Administrative Order 2000-09 - Appointment of Montrose County Judge to Act in Felony Cases - AMENDED 07/29/2022

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

AND WHEREAS, Judge Laura E.H. Harvell has been admitted to practice law in Colorado for more than five years;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Laura E.H. Harvell 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 Harvell 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 her 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 Laura E. H. Harvell is appointed to act in all Class 4, 5 and 6 felony matters in which a plea agreement has been reached and for which she has time. Judge Harvell 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 Harvell shall have full authority to act as a district judge for the purposes stated in this Order.

Amended this 29th day of July, 2022.

J. Steven Patrick Chief Judge

xc: Judge Keri A. Yoder Judge Laura E.H. Harvell