

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
(La Plata, San Juan, and Archuleta Counties)

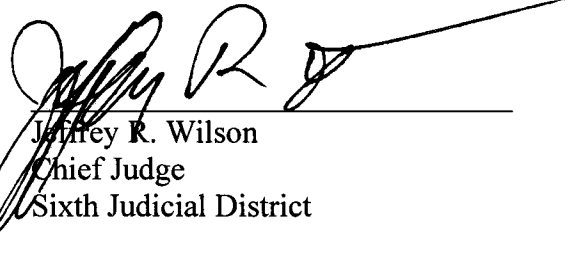
Administrative Order No. 2020-23

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS DUE TO
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In Administrative Order 2020-18, jury trials in the Sixth Judicial District were suspended until January 25, 2021. As of the date of this order, the rate of COVID-19 infections continues to be significantly higher than the infection rate when 2020-18 was issued. While the rate of infections in southwest Colorado is currently declining, the entire Sixth Judicial District is considered by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment to have a very high two-week cumulative infection rate. See <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data> as of December 22, 2020. San Juan Basin Health continues to characterize Archuleta and La Plata Counties to be in the severe risk category for COVID-19 infections. See <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/> as of December 22, 2020.

For the foregoing reasons, it is Ordered that, in order to protect the health and safety of the public, litigants, attorneys, and the staff of the Sixth Judicial District, that the Order in Administrative Order 2020-18 resuming jury trials on January 25, 2021 is vacated until further order of the Chief Judge. Jury trials will resume in the Sixth Judicial District when the undersigned Chief Judge determines that it is safe to do so.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of December, 2020.



Jeffrey R. Wilson
Chief Judge
Sixth Judicial District