

Erie Municipal Court

Town Council

Amanda Bailhache, Municipal Judge

Danielle Trujillo, Court Administrator

Katie Ramirez, Deputy Court Administrator

Nov. 4, 2025

Municipal Judge

Amanda Bailhache

- Appointed in April 2025
- Town's Liquor Licensing Authority
- Colorado Municipal Judges Association (CMJA) President



Assistant Judge

David Thrower

- We will request Council approve additional Assistant Judges in 2026

Court Staff

What are we working on?

- Assist court users
- Prepare court docket and schedule (2 days per month)
- Maintain and release court records
- Process court orders
- Administrative support for the Judge
- Legal Assistant to the Prosecutor (contact victims, provide discovery, issue subpoenas)
- Warrants



Professional Development

- Colorado Association for Municipal Court Administration (CAMCA)
- Institute for Court Management, Certified Court Manager designations completed and in progress



Erie Municipal Court in the Community and Beyond

Judge Bailhache and court staff are actively working in the justice system across Colorado through our associations with:

- Colorado Association for Municipal Court Administration (Secretary)
- Colorado Municipal League (2025 annual conference speaker)
- Colorado Access To Justice Commission (volunteer)
- Colorado Municipal Judges Association (President)
- 17th Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Additional Court Participants

Court Appointed Counsel

- Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel (OADC) Municipal Court Program
- Evaluates for independence and competence
- Follow Chief Justice Directives for payment, part of Municipal Court budget

Town Prosecutor

- Contract with Ausmus Law Firm



Town Prosecutor's Annual Update

The Ausmus Law Firm has served as the Prosecuting Attorneys for the Town of Erie for the past several years. We continue to work closely with and receive valuable support from the court staff and police department of the Town of Erie.

Our firm will continue to respect the constitutional and legal rights of everyone appearing in municipal court within our ethical and legal obligations.

Our law firm is honored to be a part of such a dedicated team.



Quick 2025 Stats

Cases Filed	2024	2025 as of October 1
Total Cases	873	816
# of juvenile cases	137	127

Most common violations: speeding, careless driving, underage possession/consumption of alcohol, underage possession of marijuana, damage to property

	Cases in Collections	Cases with an active warrant
2025 cases	6	5
Total	166	39

Largest Docket Size	# of trials held	Case closure rate
67 cases	3	106%

2025 and Beyond

2025 Updates

- Hiring and onboarding Municipal Judge
- Appearance via Zoom by request
- Move to Town Hall
- Procedural updates and meetings with stakeholders (Town Prosecutor, Police Department, Planning & Development)

Looking Forward

- Scheduled Jury Trials
- Livestreaming
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Paperless Operations