



ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Chief Judge Order 20-11

PROHIBITED CONDUCT INSIDE COURT FACILITIES

The Courts have the responsibility and authority to ensure the efficient performance of judicial functions, to protect the dignity, independence and integrity of the Courts and to make the lawful actions of the Court effective. Specifically, the Courts must ensure the safe and orderly use of Court facilities within the 11th Judicial District. It is also imperative that the Courts ensure a neutral forum free of actual or perceived partiality, bias, prejudice or favoritism.

Courts have the inherent power to regulate their own environment to provide for the safe and effective administration of justice, to perform their duties efficiently and to safeguard their own dignity, independence and integrity. This inherent power is derived from the Constitutional establishment of the courts as one of three co-equal branches of government. It is independent of, and exists regardless of any statutory authority. *See Article III, Colorado Constitution; Pena v. District Court* 681 P.2d 953 (Colo.1984). This inherent power specifically includes the ability to make orders providing for the safety and security of the court. *Board of County Commissioners of Weld County v. 19th Judicial District* 895 P.2d 545 (Colo.1995). The Chief Judge of a judicial district has the authority to enter such orders as may be needed to provide for the security and safety of the court. *Chief Justice Directive 95-01; Board of County Commissioners, supra, People ex rel Sullivan v. Swihart*, 897 P.2d 822 (Colo.1995).

The Chief Judge hereby prohibits the following in the interior portions of all Courthouses¹ within the 11th Judicial District:

Demonstrating, picketing, marching, distributing literature, campaigning, soliciting, requesting donations, engaging in commercial activity or engaging in similar conduct that interferes with the ability of the Court to conduct Court business in an efficient, safe and neutral way.

Done in Salida, Colorado, August 10, 2020

/s/ Patrick W. Murphy

Chief Judge, 11th J.D.

¹ In Custer County, this Directive only applies to that portion of the County building utilized by the Courts