

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

ORDER RE:

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
REPORTER ASSIGNMENTS DUE TO
VACANCY.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-03

Idaho Court Administrative Rule (ICAR) 27, paragraphs (a) and (h)(1) set forth the requirements for the attendance of a certified court reporter to report certain types of hearings in the district court.

The 7th Judicial District has 6 District Judges serving its 10 counties, with only 5 Court Reporters and 1 Courtroom in Bingham County, Idaho, that is equipped with Revotext (a remote reporter technology). All of our the District Judges in the 7th Judicial District handle cases in various counties from time to time.

Effective February 19, 2021, the 7th Judicial District will have a vacancy for the position of the Court Reporter previously assigned the Honorable Steven W. Boyce, chambered in Madison County, who handles assignments in multiple counties of the 7th Judicial District. This will result in only 4 Court Reporters to provide reporting for 10 counties, plus the 1 Courtroom able to utilize Revotext in in Bingham County

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and numerous orders from the Idaho Supreme Court regarding court operations and the upcoming resumption of jury trials as of March 1, 2021, the Court Reporters of the 7th Judicial District may be needed to report certain hearings across the district, not necessarily for their assigned judge, based upon priorities to be articulated by the Administrative District Judge in a separate writing, as may be amended from time to time based upon the needs of the district.

Pursuant to ICAR 27(h)(2) the vacancy created by the loss of Judge Boyce's Court Reporter is treated as an anticipated absence and grants the Administrative District Judge authority to issue an administrative order regarding court reporter coverage within the district. As a result, and pursuant to that rule:

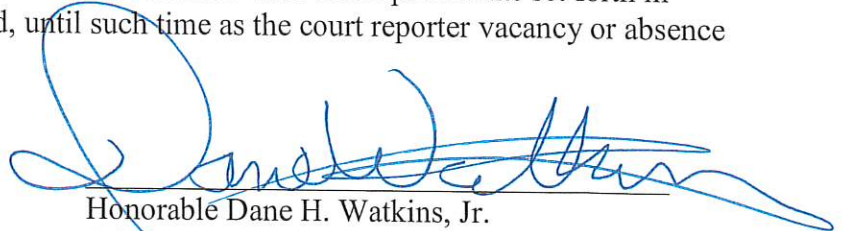
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based upon the vacancy of the court reporter position in the 7th District for the Court Reporter of the Honorable Steven W. Boyce, the court reporting requirements of ICAR 27 (a) and (h)(1) are hereby suspended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Trial Court Administrator shall make efforts to assign the Court Reporters of the 7th Judicial District based upon the priorities identified by the

Administrative District Judge, which may be modified from time to time, but in particular to make assignments for coverage in order that the backlog of jury trials have a priority to be reported by the 7th Judicial District Court Reporters.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all proceedings set forth in ICAR 27 (a), in the absence of a Court Reporter being able to be assigned by the Trial Court Administrator to report any such hearings, should be electronically recorded in accordance with the requirements set forth in ICAR 27(c) as the official court record, until such time as the court reporter vacancy or absence has passed.

February, 8, 2021



Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.
Administrative District Judge
Seventh Judicial District

Cc:
7th Judicial District Elected Clerk
7th Judicial District Magistrate & District Judges
7th Judicial District Court Reporters
Tammie D. Whyte, Trial Court Administrator
Sara Omundson, ADOC, Idaho Supreme Court