



September 2014



Wyoming Fun Fact

Where is Wyoming's geographic center?

The answer:

Fremont, which is 58 miles Northeast of Lander.

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



U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY

New Employees:

Please welcome the following new employees to the District:

Ben Rowland –

Term Law Clerk to Chief Judge Nancy D. Freudenthal

Brynn Hvidston -

Law Clerk to Judge Alan B. Johnson

Michael Fitzgerald –

Term Law Clerk to Judge Alan B. Johnson

Julianne Gern –

Term Law Clerk to Chief Magistrate Judge Kelly Rankin

Anne Bowline –

Official Court Reporter to Judge Scott W. Skavdahl

FBA TRI-STATE CONFERENCE:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RATES EXTENDED

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15th! Join the Wyoming, Utah and Idaho Chapters of the Federal Bar Association in Jackson Hole, Wyoming October 9-11, 2014 for the 10th Annual Tri-State Conference, featuring panel discussions commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the Criminal Justice Act, Civil Rights Act, and Wilderness Act, as well as a panel discussion on sage-grouse, a legislative update from FBA national, a game-show-style presentation in honor of the 225th anniversary of the federal judiciary, and two esteemed judicial panels that will allow you to interact with judges from all three states. Our keynote presentation will be given by Mr. William Suter, Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1991-2013. The conference has received approval from all three states for 8.5 hours of CLE credit. For more information or registration materials contact Dessa Reimer at HMReimer@hollandhart.com.

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 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 or by mail to:

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Do not e-file these forms

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

DOCKETING TIPS:

If you are filing a “a stipulation of dismissal” under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1) (A)(ii), please use the event stipulation of dismissal, found under civil events/other documents.

When docketing in a multi-defendant case, please make sure you docket as to the appropriate defendant rather than filing your pleading in the entire case.

When docketing an **Ex-Parte Motion** in a multi-defendant case, please choose the defendant the motion pertains to rather than filing your motion to the entire case.

Since interlineation does not change the electronic image in CM/ECF, if you file a pleading and discover something is misspelled, missing or incorrect, a Motion and Proposed Order will need to be filed in order for the error to be corrected.

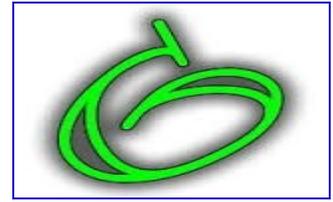
U.S. District Court General Orders Index:

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





The Geekbyte2



The District Court for Wyoming is in the process of implementing the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS) in Casper and Cheyenne. JERS allows jury members to interactively review evidence that was presented in the courtroom from the comfort of their jury deliberation room. The simplicity of JERS encourages juror interaction and ensures everyone can understand the evidence being presented. Counsel will need to provide their evidence to the Courtroom Deputy using one of several media formats. Once loaded into the system, the evidence can easily be presented and admitted in court and is then available during deliberations. Written by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, JERS is being implemented in districts across the country. For a quick overview, you can check out [North Carolina Western's website!](#) We hope to have JERS fully functional very soon.



SIDEBAR

The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



Karen Marty

Tell me about yourself

I was born in Pasadena, California in 1953, which now officially makes me the "little old lady from Pasadena", although I am not a granny yet. Since my days in California were very limited, I consider myself a born and raised Wyoming native. After graduating from high school in 1972 in Green River, I attended the University of Wyoming and received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1976 and finished law school in 1979. After passing the bar in the fall of 1979, I returned to Green River to practice law in my father's law firm. Since all of the partners in the firm have now retired except me, I am now practicing as a solo attorney. I was appointed as a part-time United States Magistrate in 1999, following in the footsteps of my father, Lawrence Marty, as he had also been a part-time Magistrate at the same location for 40 years. I have one lovely daughter, Chelsie, who is familiar to some of the Court family, as she works as my magistrate clerk between her school and travel times. Chelsie and I love to travel and explore whenever we can, as you can see from our pictures. One is in Central Park in New York City in June and the other is in Zion's National Park in Utah last month.



Why did you decide to go to law school

Having worked in my father's law firm as a legal secretary and then as a legal assistant for many years before graduating from high school, I think I decided at an early age to pursue a legal career. I also participated in and loved debate in high school. Becoming a lawyer seemed to be the best way to advocate, influence, argue and make a difference.

What was your first job after law school

When I first joined my father's law firm, I was assigned the task of doing the criminal defense work. I had a number of cases ranging from simple traffic and animal control violations to major drug offenses.

What has been your most rewarding or significant case

I think one of my most rewarding cases was an adoption proceeding, which had many complications along the way. It was absolutely the best feeling in the whole world to see the happiness on the face of the parents when we had the final hearing. They even insisted that we get pictures with the Judge and I. It was very special and rewarding. My most memorable/unusual cases as a magistrate involved proceedings with the "Rainbows" several years ago and those of us who were involved with the "Rainbows" have many special memories about those events.

What has kept you inspired and energized over the years

I think the main thing that keeps me going is the fact that no matter what type of case you may be involved with at the time, you can ultimately make a difference in someone's life.

What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer

The closeness and cooperation of the members of the Wyoming bar, as well as the judiciary, makes practicing law in Wyoming very enjoyable and rewarding. Although living in a sparsely populated State has its challenges, it is also a great environment to know your neighbors, colleagues and clients on a personal level.

Is there anything the Clerk's office could improve on

The Clerk's office does a wonderful job! I don't know how I could function as a part-time magistrate in a remote location without all of the help I receive from the Clerk's office.

Is there anything else you'd like to add

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with all of the federal court family and look forward to many more years.



Naturalization Ceremony held in Yellowstone National Park

42 immigrants were sworn in as new citizens of the United States of America, Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in Yellowstone National Park. Magistrate Mark L. Carman, presided over the outdoor ceremony which included a mounted color guard, the Pledge of Allegiance led by the daughter of one of the prospective new citizens, and the national anthem sung acapella by National Park Service Ranger Michael Breis.

“We came to America, either ourselves or in the persons of our ancestors, to better the ideals of men, to make them see finer things than they had seen before, to get rid of the things that divide and to make sure of the things that unite.”

Woodrow Wilson