

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 08-01

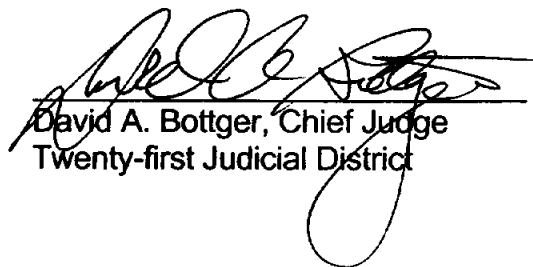
On occasion, litigants and attorneys attach copies of documents which are already in the court file to pleadings or motions. This is almost always unnecessary and wasteful. It is unnecessary because a court may take judicial notice of its own records and files. *People in Interest of O.J.S.*, 844 P.2d 1230, 1233 (Colo. App. 1992), *affirmed*, 863 P.2d 291 (Colo. 1993). However, merely attaching documents to a pleading does not make their contents subject to judicial notice. *One Hour Cleaners v. Industrial Claim Appeals Office*, 914 P.2d 501, 505 (Colo. App. 1995). It is wasteful of paper, copying costs, time, and space on the shelves in the clerk's office.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that unless the court grants permission in advance for good cause shown, copies of documents which are already in the same court file shall not be attached to pleadings, motions or other papers submitted for filing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court may refuse to accept such copies (but not the pleading, motion or other paper to which they are attached) for filing or, if accepted for filing, may either return such copies to the attorney or litigant who filed them or discard them.

Done this 5th day of March, 2008.

BY THE COURT:



David A. Bottger, Chief Judge
Twenty-first Judicial District