



CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2025-06 STATE OF COLORADO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT


ORDER REGARDING MAGISTRATE ASSIGNMENTS

Chief Judge Directive 95-01 (“Authority and Responsibility of Chief Judges”) outlines the authority and responsibility of chief judges. Among other responsibilities, the chief judge is responsible for the assignment of judicial officers (judges and magistrates), dockets, and cases within the district. The Colorado Rules for Magistrates (“Magistrate Rules”) state that “[a]lthough magistrates may perform functions which judges also perform, a magistrate at all times is subject to the direction and supervision of the chief judge or presiding judge.” C.R.M. 1. “Any person appointed pursuant to these rules as a district court, county court, probate court, juvenile court, or small claims court magistrate may, if qualified, and in the direction of the chief or presiding judge, exercise any of the magistrate functions authorized by these rules.” C.R.M. 4(d).

While the Magistrate Rules make designations (*i.e.*, district court magistrate, county court magistrate, probate magistrate, juvenile magistrate, or small claims magistrate), this order reaffirms that all magistrates within the district can exercise any of the magistrate functions authorized by statute and the Magistrate Rules. No further designation is necessary.

This order replaces all prior chief judge orders and/or directives relating to the assignment of magistrates in the district, including CJD 20-7 (“Post Dissolution Decree Restraining Orders” dated September 22, 2000), CJO 2003-03 (“In the Matter of the Assignment of Magistrates” dated April 21, 2003), and CJO 2005-08 (“In the Matter of the Assignment of Magistrates” undated).

October 1, 2025



Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge
First Judicial District