

OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR



October 31, 2025

Hon. Eric Elliff

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Dear Judge Elliff:

Pursuant to [Colo. RJD 34](#), the Colorado Supreme Court ordered that Judge Sean K. Murphy is temporarily suspended, with pay, pending the resolution of informal or formal proceedings in the matter of *The Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline vs. Sean K. Murphy*, County Court Judge in San Miguel County (CCJD 25-185). Further, the Colorado Supreme Court directed the State Court Administrator appoint an Adjudicative Board Panel to consider the Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline Commissioner's request to continue the temporary suspension of Judge Sean K. Murphy.

ORDER OF THE COURT, Supreme Court Case No: 2025SA317

The Court hereby DIRECTS the State Court Administrator to appoint, at random, an Adjudicative Board Panel to consider the Commission's request to continue the temporary suspension of Judge Sean K. Murphy.

On Friday, October 31, 2025, Steven Vasconcellos, State Court Administrator, selected names of the Adjudicative Board with three random drawings to convene a panel to preside over these proceedings. There was a drawing for the selection of one name from each of the categories of membership: judicial officers, attorneys, and non-attorney citizens. Cheryl Stevens, Colorado Supreme Court Clerk of Court, witnessed the random drawings and confirmed that all Adjudicative Board member names were included in the drawings.

Your name was selected, and you have been appointed to the panel. The names and contact information of panel members, and parties and/or parties' counsel, are included at the end of this letter. For questions about the selection process of the random drawing of names, contact Steven Vasconcellos, at steven.vasconcellos@judicial.state.co.us, or 720-625-5151. For questions about the case or proceedings, please contact the parties or their counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Vasconcellos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven Vasconcellos
State Court Administrator

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Original Proceeding in Discipline Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline Case No. 25-185	
In the Matter of Complainant: Colorado Commission on Judicial Discipline, and Respondent: Sean K. Murphy, a County Court Judge in San Miguel County.	Supreme Court Case No: 2025SA317
ORDER OF COURT	

Upon consideration of the Request for Temporary Judicial Suspension Pursuant to Colo. RJD 34, and now being sufficiently advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED, Judge Sean K. Murphy is temporarily suspended, with pay, pending the resolution of informal or formal proceedings;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Judge Sean K. Murphy show cause, in writing, within 21 days of receipt of this Order why he should not continue to be temporarily suspended from all judicial duties pending the outcome of formal or informal proceedings. Said Response should be filed directly with the Adjudicative Board Panel.

The Court hereby DIRECTS the Commission on Judicial Discipline to serve this Order to Show Cause to Judge Sean K. Murphy.

The Court hereby DIRECTS the State Court Administrator to appoint, at random, an Adjudicative Board Panel to consider the Commissioner's request to continue the temporary suspension of Judge Sean K. Murphy.

BY THE COURT, EN BANC, OCTOBER 27, 2025
CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ and JUSTICE HART DO NOT PARTICIPATE.