

Proposed Rule Change

CHAPTER 2 -- COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE; PLEADINGS AND
MOTIONS

Rule 16. Case Management and Trial Management.

(a) - (e) [No change]

(f) **Trial Management Order.** No later than 30 days before the trial date, the responsible attorney shall file a proposed Trial Management order with the court. Prior to trial, a Trial Management Order shall be entered by the Court.

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) **Form of Trial Management Order.** The proposed Trial Management Order shall contain the following matters under the following captions and in the following order:

(I) - (VI) [No change]

(VII) **TRIAL EFFICIENCIES AND OTHER MATTERS.** If the anticipated length of the trial has changed, the parties shall so indicate. The parties shall also include any other matters which are appropriate under the circumstances of the case or directed by the court to be included in the proposed Trial Management Order. The parties shall confirm that they have considered ways in which the use of technology can simplify the case and make it more understandable. In all cases where a jury trial will be held, the parties shall confer regarding the amount of time requested for juror examination and provide their positions along with their reasons therefor.

(4) [No change]

(5) [No change]

(g) [No change]

Rule 47. Jurors.

(a) Orientation and Examination of Jurors. An orientation and examination shall be conducted to inform prospective jurors about their duties and service and to obtain information about prospective jurors to facilitate an intelligent exercise of challenges for cause and peremptory challenges.

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) The judge shall ask prospective jurors questions concerning their qualifications to serve as jurors. The parties or their counsel shall be permitted to ask the prospective jurors additional questions. In the discretion of the judge, juror questionnaires, posterboards and other methods may be used. ~~In order to minimize delay, the~~ The judge may ~~reasonably~~ limit the time available to the parties or their counsel for juror examination based on the needs of the case. Any party may request additional time for juror examination in the Trial Management Order, at the commencement of the trial, or during juror examination based on developments during such examination. Any such request shall include the reasons for needing additional juror examination time. Denial of a request for additional time shall be based on a specific finding of good cause reflecting the nature of the particular case and other factors that the judge determines are relevant to the particular case and are appropriate to properly effectuate the purposes of juror examination set forth in section (a) of this Rule. The court may limit or terminate repetitious, irrelevant, unreasonably lengthy, abusive, or otherwise improper examination.

(4) [No change]

(5) [No change]

(b) - (u) [No change]