



CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2021-08  
STATE OF COLORADO  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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COURT REPORTING PRIORITIES

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**ORDER**

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Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the shortage of court reporters, the Court has determined that it is necessary to establish priorities for the use of court reporters. The following priority list is effective August 1, 2021.

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, and is subject to exceptions only upon approval of the Chief Judge.

If a judge seeks an exception to the priority list for any reason, he or she must receive prior approval from the Chief Judge. The Managing Reporter does not have the authority to grant such exception.

Priorities:

1. Criminal trials F1 and F2
2. Motions F1 and F2
3. Sentencings F3 and up
4. Motions F3 - F6 with testimonial evidence
5. Criminal trials F3 – F6

By statute, juvenile matters are to take precedence on the Court's docket. In general, Division 10 relies on RevoText. However, if RevoText is not available, court reporters will be made available to allow juvenile matters to be heard within statutory timeframes.

In the event a staff court reporter is unavailable to report any of the above matters due to conflicting assignments or backlog, it may be necessary to utilize one of the RevoText equipped courtrooms. In such case, those judges assigned to the RevoText equipped courtrooms may need to rotate out to allow another judge the ability to use said courtroom.

The following matters will be handled exclusively via the FTR system:

1. Advisements
2. Bond hearings
3. Sentencings F4 – F6
4. Probation revocations
5. Petitions to seal
6. Non-testimonial motions hearings (except F1 and F2)
7. Misdemeanor trials

Done at Golden, Colorado this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2021.



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Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge  
First Judicial District