

U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S COURTERLY



Updates to COVID-19 Procedures

September 2021



The U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming has issued a new general order for courthouse entry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the District of Wyoming remains in a [area of substantial or high transmission](#) as designated by the CDC, individuals entering the District's courthouses are required to wear a face mask, whether fully vaccinated or not, while in any public areas.

Court closure:

- September 6, 2021 for Labor Day holiday.
- October 11, 2021 for Columbus Day

To read the full text of General Order 21-04, visit:

<https://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/sites/wyd/files/General%20Order%202021-04-A.pdf>

ARE YOU SPONSORING A PRO HAC VICE ATTORNEY?

Are you sponsoring an attorney who is seeking Pro Hac Vice admission into a U.S. District Court – District of Wyoming case?

When the District of Wyoming went live on NextGen in October 2020, it brought about numerous changes. One of the changes that seems to continue to be overlooked is how Pro Hac Vice attorneys are added to a case once their Motion for Pro Hac Vice admission is granted.

The Clerk's office personnel can no longer add Pro Hac attorneys into the system when they docket the Order granting the Pro Hac Vice admission.

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Sponsoring Pro Hac Vice Attorneys Cont...

Instead when the Order is docketed granting Pro Hac Vice admission into a case, that Order is e-mailed to the Pro Hac Vice attorney. That email also directs said attorney to file a “Notice of Attorney Appearance (Pro Hac Vice)” and informs them that until they file this notice in the ECF case, they will NOT be added nor begin receiving any notice of electronic filings in that case. This step is being missed and we regularly have Pro Hac Vice attorneys missing out on seeing filings and calling our office to inquire as to why this is happening.

If you are sponsoring an attorney who is coming into a case Pro Hac Vice, please make sure that they are completing this step. If additional information is needed on how to get a Pro Hac Vice attorney registered for e-filing in the district, please refer to: <https://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions>.

NOTICE REGARDING REDACTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 8.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, the responsibility for redacting the personal identifiers rests solely with counsel and persons filing the documents. The Clerk of Court will not review submissions for compliance with this rule.

Nine New U.S. Citizens Naturalized



On August 6, 2021 Chief Magistrate Judge Kelly H. Rankin administered the Oath of Allegiance to welcome nine new U.S. citizens alongside Grand Teton National Park Deputy Superintendent Gopaul Noojibail.

These citizens originated from countries including; Australia, Belarus, El Salvador, Mexico, Moldova, Philippines, Russia, Slovenia and South Africa.

Naturalization ceremonies are public events that bring communities, schools, and new citizens together in federal courthouses and other community sites throughout the year. Upcoming Naturalization Ceremonies can be found on our website at: <https://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/programs-services>.



US Courts News Roundup

[Comments Invited on Proposed Rules for Future Emergencies](#)

The bench, bar, and public have been asked to provide comments on a series of proposed rules that would, if approved, guide the Judiciary in responding to future declared emergencies that impair federal court operations. The proposals include amendments to Appellate Rules 2 and 4, and new emergency Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Rules.



SECURITY



[Judiciary Renews Calls for Security Funding](#)

Judiciary leaders are expressing deep concern that Congress has failed to provide funding to protect federal judges and courthouses, and are urging House and Senate leaders to appropriate money to address a “worsening” safety environment.

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.