

# U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY



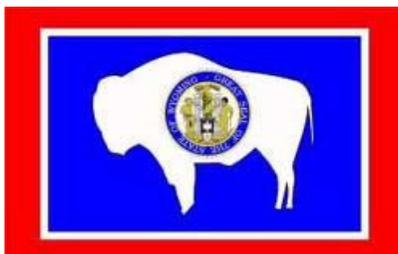
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## **Wyoming Fun Fact:**

**Who was Nellie Tayloe Ross? She was the first woman to assume office as Governor of Wyoming elected in 1924.**

**Have a nomination for the Sidebar section?  
Please contact Tiffany at the Casper Clerk's Office at 307/232-2620**



The U.S. District Court - District of Wyoming is excited to announce the implementation of the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS). JERS was created in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina to provide an efficient method to provide evidence electronically to a trial jury for use during deliberation. While the District of Wyoming is new to JERS, many other federal courts across the nation have been using the system since 2009. Evidence files will be given to the Judge's Courtroom Deputy ahead of trial on a CD or flash drive and uploaded into JERS to work with during a trial. The courtroom's trial presentation system can also work with JERS to input additional evidence into the system such as pictures marked by witnesses on the stand. JERS provides easy access to evidence during jury deliberation electronically, reducing the need for the Courtroom Deputy and jurors to handle physical evidence. Jurors can view the evidence multiple times, rewind videos and zoom in on pictures. All in all, we believe the implementation of JERS in this district will provide a number of advantages to court personnel, jurors, and counsel.

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## New language in all criminal Discovery Orders and Civil Initial Pretrial Orders

The language set forth below has been added to all criminal Discovery Orders and all civil Initial Pretrial Orders in the District of Wyoming. The JERS system is to be utilized in this district effective immediately.

THE COURT IS IMPLEMENTING A NEW SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF EXHIBITS TO THE JURY. THE JURY EVIDENCE RECORDING SYSTEM (JERS) ALLOWS JURORS TO REVIEW EVIDENCE (DOCUMENTARY, PHOTO, OR VIDEO EXHIBITS) ON A LARGE FLAT PANEL SCREEN DURING DELIBERATIONS. ATTORNEYS SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR TRIAL EXHIBITS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT ON A USB DRIVE, DVD, OR CD TO THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF TRIAL. COUNSEL IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR EXHIBITS IN THE FOLLOWING ELECTRONIC FORMATS:

All electronic evidence should be provided using the following formats:

Document and Photographs: .pdf, .jpg, .bmp, .tif, .gif

Video / Audio Recordings: .avi, .wmv, .mpg, .mp3, .mp4, .wma, .wav

Regarding the file size of electronic evidence, individual files should not exceed 500MB. If possible, exhibits approaching or exceeding this size limit should be separated into multiple files. PARTIES MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC EXHIBITS BY CONTACTING THE CLERK'S OFFICE.



## **Civil Cases Filed in the District of Wyoming:**

Pursuant to General Order 2014-03, effective September 1, 2014, the Court will randomly assign civil cases to a full-time Magistrate Judge as the trial judge to preside over all non-dispositive and dispositive motions, evidentiary hearings and trial. These random assignments will exclude prisoner cases, cases seeking injunctive relief, and bankruptcy appeals. The Court will determine the percentage of civil cases to be assigned to each trial Magistrate Judge.

In those civil cases fully assigned to a Magistrate Judge, each party shall execute and return the Notice of Assignment to a United States Magistrate Judge and Consent/Request for Reassignment. The form may be returned to the Clerk's Office by email to [consents@wyd.uscourts.gov](mailto:consents@wyd.uscourts.gov) or by mail to:

U.S. District Court  
Attn: Consent Clerk  
2120 Capitol Avenue, Room 2131  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

In those cases assigned to an Article III Judge, the parties may elect to consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge. If all parties consent, complete the Stipulation of Consent to Trial Before United States Magistrate Judge Entry of Final Judgment by United States Magistrate and Consent to Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals form and return it to the Clerk's Office by email to [consents@wyd.uscourts.gov](mailto:consents@wyd.uscourts.gov) or by mail to:

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**Do not e-file these forms**

**For more information, please see [General Order 2014-03](#)**



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## **DOCKETING TIPS**

### **Ex-Parte/Non-Public Documents:**

When docketing Ex-Parte/Non-Public Documents, please include the words Ex-Parte or Non-Public on the pleading and the Proposed Order. This will ensure the order is docketed using the correct restriction.

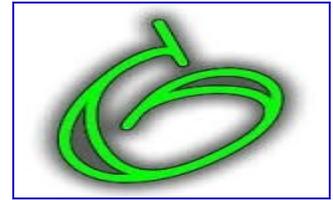
### **Proposed Orders:**

When submitting a proposed order, please entitle the document as Order rather than Proposed Order and do not include the attorney information block in the upper left hand corner of the filing.





## The Geekbyte2



### A helpful tip for MAC users creating an Exhibits.txt file for JERS

Download a free third party program such as TextWrangler\* and use it to create your file. When you save the file, choose "Save As", Windows (CRLF) UTF-8, see below.

\* The U.S. District Court does not endorse this nor any other product. The particular program mentioned has been tested and satisfies the requirements discussed, but by no means is this the only product that can do so.

A screenshot of a "Save As" dialog box. The "Save As:" field contains "Exhibits.txt". The "Where:" field shows a folder icon and "Documents". The "Line breaks:" dropdown menu is set to "Windows (CRLF)", and the "Encoding:" dropdown menu is set to "Unicode (UTF-8)". Two red arrows point to these dropdown menus. At the bottom, there are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

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Where: Documents

Line breaks: Windows (CRLF)

Encoding: Unicode (UTF-8)

Cancel Save



## SIDEBAR

### The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



### R. Stanley Lowe

At age 19, Stan Lowe wanted to do his part to protect our great nation, so he enlisted in the Merchant Marine. He served on five ships in the Pacific and Atlantic, each voyage lasting several months. Stan became a staff officer, in charge of personnel and payroll. He was also a chaplain and medical officer, called a pharmacist's mate and purser. Stan served from 1943 to 1946, seeing things that would have a life long impact on him.

Most military men got involved in veterans' affairs fresh out of the service. As a pharmacist's assistant and purser, Mr. Lowe became enamored with the idea of a medical career. But he didn't qualify for the G.I. Bill. No mariner did.

Following his service, he returned to Wyoming to complete his law degree and then practice law in Rawlins. It was there he met the love of his life, Anne ``Pat" Kirtland Selden Lowe, while they were skiing.

It wasn't until 1988 – 42 years after the war ended – merchant mariners who served in war were granted veteran status and benefits. "I have to tell you very honestly, I was very bitter about that," Lowe said. "I can relate to the Vietnam veterans because we were discriminated against just like they were. "That's why when I see a Vietnam veteran, I say, 'Welcome home, brother.'"

Mr. Lowe became a leader for veterans' affairs in Wyoming, appointed to the Wyoming Veterans' Affairs Commission by Governor Mike Sullivan in 1991. He became chairman in 1996 and served in that role for 7 years, making sure all veterans – mariners included – got what they needed. He was commander of American Legion Post 2 in Casper for five terms and commander of American Legion District 3. Wyoming's Veterans have benefitted immensely from Stan Lowe's wisdom and leadership. Stan will turn 92 this year.

Mr. Lowe is the definition of patriotism. His devotion to this County, the community and the bar speaks for itself.

