

<p>EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: ARAPAHOE, DOUGLAS, ELBERT and LINCOLN COUNTIES, COLORADO</p> <p>Arapahoe County Justice Center 7325 South Potomac Street Centennial, Colorado 80112</p> <p>Arapahoe County Courthouse 1790 West Littleton Boulevard Littleton, Colorado 80120</p> <p>Douglas County Justice Center 4000 Justice Way #2009 Castle Rock, Colorado 80109</p> <p>Elbert County Courthouse PO Box 232, 751 Ute Street Kiowa, Colorado 80117</p> <p>Lincoln County Courthouse PO Box 128, 103 Third Avenue Hugo, Colorado 80821</p>	<p align="center">•COURT USE ONLY •</p> <p align="center">Third Amended Chief Judge Order 20-06 Effective July 6, 2020</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Division 201</p>
<p align="center">THIRD AMENDED CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 20-06 FINDING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS DUE TO COVID-19 PRECLUDE THE CALLING OF A JURY FOR JURY TRIALS SCHEDULED PRIOR TO AUGUST 3, 2020, EXCEPT WHEN CONSISTENT WITH THE WAIVER OBTAINED FROM THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT</p>	

This order is issued to provide guidance to summoned jurors, attorneys, litigants, and all others associated with any jury trials in the Eighteenth Judicial District in light of the public health risk posed by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”). On June 15, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court issued his Updated Order Regarding COVID-19 and Operation of Colorado State

Courts. In that Updated Order, the Chief Justice precluded jurors from being summoned for jury service any time prior to August 3, 2020, given jury pools “still cannot be safely assembled in many of the judicial districts and courtrooms throughout the state.” The Chief Justice’s Updated Order, however, encouraged Chief Judges “to make every effort to devise approaches for the safe conduct of limited jury trials in their districts consistent with health guidelines and local executive orders concerning assembly and to seek waivers from this prohibition against the assembly of jury pools.”

The undersigned sought and obtained a waiver from the Chief Justice to issue juror summons and resume jury trials requiring **seven jurors or less** for Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. This waiver was sought on the basis that these limited jury trials could safely resume in a slow and incremental manner consistent with state and local public health guidelines, in only these two counties within the Eighteenth Judicial District. Therefore, in accordance with the approval obtained from the Chief Justice, juror summons have issued and will issue, and these limited jury trials will slowly resume at the Arapahoe County Justice Center and the Douglas County Justice Center commencing the week of **July 20, 2020**.

Due to current guidance from state and local public health agencies, the undersigned has neither sought nor obtained a waiver to summon jurors for jury trials requiring seven jurors or less for Elbert County or Lincoln County. Additionally, the undersigned has neither sought nor obtained a waiver to summon jurors for jury trials which require **more than seven jurors for any county** within the Eighteenth Judicial District. Given the constitutional and statutory rights to jury trials and the need to secure those rights as expeditiously as feasible, the Eighteenth Judicial District staff and judicial officers, including the undersigned, will continue to prepare and innovate safe plans to resume jury trials

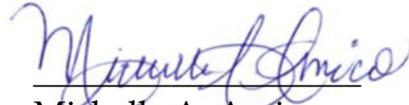
across the Eighteenth Judicial District.

Pursuant to Chief Justice Coats's Updated Order, the reasons listed in all previous versions of this CJO 20-06, the ongoing public health crisis posed by COVID-19, and the current guidance provided by state and local public health departments, the Court will not summon jurors for any jury trials set **prior to August 3, 2020**, for Elbert County or Lincoln County. Any jurors summoned for Arapahoe County and Douglas County **will only be for those limited jury trials for which a waiver was granted by the Chief Justice.**

The Judicial Officers in the Eighteenth Judicial District will individually determine, on a case-by-case basis, the status of all cases set for trial between July 6, 2020, and August 3, 2020. This Third Amended CJO 20-06 rescinds and replaces any previous version of CJO 20-06.

Dated July 2, 2020, to be effective July 6, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



Michelle A. Amico

Chief Judge

Eighteenth Judicial District