

Administrative Order – Appointing County Judges as Magistrates in Juvenile Matters

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 13-6-106(1)(a) and 13-6-106(2), county court judges do not have authority over actions involving children over which the juvenile court or district court has exclusive jurisdiction, such as issuing warrants in certain cases involving a child under the age of eighteen years alleged to have committed a felony, issuing an emergency protective order for a minor child pursuant to C.R.S.13-4-103, and issuing ex parte orders for emergency custody in dependency and neglect proceedings.

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 13-6-105(3) county court judges may be appointed as magistrates in juvenile matters. When so appointed, the county judge shall serve as a district court officer for the designated purposes.

As, both district and county court judges in Pueblo County serve after hours on call duty to address emergency situations, which can include matters involving juveniles, it appears to be necessary to appoint county court judges as magistrates, pursuant to statute, in order to authorize such service.

THEREFORE, all county court judges in Pueblo County shall be appointed as magistrates in juvenile matters for the purpose of reviewing and issuing warrants as necessary, issuing emergency protection orders on behalf of juveniles and issuing ex parte temporary custody orders in dependency and neglect proceedings.

DONE BY THE COURT this 13th day of November, 2013.


Deborah Eyster, Chief Judge

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