

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD
ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE 09-05 AMENDED 2/10/2017

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES TO SIT AS A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED CASES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, of the Colorado Constitution, C.R.S. 13-6-218 and Chief Justice Directive 95-01, the Chief Judge of a district has authority to temporarily assign a County Court Judge to perform District Court duties; and,

WHEREAS, the present caseload in the District Court divisions of this district makes it very difficult to achieve a prompt resolution of cases from time to time; and

WHEREAS, County Court Judges Bockman, Bowen, Cox, Dang, Flaum, Howell, Kirby, Romano and Roybal possess the experience and constitutional requirements to sit as a District Court Judge in appropriate cases,

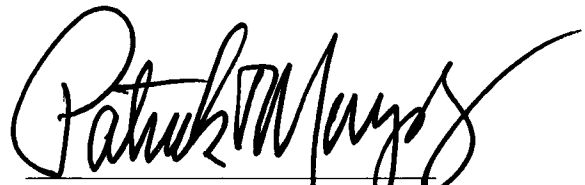
NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The above named County Court Judges are hereby appointed to sit as District Court Judges on a temporary basis for the purpose of accepting pleas of guilty, imposing sentences, granting deferred judgments and sentences and dealing with competency issues in those class 4, 5 and 6 felonies authorized by C.R.S. 16-5-301(b)(1) and attempted escapes, class 5 and 6 felonies. These County Judges shall also be designated to hear such Juvenile Court matters as assigned by the Juvenile District Judge, including Truancy, Advisements on JD and Dependency and Neglect and such JD trials which would fall under the categories listed above if they were committed by an adult.
2. The above named County Court Judges are also appointed to sit as District Court Judges to hear Felony Habitual Domestic Violence charges filed in conjunction with Misdemeanor Domestic Violence charges. After a trial to a jury of 12, with the requisite number of preemptory challenges, or a court determination of guilty in a Misdemeanor Domestic Violence case, the County Judge assigned to the case shall conduct a hearing to determine if the defendant meets the required provisions of the Felony Habitual Domestic Violence offender statute.

3. The above named County Court Judges are hereby appointed to sit as District Court Judges on a temporary basis for the purpose of accepting pleas of guilty, imposing sentences, granting deferred judgment and sentences and dealing with competency issues in those Drug Felony 3 and Drug Felony 4 charges as set forth in C.R.S. 18-18-403.5 *et. seq.* These new charges were added by the Legislature effective October 1, 2013, in Senate Bill 13-250.
4. The above named County Court Judges shall also be appointed to sit as District Court Judges on a temporary basis, as needed, to hear Domestic Relations, DR cases, which could otherwise be assigned to District Court Judges and District Court Magistrates.
5. The County Court Judge so appointed may decline to exercise this authority in his/her sole discretion, unless subsequently directed to assume such authority by the Chief Judge of the District.
6. When District Court Judges are not available, County Court Judges can be appointed by the Chief Judge of the District to temporarily act as a District Court Judge.
7. The authority delegated herein shall continue until further notice. The Chief Judge shall monitor the workload in the County and District Court divisions and shall periodically evaluate the propriety of this temporary assignment order.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of February, 2017.

By the Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick T. Murphy", written in a cursive style.

Patrick T. Murphy, Chief Judge
Seventeenth Judicial District