

DENVER DISTRICT COURT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW - 2016

The Second Judicial District is unique in that it has a separate District Court, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, and County Court serving the citizens of the State of Colorado. The Denver District Court handles civil, criminal, and domestic relations cases.

The Denver District Court serves a population of over 634,000 residents plus many other people who work in Denver. In addition, since Denver is the State's capital, any lawsuit involving the constitutionality of a statute, an election, or a review of an administrative agency's action is usually filed in Denver. In 2016, Denver District Court docketed 6,127 felony criminal cases, 4,587 domestic relations cases, and 17,465 civil lawsuits. In the last year, the judges presided over 156 jury trials and 55 court trials. In 2016, the Denver Adult Drug Court established RESTART; a felony DUI Treatment Court Program. Between August and December 2016, 148 felony DUI's were filed; 54 of those defendants were accepted and entered into the RESTART program.

There are twenty- three district court judges and five magistrates who hear specialized dockets. Eight judges preside over the felony criminal cases, four judges hear domestic relations cases, and eleven judges handle civil cases. Three half-time magistrates preside over the drug court and hear cases with criminal charges involving drugs. Two magistrates hear post-decree domestic relations cases, and some name change matters. About one-third of the judges change assignments annually with the usual rotation being eighteen months in domestic relations, two years in criminal, and three years in civil.

In addition to the judges and magistrates, there are 150 full and part-time employees who provide clerical support, legal research, accounting expertise, and administrative support. In 2016, the Denver District Court summoned citizens to jury service and the Denver Adult Probation Department supervised 5,438 people on probation. In 2016, the Denver Adult Probation Department partnered with the Denver County Jail to establish a Medication Assisted Treatment program (MAT) which allows opioid additive clients to begin methadone treatment while in-custody and upon release, the client is taken directly into treatment. MAT is the first of its type in the state of Colorado and the Department is hopeful that the added structure and support will help break the cycle of addiction that so many are struggling with in the Denver metro area.

In July of 2010 the District Court Criminal and Drug Court courtrooms moved into the new Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse. This state of the art facility handles Criminal and Juvenile cases in a safe and efficient manner. Civil and Domestic Relations courtrooms remain in the City and County Building.

The Denver District Court is constantly striving to enhance the services provided to the public, to provide an efficient and effective case processing system and to minimize the

difficulties people experience in having to go to court. In a joint effort with Denver County Court and Denver Probate Court, a Pro Se Resource Center has been expanded in the City and County Building. In 2016, Denver District Court assisted a total of 23,854 litigants in the center; 8,753 by phone and 15,101 in-person. The center also offered 42 clinics this year for those needing assistance with domestic relations matters. Visitors and school groups are always welcome to observe court proceedings.

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DENVER COUNTY COURT
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Denver County Court is both a municipal and county court and adjudicates violations of traffic code, state statutes, and city ordinances, as well as civil and small claims lawsuits under \$15,000. 2016 case filings consisted of 81,137 traffic, 20,145 municipal ordinance violations, 20,532 criminal, and 25,897 civil, for a total of 147,711 filings.

The Court is comprised of 17 judges, 3 full-time magistrates, and 8 part-time magistrates. In addition to the judges and magistrates there are 236 full time employees who provide clerical and administrative support, and a variety of other critical services.

The major divisions of the Court are: Administration, which includes Human Resources, Accounting, Information Technology, Transcribers, Interpreters, Training, and the Marshals; Criminal; Traffic and Civil; Warrants and Bonding; the Probation Department; and Parking Magistrates.

Denver County Court has several problem solving courts to include Sobriety Court; Behavioral Health Court; the Chrysalis Project; and the Outreach Docket. These courts use new approaches to address repeat offenders in hopes of stopping the cycle of offending. Collaboration is high amongst the criminal justice partners to include the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, probation officers, case managers, treatment providers and mental health professionals, as they strive to address the underlying issues related to criminal behavior.

Denver County Court strives to administer justice fairly, efficiently, and effectively, while providing excellent customer service and a positive work environment.

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DENVER JUVENILE COURT SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW - 2016

The Denver Juvenile Court is the only separate juvenile court in the State of Colorado in that it was constitutionally created, as was the separate and independent Denver Probate Court. The Denver Juvenile Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all juvenile matters within the Denver county limits.

The population served by the Denver Juvenile Court is over 634,000. Not all have direct contact with the court, but many may be affected by the disposition of juvenile court cases. The Court hears delinquency, dependency and neglect, paternity, support, truancy, adoption and relinquishment cases. In 2016, the court heard approximately 3,122 cases. The judges presided over 49 court trials and 5 jury trials. The Denver Juvenile Probation Department supervised 338 juveniles.

Denver District and Juvenile Court are combined administratively; however, the Presiding Judge, D. Brett Woods, oversees the Juvenile Court. In addition, this court has two other judges and 2.75 magistrates. This court was one of the first to implement the 'one family, one judge' concept. To that end, the judicial officers hear all of the case types listed above for families that are assigned to their courtroom.

The Court operates two different problem solving courts including a Juvenile Delinquency Drug Court and the REST (Restore, Educate, Support, Treat) program which targets youth identified as victims of human trafficking or demonstrating high risk factors for victimization.

In July 2010, the court moved into the Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse, a new state of the art facility. The new courthouse provides safe and efficient courtrooms and facilities in which to resolve juvenile matters.

In addition to judges and magistrates, there are approximately 25 support staff positions consisting of judicial assistants, a law clerk, two court reporters, a family court facilitator, a self-represented litigant coordinator, a problem solving court coordinator, two specialists, two supervisors and the clerk of court.

For further information, please contact Nikolaus Zender, Clerk of Court, Room 125 Lindsey Flanigan Courthouse, 520 W Colfax, Denver, CO 80204, 720-337-0570. Court proceedings, with some exceptions, are open to the public and you are welcome to visit.

<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>DATE SWORN IN</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM</u>
D. Brett Woods	October, 2007	January, 2023
Donna J. Schmalberger	October, 2007	January, 2023
Laurie Clark	December, 2013	January, 2023