

Seventh Judicial District
State of Colorado

Administrative Order 2000-09 - Appointment of Montrose County Judge to Act in Felony Cases

WHEREAS, the number of felonies in the Montrose District Court has created delays in the proper administration of justice and is having an impact on victims rights;

AND WHEREAS, Judge John J. Mitchel has been admitted to practice law in Colorado for more than five years;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Judge Mitchel to handle Class 5 and Class 6 and certain Class 4 felony cases would have significant effect on the caseload in the Montrose District Court;

AND WHEREAS, Judge Mitchel should be permitted to act as contemplated by this Order in the types of cases identified and that the appointment includes that the record of all proceedings before him under the terms of this Order may be made through a tape recording device or other electronic recording device used by the Court for making a record;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Judge John J. Mitchel is appointed to act in all Class 5 and Class 6 felony matters and in all Class 4 felony matters that are or maybe assigned to the drug court. Judge Mitchel shall also be appointed to handle any other felony cases where the defendant and prosecution do not object to him handling the matter for purposes of bringing the matters to timely conclusion. Judge Mitchel shall have full authority to act as a district judge for the purposes stated in this Order.

Amended this 6th day of December 2002.

/s/ J. Steven Patrick

J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge
Seventh Judicial District

xc: Judge Mitchel