



EL PASO COUNTY COMBINED COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2025-05

RE: COURT REPORTER ASSIGNMENT POLICY OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court reporters are assigned based on priority and court reporter availability.

The Court, in an effort to provide the highest quality of service and to minimize any potential conflicts, establishes the following priority for the use of available court reporters.

Priorities are not an attempt to make a statement as to which cases are "more important" or "more significant." It is clearly understood that all cases are very important to the litigants and to the Courts. The priority list is based on the likelihood of appeals, time constraints, impact on the community, and availability of resources.

First, it is imperative that all judges agree to share all available reporters on a daily basis in accordance with the priorities established below.

Second, the priority list is subject to exceptions only upon approval of the Chief Judge. The Managing Court Reporter cannot be put in a position where she has a conflict with a requesting judge or has to make a decision on which case is more in need of a reporter.

If a judge seeks an exception to the priority list, that judge must receive prior approval from the Chief Judge. The Managing Court Reporter does not have the authority to grant an exception.

Priorities:

1. F1 cases
2. Criminal Jury Trials
3. Termination of parental rights hearings
4. JV Jury Trials
5. Juvenile Delinquency cases Direct-filed or transferred into adult court
6. Criminal motions and contested hearings

All domestic relations cases and issues are to be recorded without a court reporter.

All civil cases and issues are to be recorded without a court reporter. Civil attorneys may retain freelance court reporters at private expense. All freelance court reporters are required to comply with Chief Judge Order 2011-05.

All probate matters, with the exception of jury trials, are to be recorded without a court reporter.

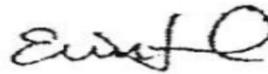
All protection order cases and issues are to be recorded without a court reporter.

All specialty court matters are to be recorded without a court reporter.

In addition, all video and bonded-advisement cases and issues are to be recorded without a court reporter.

This Order supersedes Chief Judge Order 2003-02, Chief Judge Order 2018-07, and Amended Chief Judge Order 2018-07.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2025.



ERIN L. SOKOL
Chief Judge
Fourth Judicial District