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## Colorado Judicial Department seeking attorneys for appointment to respondents in extreme risk protection order cases

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan B. Coats recently amended <u>Chief Justice Directive 04-05</u> to provide for attorneys who would like to be considered for courtappointed counsel for respondents in extreme risk protection order cases.

In the accordance with of the provisions in HB19-1177, Colorado Courts will begin accepting petitions for extreme risk protection orders in January 2020. Every respondent is entitled to the appointment of counsel under the law. The Judicial Department is now accepting applications for these appointments.

Colorado Judicial Legal Counsel Terri Morrison will be presenting a CLE on courtappointed counsel for the extreme risk protection order law from 2 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 2, 2019, at the Colorado Bar Association.

For more information and a link to the court-appointed counsel application, please visit the Court's extreme risk protection order <u>webpage</u>.