

RULE CHANGE 2015(03)

COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

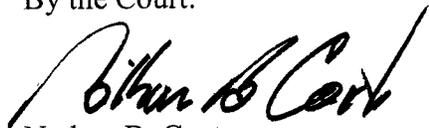
Rule 44. Appearance of Counsel

(a) Appointment of Counsel. If the defendant appears in court without counsel, the court shall advise the defendant of the right to counsel. In an appropriate case, if, upon the defendant's affidavit or sworn testimony and other investigation, the court finds that the defendant is financially unable to obtain counsel, an attorney shall be assigned to represent the defendant at every stage of the trial court proceedings. In any misdemeanor case the court may appoint as counsel law students who shall act under the provisions of C.R.C.P. 205.7226. No lawyer need be appointed for a defendant who, after being advised, with full knowledge of his rights thereto, elects to proceed without counsel. Except in a case in which a law student has been appointed, unless good cause exists otherwise, the court shall appoint the state public defender.

(b) through (e) [NO CHANGE]

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, March 25, 2015, effective immediately.

By the Court:



Nathan B. Coats

Justice, Colorado Supreme Court