

Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District

**ORDER APPOINTING  
COUNTY JUDGE ACTING  
DISTRICT JUDGE FOR ALL  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
CASES AND RELATED  
NAME CHANGE CASES**



**CHIEF JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2012-01  
As amended 9-8-16;  
As amended 2-1-23**

Chief Justice Directive 95-01 provides the chief judge of a judicial district with the authority to assign a county court judge to duties as an acting district judge when necessary and when funds are available. Such appointments may be made by Chief Judge Administrative Order rather than by individual orders in individual cases. *In re Marriage of Glenn*, 60 P.3d 775 (Colo. App. 2002).

It is necessary for the efficient operation of the 12th Judicial District that Costilla County Judge Tamara Sullivan be appointed as acting district court judge for all domestic relations cases in the 12th Judicial District that are assigned to her as domestic relations magistrate and that she be appointed as acting district court judge for certain related name-change cases, namely those cases filed under section 13-15-101, C.R.S., in which the petition is filed on behalf of a child who is both (1) under nineteen years of age and (2) the subject of an action concerning child support, allocation of parental responsibilities, or parenting time. See C.R.S. § 13-15-101(1)(a.5).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that in every currently open domestic relations case in the 12th Judicial District, as well as in every domestic relations case filed or re-opened after the date of this order, Costilla County Judge Tamara Sullivan is appointed as acting district judge to preside over the case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that after the date of this order, Costilla County Judge Tamara Sullivan is appointed as acting district judge to preside over any name-change case related to a domestic relations case over which she presides or has presided.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Chief Judge Administrative Order shall be included with the Domestic Relations Case Management Order issued in every newly filed, or previously closed and re-opened, Domestic Relations case in this district.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Chief Judge Administrative Order shall be filed in each newly filed name-change case related to a domestic relations case over which Judge Sullivan is presiding or has presided in the 12th Judicial District. No further authorization is necessary for Judge Sullivan to exercise the authority of a district judge in the domestic relations and name-change cases assigned to her.

So Ordered this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2023.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' and 'G' intertwined, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Michael A. Gonzales  
Chief Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District