

# U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S COURTERLY



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## Jurors: Partners in Justice

Judges see jurors as their partners in justice and an integral part of a fair and impartial judicial process. In a new, [five-minute installment in the Court Shorts video series](#), 11 federal judges bring attention to the central role of citizens in maintaining public trust in the justice system.



“In order for the law to have the respect of the citizenry, it’s important that the citizenry be a part of that decision-making process,” said Judge Reggie B. Walton, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Federal judges discussing the significance of jury service in the video include the District of Wyoming’s Chief Judge Scott W. Skavdahl.

“It’s called a jury of your peers because who better to judge you than people who have walked a mile in your shoes,” Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui, of the District of Columbia said. “So many of us want an opportunity to serve our community. We don’t know how we can do it. A fundamental way that you can ensure our democracy is vibrant and effective is by jury service.”

Many jurors [find their service rewarding](#) and walk away from the experience impressed by the judicial process. They also are surprised to know that most trials last one to three days.

“Jury duty is direct participation in our democracy,” Judge Juan R. Sánchez, Eastern District of Pennsylvania said. “We live in a system where no one could be deprived of life, liberty, or property without consulting the citizens, you directly.”

Learn more about [federal jury service](#). View the video at <https://youtu.be/4YwHLjZdebM>

- ◆ Naturalization Ceremony set for Cheyenne in July. Exact date TBD.
- ◆ Court closure: July 5, 2021 for 4th of July holiday.

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## Magistrate Judge Opening

The U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming is seeking applicants for a full-time magistrate judge to be located in Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Interested individuals can find the full announcement, application materials and additional information can be found at <https://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/employment>.



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## Friendly Reminders to Counsel

### **Submitting Documents to the Court:**

We cannot accept filings via zip drive, Dropbox or any other web based cloud storage websites. Recently, we have had some issues with filers trying to send documents to the court (either to case managers directly or submissions to the new case email box) this way. Clerk's Office staff cannot access these platforms as it is strictly prohibited by the security protocol of the U.S. District Court to access any platforms from an outside source. Documents sent via this method cannot be opened, therefore no one will see them and no action can be taken.

### **Filing with the Court:**

You cannot file non-public/ex-parte pleadings in civil cases without prior court ordered permission. Please refer to our [Civil Local Rules](#).

### **Submitting Trial Exhibits to the Court:**

When submitting your trial exhibits for entry into JERS, please make sure to comply with all requirements and deadlines (including the individual file size limit of 500MB. Please refer to our website (<https://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/attorneys>) for details or call us with any questions.

### **RULE 84.2 [ADMISSION TO PRACTICE](#):**

**Please Note: You may submit all attorneys being admitted in one motion rather than filing separate motions.**



# US Courts News Roundup



## [Judiciary Seeks New Judgeships, Reaffirms Need for Enhanced Security](#)

“The Judicial Conference of the United States, the Judiciary’s policy-making body, addressed two of its most pressing issues – a proposal to add [79 new judgeships](#) (pdf) for courts across the country and initiatives to improve both personal and courthouse security.”

## [Judiciary Releases Annual Report and Judicial Business 2020](#)

“Along with the rest of America, the Judiciary confronted significant challenges in 2020, led by the need to meet its constitutional obligations amid a deadly global pandemic. Federal courts learned to keep operations going, despite restricted access to courthouses, with a quickly evolving reliance on technology and the resilience of a 30,000-strong workforce, according to the [Annual Report of the Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts](#) (AO).”



**Our Mission:** Employees representing the U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming are committed to the impartial administration of justice. Driven by respect, integrity, and a dedication to excellence, we are here to serve the Public, Bar, and Court in a manner that will instill trust and confidence in the Judiciary. We endeavor to support a just and timely resolution of matters brought before the Court.