

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING APPEARANCES FOR
CERTAIN CIVIL NON-EVIDENTIARY PROCEEDINGS
FOR MAGISTRATE JUDGE N. REID NEUREITER
(Effective March 13, 2020)**

As of March 11, 2020, the State of Colorado is reporting additional cases of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, signaling “limited community spread.” It appears that for the vast majority of people, consequences will be limited to flu-like symptoms. But for some, it can pose a serious risk including death. Though the business of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado and this judicial officer will continue as usual, in order to support public health efforts to cabin the spread of the coronavirus and to protect the health of the Parties and counsel by minimizing their need to travel, the following measures are adopted in an abundance of caution. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

- (1) All non-evidentiary hearings in **civil matters (except, as noted below, those involving pro se prisoners) scheduled beginning March 13, 2020**, including but not limited to Scheduling Conferences, Final Pretrial Conferences, and status conferences, are **CONVERTED** to telephonic appearances (including for counsel locally) **unless otherwise ordered by the court;**
- (2) The Parties and/or counsel should appear by **jointly** contacting the chambers of Magistrate Judge N. Reid Neureiter at (303) 335-2403 at the designated time;
- (3) To the extent that any Party and/or counsel has questions regarding whether an in-person appearance is required, such Party and/or counsel should contact the

chambers of Magistrate Judge Neureiter **at least one day prior to the scheduled proceeding;**

- (4) This Standing Order **DOES NOT APPLY** to cases involving pro se prisoners due to the Court's inability to conference two or more parties; counsel representing the State of Colorado or the Bureau of Prisons should expect to appear in person;
- (5) This Standing Order **DOES NOT APPLY** to Final Trial Preparation Conferences and trials where Magistrate Judge Neureiter serves as the presiding judge by consent of the Parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), settlement conferences, and early neutral evaluations;
- (6) This Standing Order **DOES NOT APPLY** to any criminal matters scheduled before Magistrate Judge Neureiter unless specifically scheduled as a telephonic proceeding; and
- (7) This Standing Order **REMAINS IN EFFECT** until **April 20, 2020** or further Order of the court.

Parties and/or counsel are advised to check information for Magistrate Judge Neureiter on the website of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado (www.cod.uscourts.gov) at least one week prior to their scheduling proceedings to determine whether this Order has been amended or vacated.

DATED: March 12, 2020