



September 2012

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New Employees

Please welcome the following new employees to the District:

- ◆ Leah Schwartz—Term Law Clerk to Chief Judge Freudenthal
- ◆ Mark Gibson—Term Law Clerk to Judge Johnson
- ◆ John Conder—Career Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Rankin
- ◆ Felicia Resor—Term Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Rankin

General Order

Chief Judge Freudenthal has issued a general order for discovery in certain employment cases, please refer to General Order 2012-05 for more information:

http://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/pdfforms/orders/gen_ord_init_disc_protocol.pdf

Special Attorney Admission Ceremony in Jackson, WY

Judge Skavdahl will conduct an attorney admissions ceremony in **Jackson, WY on September 20, 2012 at 8:30 am** at the Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse, 145 East Simpson Street, Jackson WY.

To review the requirements for being admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, District of Wyoming, please go to:

<http://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/pdfforms/attorneyAdmission2.pdf>

Please notify the Casper Clerk's Office at 307-232-2620, **by Wednesday, September 12th** if you would like to be included in this ceremony.

Forms

Please ensure you are using the most up-to-date forms. Current forms are available on our website at:

<http://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/htmlpages/forms.html>

CM/ECF

The current version of CM/ECF allows you to enter an incorrect password 5 times. Once this has occurred, your account will be "locked" for five minutes. After five minutes, if you still experience difficulties, please contact the Clerk's office at 307-433-2120 or 307-232-2620.

When filing in CM/ECF, please ensure the designation of documents as non-public and ex-parte is used only when necessary and the title page should be labeled as such.



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This section is dedicated to answering questions from our users. Please submit questions by email to:
deardebbies@wyd.uscourts.gov

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The current size limit of each attachment in CM/ECF is 3 MB, which is approximately 90 pages converted to PDF, or 50 pages scanned. If your filing exceeds this limit, you will need to split it up using the additional attachment screen:

E-Filing of Presentence Reports and Related Documents

When filing objections/responses to a Presentence Report. You will now be asked the question—Are there objections to this report? If answered no, a document will not be attached and the docket text will reflect there are no objections. If you answer yes, you will be required to attach a document specifying your objections.

Court Reporters

The United States Court Reporters Association has commissioned a new video on the benefits of realtime reporting. USCRA will be sending this to all newly appointed United States District Court Judges as a demonstration that utilizing a realtime court reporter is better than going to a digital audio recording system. The video can be seen on the USCRA website at http://uscra.org/realtime_benefits.shtml or on the USCRA YouTube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/USCRAonline>
Two of our official court reporters here in the District of Wyoming serve on the USCRA Board of Directors. Jan Davis (Immediate Past President) and Julie Thomas (Tenth Circuit Representative) would be happy to answer any questions you have about realtime reporting.

SIDEBAR

The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



Neil Short Casper, WY



Neil Short was born in Iowa, raised in Illinois, and came to Wyoming in 1970 to participate in the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in Lander, Wyoming. Over the years, he has been a NOLS student, instructor, course leader, and Board of Trustees member.

Neil is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Wyoming College of Law. Neil's first job after law school was as an IRS estate tax attorney in Nebraska. Yearning to return to Wyoming, he accepted a position with Fagan, Fagan and Clapp in Casper, WY specializing in criminal defense. In 1979, Neil opened his own criminal defense practice. He went to jury verdict 31 times in his years as a criminal defense attorney.

In 1981, Neil switched his practice to oil and gas work where he went from the "world of criminal defense to the world of the billable hour." He continues to do oil and gas work representing companies before the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) in contested and non-contested administrative proceedings and hearings. Neil enjoys this work as "the issues and principles are complicated and challenging and the lawyers who represent clients at the WOGCC are excellent advocates who adhere to the highest standards of professional conduct." Neil also appreciates the fact that the decision-making process at the WOGCC is an effective and efficient model for settling disputes.

In 1994, Neil took his first Social Security Disability case. He is currently the only attorney in the District of Wyoming who handles Social Security appeal cases through the federal district court level. He has filed 140 social security disability cases in this Court.

When asked what has kept him inspired and energized in his 30-plus years as a member of the bar, he responded that the answer was multi-faceted. "Regular, varied exercise, both indoors and outdoors, may be the key reason that I have high energy," he said. "Just as importantly, it is very satisfying to be a lawyer when I can obtain a good result for good people."

Years ago, his office developed a mission statement which includes two equally important concepts: "To give our clients top-rate representation and serve and enhance the administrative process."

In closing, Neil said, "It is a blessing to work in Wyoming and it is a blessing to work with really, really good people. I have an incredible staff of highly trained and experienced professionals who can talk easily with petroleum engineers and disabled citizens. They have been with me for many years. My joke is that my constant fear and insecurity is that they will fire me and hire a new lawyer."