

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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DISTRICT OF WYOMING
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IN RE:

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
FOR IMMIGRATION DETAINEES
SEEKING HABEAS RELIEF
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 26-01

Pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B), and to facilitate the efficient handling of habeas corpus petitions filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 by individuals detained in immigration custody within the District of Wyoming, the Court issues the following order.

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Wyoming is hereby appointed to represent, for screening purposes, any individual detained in immigration custody who appears to be financially eligible for representation and who may seek relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

The Clerk of Court shall promptly notify the Federal Public Defender of all *pro se* petitions seeking relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 by individuals detained in immigration custody within the District of Wyoming. These *pro se* petitions will be reviewed by the Federal Public Defender and timely addressed in the described manner.

Upon the filing of a Habeas Relief Petition by an immigration detainee, the Clerk of Court shall promptly provide a financial affidavit to the Petitioner. The completed affidavit shall then be promptly returned to the Court for determination of financial eligibility.

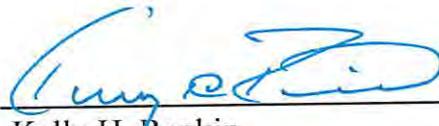
Once financial eligibility is determined by the Court, the Federal Public Defender is authorized to:

- Screen and investigate habeas corpus cases involving immigration detainees in this District;
- Determine whether the filing of a habeas petition or related motion is appropriate;
- Prepare and file any petitions, motions, or applications, including requests to stay removal, as deemed necessary; and
- Present such matters to the Court for disposition.

If, after screening, the Federal Public Defender identifies a conflict of interest or other good cause that would preclude representation, the Federal Public Defender shall notify the Court.

This order is intended to promote timely and consistent resolution of habeas matters involving immigration detention, ensure compliance with statutory requirements, and reduce the need for ad hoc appointment requests.

It is so **ORDERED** this 27th day of February 2026.



Kelly H. Rankin
Chief United States District Judge