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U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY



Wyoming Fun Fact:
Who was the first attorney to sign the attorney admission book? Charles N. Potter signed our book in Cheyenne on November 3, 1890.

Nominations for the Sidebar?

Contact Tiffany Dyer at the

Clerk's office in

Casper at 307/232-2620



Karen Lee Marty

October 1, 1953 – February 24, 2016

Karen Lee Marty elected on July 1, 1999 as part-time Magistrate Judge for the District of Wyoming lost her battle with cancer on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at her home in Green River. She was 62. The District of Wyoming extends its condolences to Judge Marty's family during this difficult time.



DOCKETING TIPS

Non-Public vs. Ex-Parte vs. Sealed Documents

Please refer to Local Rule 49.1 FILINGS

(c) Non-Public, Ex Parte and Sealed Documents

(1) Documents to be filed as non-public, ex parte or sealed shall be differentiated, marked, and filed as directed in this Court's CM/ECF Procedures Manual, Section IV(L).

Non-Public documents are available to court users and all counsel in the case, but are not available to the public. All case participants will receive a notice of electronic filing (NEF), and will be able to access the documents using their CM/ECF login/password.

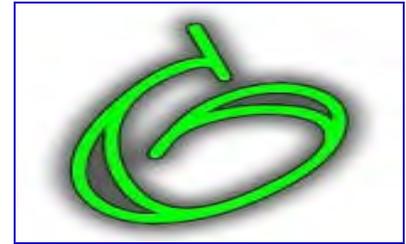
Ex-Parte documents are available to court users and specific case participants as determined during the filing process, but are not available to the public. All case participants will receive a NEF, but only those designated participants will be able to access and view the document using their CM/ECF login/password.

Sealed documents cannot be electronically filed by counsel. These documents are not attached to their docket entries, and therefore cannot be accessed or viewed by any participants. All case participants will receive a redacted NEF. Sealed documents are kept in secured storage in the Clerk's Office.





The Geekbyte2



The U.S. District Court recently updated the audio/video systems for Judge Freudenthal's Courtroom in Cheyenne. The all digital equipment has fantastic sound and crystal clear graphics - a tremendous improvement over the older analog system that was installed over 10 years ago! Some of the features include two 65 inch gallery monitors, 21 inch monitors on the counsel tables and jury box, and integrated VOIP interpreter telephone lines. The judge can accommodate up to 5 foreign language defendants using the U.S. Courts' TIP line with full featured headsets, allowing the U.S. Marshal to increase judicial security by restraining their hands during hearings.

There is a new wireless evidence presentation system that is brand-neutral. Counsel can bring in their iPad, Surface or laptop and present evidence from anywhere in the room wirelessly. The image is clear and the wireless network is totally locked down so no outside interference will be detected. The only caveat on this is broadcasting streaming images. PowerPoints work great, but movies have some expected blurriness and are not recommended on this system.

We've even provided wired access to the attorney network at each counsel table, the witness box, and lectern, so attorneys can stay connected while in court. If counsel does want to plug into the system and are using protected content devices (MacBooks, certain laptops, etc), they will need to provide a connector to standard VGA inputs (for example, your MacBook may have mini-display port jacks, so you will need a mini-display port to VGA dongle). The VGA system will strip the protected content from their presentations and allow it to be seen by all viewers. Also, please note the native display resolution for this system is 1920x1080 @ 60Hz. If possible, set your laptop's screen output to that setting for the best viewing option.

We have even provided a small control panel at the lectern so counsel can switch input devices to help them during presentations. Just keep in mind the clerk's courtroom deputy has full override ability if you show something prematurely.

In short, this Courtroom upgrade was well worth the wait and we believe both active users and casual observers will agree this equipment is second to none!



SIDEBAR

The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



Gay Vanderpoel Woodhouse

Tell me about yourself? I was born in Torrington, Wyoming, the middle of three children. My Father, Wayne G. Vanderpoel, was a State Farm Insurance Agent and my Mother, Sally Vanderpoel, had a degree in home economics and was a historical researcher and writer and volunteer extraordinaire. Both of my parents were very active in community affairs and set the bar very high for the level of contribution required to be a good steward in a small community. When I was 10 years old we moved to the family farm in Huntley, Wyoming which my grandparents homesteaded after WWI. I received a great education at Huntley High School, which fortuitously included the study of Latin as one of its mainstream courses. There were 11 people in my graduating class. My grandfather, Philip L. Rouse was a civil engineer and did a lot of the surveying in Goshen County for many years. I still run into his surveys on occasion in my practice.



Why did you decide to go to law school? I majored in English as an undergraduate and toward the end of my four years, my father convinced me that I needed to be able to teach in order to support myself. I took all the education courses in my final year and did my student teaching in Cheyenne, but I found that I really did not enjoy teaching. At that point, I got a job with the State of Wyoming in the Archives and Historical Publications Division as “clerk-typist.” I made \$300 per month. I could not find work as a “secretary” (which paid more) because I could not take dictation. One of the people I worked with was Barton Voigt (later Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice) who was one of the historical researchers. I became acquainted with Bart’s brother-in-law, Ken Vines who was in law school at the time. I started to consider a career in the law. I took the LSAT and was admitted to law school. One of my first days of law school was during the time that President Nixon was resigning from office. I didn’t know if I would like law school or the law at the time, but found that from the very beginning I enjoyed the study, the cases and the experience of law school. Professors Peter Maxfield, George Arnold, and Christopher Mueller inspired me.

What was your first job after law school? I was fortunate enough to get a job with Donald E. Jones in Torrington, Wyoming. Don was a great attorney and at that time, he was the only patent lawyer in the State of Wyoming. My first jury trial involved the successful defense against a will contest regarding a will Mr. Jones had written for an elderly woman in La Grange. It was one of my first experiences in the courtroom. The Honorable Judge Sawyer presided. Don Sherard of Wheatland was opposing counsel. It was a tremendous learning experience for me. Don Jones had a way of making the practice of law look as easy as falling off a log, he had such ease and comfort both in and out of the courtroom. He was an ethical, articulate, intelligent and gifted attorney.

What has been your most rewarding or significant case? One of the most interesting cases of my career was *United States v. Joseph V. Libretti*, which was a cocaine distribution case in which Mr. Libretti used drug profits to purchase hundreds of guns of different types including a Thompson machine gun, machine guns of all types and sizes, a handgun that was in a briefcase with the trigger on the bottom and numerous other interesting guns (and being a bit of a gun nut, I enjoyed learning about each of these different weapons). He also used his skill in the drug distribution trade and his knowledge as an accountant to amass a significant amount of wealth in investment accounts and other assets. Since he was not a drug user, he had a lot of money to invest. The agents on the case were tireless in identifying the scheme and locating all the assets that young Mr. Libretti obtained from his drug profits. After nearly two weeks in trial, Mr. Libretti pled guilty and was sentenced to federal prison for a long period of time. Countless further actions resulted from this matter because Mr. Libretti challenged the fact that he had agreed to give up all of his assets as part of the plea deal. Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agent Tony Young and Green River Police Officer Mont Mecham were the primary investigators on this massive case.

What has kept you inspired and energized over the years? I want to help people. It is important to me to be able to make a difference. I feel that being a lawyer gives me a means to do that. My motto is, "I take on your case as if it were my own." Even though I frequently pay a heavy price for this (waking up at 3 a.m. to worry about cases is a constant occurrence), I truly believe it and want to make sure that I can relieve the client of some of the burden of their legal challenges.

What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer? Wyoming is the best place to practice law because we know each other, we can deal with each other as professionals, colleagues and friends. It is possible to pick up the phone and get help, advice, counsel and just a good listening ear from any of a number of wonderful colleagues across the State. Everybody knows everybody. In addition it's possible to draw upon the wealth of other resources available from people who want to help including state, county, city and other officials

Is there anything the Clerk's office could improve on? I am so impressed with our Clerk's office. I never cease to be amazed at the professionalism and dedication of the members of the Clerk's office. They have gone above and beyond to assist with scheduling issues and issues that arise when trying to cover cases in Casper. When I send a message to one of the clerk's, I will receive an almost instantaneous response from them providing the assistance that I need. They make it a joy to practice in federal court in Wyoming.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

In addition to lawyering, I am a cycling nut (addict). Last year I competed in the National Senior Olympics and received a medal for 3rd place in the 20K road race. I won 4 gold medals at the Wyoming Senior Olympics last year as well. I work -out on a regular basis and am pleased to be known as a "gym rat" at Fitness 1. Exercise keeps me halfway sane (which might be debatable, don't ask my husband). I feel better when I sweat and even better when I sweat a lot. Each year, I attend a 5 day cycling camp in California to work on my cycling skills, I have a fitness trainer and a cycling coach to keep me on track. I believe it is important to have outside interests and hobbies. I've been married to Randy for 32 years and have two sons, Dustin who is the service manager for Wyoming Machinery here in Cheyenne. He and his wife, Christina, have two children, Makenzie, 7 and Austin 5 who make our lives very interesting and exciting. My son, Houston is a Certified Deposition Video Specialist.