

Chief Judge Directive 97-04

STATE OF COLORADO
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

**Chief Judge Directive Regarding Consolidating Requests
for Restraining Orders (CRS 14-4-101 et seq.) with pending
Dissolution of Marriage Actions (CRS 14-10-101 et seq.)**

Requests for restraining orders can come before the Court as an independent action or as part of a Dissolution of Marriage action. The District Court and the County Court have concurrent jurisdiction over requests for restraining order to prevent domestic abuse (CRS 14-4-102(1)). The District Court has jurisdiction over Dissolution of Marriage cases (CRS 14-10-106(1)(a)). In order to promote the efficient use of judicial resources, prevent inconsistent orders and create a single forum for families.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT henceforth if a dissolution of marriage action is pending, all requests for restraining orders pursuant to CRS 14-4-101 et seq. shall be referred to the District Court and consolidated with the pending dissolution of marriage action.

Nothing herein shall prevent the Judges of the District Courts and County Courts from considering a Motion for Preliminary Injunction in an emergency and in the absence of the Judge assigned to the Dissolution of Marriage case. However, the hearing on the preliminary injunction and permanent injunction shall be set on the calendar of the Judge assigned to the dissolution action.