**Rule 210 – Proposed Revisions**

**Version October 26, 2023**

**[REDLINE VERSION]**

**Rule 210. Arraignment.**

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(I)  ~~To bail;~~ **The defendant has a right to bail, if the offense is bailable, and the amount of bail that has been set by the court.**

(II)  To make no statement, and that any statement made can and may be used against the defendant;

(III)  To be represented by counsel.  ~~and, if indigent, the right to appointed counsel as applicable;~~ **If the defendant is an indigent person, he or she may make application for a court-appointed attorney, and, upon payment of the application fee, he or she will be assigned counsel as provided by law or applicable rule of criminal procedure.**

(IV)  To have process issued by the court, without expense to the defendant, to compel the attendance of witnesses in defendant's behalf;

(V)  To testify or not to testify in defendant's own behalf;

(VI)  To a trial by jury where such right is granted by statute or ordinance, together with the requirement that the defendant, if desiring a jury trial, demand such trial by jury in writing within 21 days after arraignment or entry of a plea; also the number of jurors allowed by law, and of the requirement that the defendant, if desiring a jury trial, tender to the court within 21 days after arraignment or entry of a plea a jury fee of $25 unless the fee be waived by the judge because of the indigence of the defendant **or by the court pursuant to C.M.C.R. 223.**

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(No other proposed changes to this Rule)

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**COMMENT:**

The court’s duty to inform on first appearance in court and on pleas of guilty pursuant to 16-7-207, C.R.S., is now applicable to municipal courts as of July 1, 2018. See H.B. 17-1083 ((Note: The effective date of H.B. 17-1083 changed from May 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018, by H.B. 17-1316. See L. 2017, p. 607)).

A defendant’s right to trial by jury or by the court is detailed in C.M.C.R. 223.