Administrative Order

14-01

WHEREAS, effective May 11, 2013, legislation went into effect that substantially altered the way the courts are to administer bail in Colorado;

Whereas, this new legislation provides that the Court shall: 1) presume that all persons in custody are eligible for release on bond with the appropriate and least restrictive conditions necessary to reasonably ensure the appearance of the defendant at future court dates and to protect public safety; 2) incorporate into a bond schedule conditions of release and factors that consider the individualized risk and circumstances of a defendant; and 3) consider all methods of bond and conditions of release to avoid unnecessary pretrial incarceration and supervision. (C.R.S. 16-4-103);

Whereas, in order to effectuate these provisions in the setting of bond, the 10th Judicial District has requested that the District Attorney's Office and the Office of Public Defender attend criminal advisements and present arguments to the Court regarding bond;

Whereas, the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct (ColoRPC 1.2) allow for limited representation of a client by an attorney. An attorney who represents a client for a limited purpose has the same obligations to that client, including the obligation of confidentiality, that an attorney would have under any circumstance;

And Whereas, it is acknowledged that the Public Defender and/or the defendant may elect, for a variety of reasons, to discontinue the representation of the defendant by the Public Defender in future proceedings in the same matter;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for the purposes of representing defendants at the initial advisement and bond setting, the Office of the Public Defender shall be provided with arrest affidavits and personal recognizance bond worksheets and other such information as is routinely provided to counsel representing such defendants. This documentation may include personal information such as birth dates, social security numbers, SID numbers and driver's license numbers without redaction.

Done this 11th day of March, 2014.

Deborah Eyler, Chief Judge

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