

## S U P R E M E C O U R T O F C O L O R A D O

## Office of the Chief Justice

PRIORITIES FOR ASSIGNMENT AND PROCEDURES FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SENIOR JUDGE PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 24-51-1105, 10B C.R.S., 1988 (1995 Supp.), retirees from the judicial division may return to temporary judicial duties pursuant to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 5 of article VI of the Colorado state constitution and section 13-4-104.5, C.R.S., while receiving service retirement benefits. The following outlines the priorities for assignment of retirees.

Priorities for Assignment

1. Criminal and juvenile cases in danger of being dismissed under the speedy trial rules;
2. Cases in which the Chief Justice has appointed a senior judge to serve on a penalty panel, pursuant to Section 16-11-103 (a.5)(I), or to cover the docket of a sitting judge during such service;
3. Cases that must be rescheduled to the detriment of the litigants as a result of the illness, unexpected absence, or disqualification of a judge, when the calendar is already set and other local judges cannot be assigned to hear the cases;
4. Cases that would be delayed if judges participate in judicial education and training programs;
5. (a) Such other assignments as may be made by the Chief Justice.  
(b) Cases in which it serves the best interests of the child to ensure prompt resolution of the matter.
6. Cases where, in the determination of the chief judge, such an assignment is necessary to avoid further delay in a case.

DONE in Denver this 19 day of Sept, 1995.

  
Chief Justice  
Colorado Supreme Court