



EL PASO COUNTY COMBINED COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

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**CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2026-01**

**RE: DEPOSITED WILLS**

It has long been the practice of the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District not to accept the deposit of any will or codicil for safekeeping pursuant to C.R.S. § 15-11-515. Pursuant to the authority in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 - Authority and Responsibility of Chief Judges - the undersigned, in her capacity as Chief Judge, enters the following CJO 26-01.

Under C.R.S. § 15-11-515 states, “[a] will **may** be deposited by the testator or the testator's agent with any court for safekeeping, under rules of the court” (emphasis added). The 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District does not accept the deposit of any will or codicil for safekeeping under C.R.S. § 15-11-515. Nothing in this CJO 26-01 impacts requirements for active probate cases; rather, this CJO 26-01 only pertains to wills or codicils for safekeeping under C.R.S. § 15-11-515.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin L. Sokol". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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ERIN L. SOKOL  
Chief Judge  
Fourth Judicial District