

Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial
District

**ORDER RESTRICTING
ADVERTISING OF LEGAL
SERVICES IN ALL
COURTHOUSES**



**CHIEF JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2023-02**

The Judiciary of the Twelfth Judicial District has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the following Order restricting advertising of legal services in all courthouses in the District. Therefore, in accordance with the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct, all attorneys and other persons who offer legal services are reminded that:

1. Judges are required to act all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon I, Rule 1.2.
2. A judge must require lawyers in proceedings before them to refrain from manifesting bias or prejudice, or engaging in harassment [for any reason]. Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 2, Rule 2.3(D).

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the courts of the Twelfth Judicial District that attorneys and others providing for-profit legal services may not:

1. Hand out or leave in a courthouse anything advertising their legal services including any business cards, pamphlets, or flyers. This does not include giving contact information, such as a business card, to a current client or a prospective client who asks for such information.
2. Attorneys may provide their contact information to the self-help litigant coordinator (SHERLOCK) for inclusion on referral lists.
3. Consistent with Rule 7.2(b) of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct, attorneys may not solicit professional employment by live person-to-person contact unless the exceptions in the Rule apply.
4. Any advertising materials left in the courthouse will be thrown away.

Dated this 13th day of November 2023.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hopkins", written over a horizontal line.

Amanda C. Hopkins
Chief Judge, 12th Judicial District