

U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S COURTERLY



March 2020

Naturalization Ceremony in Casper Makes National News

They came from Thailand, Mexico, Philippines, Kenya, Germany, Vietnam, Romania, China, Bulgaria and India. From all over the world, they made the life-changing decision to leave their homes behind and start a new life in America. On January 13, 2020, in a packed courtroom in the United States District Court in Casper, Wyoming, they took the final step in the journey to becoming American citizens. There were (20) immigrants who stood before the Honorable Chief Judge, Scott W. Skavdahl, and raised their right hands. They took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

During his remarks, former Governor, Michael J. Sullivan informed the new citizens that they knew what America looked like from afar; Sullivan said, "I believe we're a country of aspiration, not perfection. For we as a country and citizens often failed to live up to the principles that we embrace: the principle of liberty, self-government, equal opportunity without regard to race, gender, religion or nation of origin, which is sometimes referred to as the American Dream."

The District of Wyoming was chosen by the New York Times to cover and film our ceremony in January.

(cont. on page 2)

New Look for the Clerk's Courterly

Welcome to the new Clerk's Courterly! We hope you like the new look of this edition. We strive to provide a useful and concise quarterly newsletter for our customers.

Should you have any comments or suggestions for future editions of the Courterly, we welcome your feedback!



Please help us in welcoming our newest Court employees!

• **Jessica Jarvis**—
New Courtroom Deputy in Yellowstone National Park.

• **Tina Ortiz**—
New Courtroom Deputy in Cheyenne.

Inside this issue:

Naturalization continued... 2

IT Security Tips 2

US Courts News Round-up 3

Helpful Reminders and Training Info 3

Naturalization continued...

This was a great experience for a large media outlet to cover in Casper. For all you New York Times subscribers, be on the lookout for the article to be published in a week or two.

In closing, after the ceremony, Judge Skavdahl was quoted as saying: “Listening to them talk reminds me how fortunate we are in this country to have the system we have and the rights that we do. Days like this make me enjoy putting that robe on and having the privilege to do what I got to do today.”



The next Naturalization Ceremony is set for March 23, 2020 in Cheyenne at 10AM.

<https://k2radio.com/coming-to-america-naturalization-ceremony-held-in-casper/>

IT Security Tips—Protect Yourself!

Do you know how to keep your digital information secure? It seems like every week the news is highlighting yet another data security breach. As we increasingly rely on our computers and smart phones to store much of our personal info, it's become as important as ever to understand IT security and all that it entails.

Eric Hardgrave, IT Security Officer for the District of Wyoming, is responsible for vulnerability scanning and ensuring that the Court is always protected with up-to-date antivirus software. Eric has a few tips and tricks to share with us to help keep your information safe and secure.

First, Eric explained that phishing attempts have become quite common and it's important to ensure that the websites and links you visit are from trusted sources. Don't just click on any 'ole link because you can, and instead make sure to inspect any suspicious links before it's too late.

Additionally, Eric mentioned the importance of keeping track of your “digital footprint,” so should you have a breach of your data, you are better equipped to change the passwords for your various accounts. It's important to regularly monitor your accounts so you are more likely to catch any

suspicious activity. Similarly, any accounts you may no longer be using should be deleted or deactivated as it poses a risk to leave them “as is.”

Researching questionable links and staying aware of your digital footprint are only two small ways you can help protect yourself and your information. There are certainly sophisticated antivirus software programs you can invest in as well, however, when just one click can cost you a whole lot more than just a headache, it's worth it to stay proactive when it comes to IT security and protecting your personal data!

US Courts News Roundup

[Members of PACER User Group Selected](#)

Twelve individuals from diverse backgrounds ranging from law, media, government, and academia have been selected for a new public user group to provide advice and feedback on ways to improve the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) service and other electronic public access services. The group's first meeting was held in February 2020.

[Constance Baker Motley: Judiciary's Unsung Right Hero](#)

From the late 1940s through the mid-1960s, Constance Baker Motley worked to end racial segregation. Motley was the first African American woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court, and the first to serve as a federal judge.

To continue reading about these stories and more, visit <https://www.uscourts.gov/judiciary-news>



1998 Portrait of Constance Baker Motley
Credit: Chester Higgins Archive

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO COUNSEL:

Please adhere to our [Civil Local Rules](#) when filing a non public or sealed document. Absent prior Court authorization, no case or documents may be filed under seal or as non-public.

RULE 84.2 ADMISSION TO PRACTICE; Please Note: You may submit all attorneys being admitted in one motion rather than filing separate motions.

NEXTGEN CM/ECF REMINDER:

NextGen CM/ECF features single sign-on functionality that give users access to both PACER and electronic filing from a single account. This update will require current e-filer registrants to upgrade their PACER accounts. You can click on the following link to login to PACER: <https://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/pscof/login.jsf>. Once logged in, you'll want to go to the "Upgrade PACER Account" page of Manage My Account to complete the upgrade process.

CM/ECF TRAINING & PROCEDURES:

If you are an attorney wishing to file electronically in the District Court of Wyoming, please download the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) and call to schedule training with our Casper or Cheyenne offices. You must have a valid CM/ECF account to use this part of the system and these accounts are given only to active attorneys in the District of Wyoming. You can simply call the Help Desk Number at 307/433-2120 or 307/232-2620. CM/ECF training is offered once a month in Cheyenne, typically on the 3rd Wednesday, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. Casper will continue to train new users as the need arises. Please call our office to reserve a seat!

Our Mission: Every employee appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming will make it their mission to serve the Public, Bar and Court, to represent the District of Wyoming in a manner that will instill trust in the Judiciary and strive to provide quality, positive service, and assist in the timely and satisfactory disposition of issues brought before the court.