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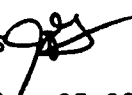
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TO: All Justices, Judges, Clerks of Court, District Administrators,
and Chief Probation Officers

FROM: James D. Thomas 

SUBJECT: Amended Directive 85-29 concerning emergency weather conditions

Attached is an amended copy of Chief Justice Directive 85-29, effective December 18, 1986. Please replace the appropriate page in your Chief Justice Directives Manual.

If you have any questions about this directive, please contact me.

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Office of the Chief Justice

DIRECTIVE CONCERNING EMERGENCY WEATHER CONDITIONS

Colorado Appellate Rule 45, and Colorado Rule of Civil Procedure 77 deem courts to be always open for filing any pleading or other proper paper, issuing and returning process, and making and directing all interlocutory motions, orders, and rules. At times, however, weather conditions may be such as to prevent judicial employees from reporting for work.

The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judges of the respective judicial districts and the presiding judges of the juvenile and probate courts of the City and County of Denver are, therefore, authorized to:

- (1) Determine after consultation with the proper authorities when there is an emergency condition due to weather conditions;
- (2) Determine the nature, extent, and duration of the weather emergency;
- (3) Order a complete or partial suspension of court proceedings or delayed or abbreviated court operations due to the emergency weather condition;
- (4) Designate essential personnel who will be expected to report and maintain the operations of the court or office, if the nature of the weather emergency so warrants; and,
- (5) Grant emergency leave to employees who are unable to report. Essential employees who report shall accrue an emergency leave day, or a portion of a leave day.

As soon as practical after an order is issued under the provisions of this directive, the Chief or Presiding Judge shall notify the Chief Justice.

APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE



Joseph R. Quinn



Date

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The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judges of the respective judicial districts and the presiding judges of the juvenile, probate, and superior courts of the City and County of Denver are authorized, with the approval of the Chief Justice, to:

- (1) Determine when an emergency condition exists, after consultation with the proper authorities;
- (2) Determine the nature, extent and duration of the emergency;
- (3) Designate essential personnel of the district or court who will be expected to report and maintain the operations of the court, if the nature of the emergency so warrants. At the discretion of the Chief Judge, a complete or partial suspension of court proceedings or delayed or abbreviated court operations may be ordered;
- (4) Employees who are unable to report will be granted emergency leave. Essential employees who report shall accrue an emergency leave day, or a portion of a leave day.
- (5) During inclement weather, in the Denver metropolitan area, this policy shall only be implemented if the Governor declares other state offices closed.

Reenacted by Chief Justice Order, February 20, 1985