RULE CHANGE 2020(25)

COLORADO MUNICIPAL COURT RULES OF PROCEDURE

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Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, August 5, 2020, effective immediately.

By the Court:

Richard L. Gabriel Justice, Colorado Supreme Court