

<p>EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT and LINCOLN COUNTIES, COLORADO</p> <p>Arapahoe County Justice Center 7325 South Potomac Street Centennial, Colorado 80112</p> <p>Arapahoe County Courthouse 1790 West Littleton Boulevard Littleton, Colorado 80120</p> <p>Douglas County Courthouse 4000 Justice Way, #2009 Castle Rock, Colorado 80109</p> <p>Elbert County Courthouse PO Box 232, 751 Ute Street Kiowa, Colorado 80117</p> <p>Lincoln County Courthouse PO Box 128, 103 Third Avenue Hugo, Colorado 80821</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COURT USE ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CJO 19-02 January 14, 2019</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Division: 201, Arapahoe County</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 19-02 ASSIGNING DISTRICT COURT AND QUALIFIED COUNTY COURT JUDGES TO SIT INTERCHANGEABLY THROUGHOUT THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT</p>	

Pursuant to the authority granted to chief judges of the judicial districts of the State of Colorado by Chief Justice Directive 95-01, "Authority and Responsibility of Chief Judges," the undersigned in her capacity as Chief Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District enters the following Chief Judge Order ("CJO"). It is hereby ordered that:

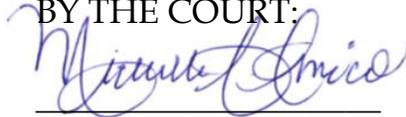
1. District court judges of the Eighteenth Judicial District are assigned to any district or county court within the District when necessary.
2. Qualified¹ county court judges are assigned to any county or district court within the District when necessary.
 - a. All qualified county court judges are appointed to accept pleas of guilty and impose sentences or grant deferred judgments and sentences in all class four felony, class five felony, class six felony, level three drug felony, and level four drug felony cases. Additionally, qualified county court judges may accept admissions of violations of probation and impose sentences on outstanding probation revocations when the original guilty plea was to a class four felony, class five felony, class six felony, level three drug felony, level four drug felony, or any misdemeanor offense. The qualified county court judge presiding over such pleas may decline to exercise this authority in his or her sole discretion. The qualified county court judge is not authorized to accept a plea of guilty and impose sentences on any crime of violence or felony sex offense.
 - b. A qualified county court judge shall bind the matter over to the district court and then assume the role of a district court judge prior to accepting a plea of guilty or granting a deferred judgment for a felony offense listed above in subsection 2a. *See People v. Vargas-Reyes*, No. 17CA1690, 2018 WL 6801806, at *4 (Colo. App. Dec. 27, 2018).

¹ Pursuant to C.R.S. § 13-6-218, a qualified county court judge is one who “has been licensed to practice law in this state for five years.”

3. In accordance with this Order, the court executive or designee is authorized to assign county court judges of the District to court locations within the District having a need for assistance in hearing general docket matters or a specific case.

This CJO 19-02 rescinds and replaces CJO 07-09 "Chief Judge Order Assigning District and County Court Judges to Sit Interchangeably Throughout the District," which was issued on August 13, 2007.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2019.

BY THE COURT:


Michelle A. Amico
Chief Judge
Eighteenth Judicial District