

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

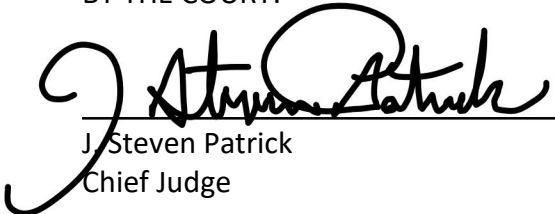
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-04 RE: 7th JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENTIAL ACTIONS FILED IN COUNTY COURT PURSUANT TO COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, SECTION 13-40-113.5

Effective January 1, 2024, C.R.S. § 13-40-113.5 addresses residential actions in county court including, remote participation, electronic filing, procedures for technology failure and auxiliary service providers.

Section (1)(a) of C.R.S. § 13-40-113.5 states in relevant part, “The court shall allow either party and any witness to choose to appear in person or remotely by phone or video on a platform designated by the court at any return, conference, hearing, trial, or other court proceeding.” When filed in the 7th Judicial District, Residential Actions or Forcible Entry and Detainer (“FED”) cases receive a return date on summons. Defendants must file an answer in person or by pro se e-filing on or before the return date on the summons. The return date is not a court proceeding, therefore the language of C.R.S. § 13-40-113.5(1)(a) requiring a remote phone or video appearance does not apply to a return date on summons in an FED case filed in the 7th Judicial District.

Dated this the 29th day of December 2023.

BY THE COURT:



J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge

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