

**SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
State of Colorado**

**Administrative Order 2000-07
Waiver of C.R.C.P. 80(a)**

The Chief Justice issued CJD 00-02 on September 22, 2000 which contemplates waiver of the requirement for taking the record stenographically in the District Court if the Chief Judge of a district determines that such a waiver is necessary;

The Montrose County Court Judge is a full-time position;

As part of those duties, the Montrose County Court Judge is routinely assigned to handle District Court matters; and,

There is not routinely a court reporter available for such duties.

Additionally, the Seventh Judicial District has a number of cases assigned to Senior Judges. The availability of court reporters for Senior Judges often is a considerate problem.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that when acting as a District Judge, the Montrose County Court Judge shall be permitted to proceed with tape recording of proceedings rather than with stenographic reporting.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Senior Judges when assigned to District Court cases or District Court dockets in the Seventh Judicial District shall be permitted, in accordance with CJD 00-02, to proceed in any matter using tape recording devices or other electronic means rather than have a stenographic record when a court reporter is not practically available to do the trial or hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District or any County Judge assigned to a District Court matter that finds that a reporter is not practically available to make the record in any matter to which they are assigned may, in their discretion, use a tape recorder or other electronic means to make the record in such matters.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2000.

J. Steven Patrick /s/

J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge