Div. 3
 Montrose to Div. 2
 Ouray to Div. 3
 San Miguel to Div. 1

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-06 Supplemented and EFFECTIVE October 24, 2017 – Concerning
Recusal Order of Cases of the County Court**

If a judge in one of the 7th Judicial District's County Courts recuses on a case the order of assignment will be as follows:

Recusals by Division A in Delta County Court will be assigned to Division F.

Recusals by Division B in Gunnison County Court will be assigned to Division C.

Recusals by Division C in Hinsdale County Court will be assigned to Division B.

Recusals by Division D in Montrose County Court will be assigned to Division E.

Recusals by Division E in Montrose County Court will be assigned to Division D.

If the second Montrose County Judge assigned to the case also recuses, the case will be assigned to Division A.

Recusals by Division F in Ouray County Court will be assigned to Division G.

Recusals by Division G in San Miguel County Court will be assigned to Division F.

Done this 24th day of October, 2017.



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

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