

CHIEF JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2003-04
CONCERNING PRIVATE COURT REPORTERS

RECITALS

The District, because of fiscal constraints and health issues, has reduced from 3.0 FTE court reporters to 1.2 FTE court reporters. As a result, there are a number of instances in which the parties have desired to have a matter reported by a certified court reporter when one was not available in this District. The Court has permitted counsel to hire a court reporter. This Administrative Order is to clarify the status of the reporter and notes in such circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court orders as follows:

1. Prior to commencement of the proceedings, all such court reporters shall be sworn in to serve as an official court reporter although paid by private parties with respect to the matter.
2. The court reporter shall not be viewed to be a State employee for any purposes.
3. The notes of the proceedings shall be retained by and owned by the State of Colorado.
4. Any charges for transcripts shall be consistent with the State rates.

This 7th day of October , 2003.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ signed copy on file

J. Steven Patrick
Chief Judge, 7th Judicial District