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# U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY

## DOCKETING TIPS

### Pro Hac Vice Motions

Please remember to comply with Local Rule 84.2 when filing Motions to Appear Pro Hac Vice.

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

### Entry of Attorney Appearance

When electronically filing a notice of attorney appearance, the appearance **MUST** be filed by the attorney who is appearing. It cannot be e-filed by another attorney.

#### WYOMING FUN FACT!

The name "Wyoming" comes from the Lenape Indian word mecheweami-ing which means "at (or on) the big plain."

Do you have a nomination for the Sidebar? Please contact Tiffany Dyer at the clerk's office in Casper (307)232-2620

**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.



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**DOCKETING TIPS (cont'd)**

**Please remember to comply with Local Rule 8.2 when filing pleadings containing personal identifiers.**

**Rule 8.2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA FROM FILINGS**

In compliance with the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States and the EGovernment Act of 2002, and in order to promote the electronic access to case files while protecting personal privacy and other legitimate interests, parties shall refrain from including, or shall redact, where inclusion is necessary, the following personal data identifiers from their filings, including exhibits thereto, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

\*Social Security Numbers. If an individual's social security number must be included, only the last four digits of that number should be used.

\*Taxpayer Identification Numbers. If a taxpayer identification number must be included, only the last four digits of that number should be used.

\*Names of Minor Children. If the involvement of a minor child must be mentioned, only the initials of that child should be used.

\*Dates of Birth. If an individual's date of birth must be included, only the year of birth should be used.

\*Financial Account Numbers. If a financial account number is relevant, only the last four digits of such numbers should be used.

The responsibility for redacting these personal data identifiers rests solely with counsel and persons filing the documents with the Court. The Clerk of Court will not review submissions for compliance with this rule.





## SIDEBAR

### The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



### Jonathan Coppom

1. Tell me about yourself.

My name is Jonathan Coppom. I sheepishly admit that I am a “Greenie” transplant; I grew up just down the road from Cheyenne, Wyoming, in Greeley, Colorado. I joined the Wyoming US Attorney’s Office in February. Prior to that, I practiced primarily civil litigation at Hoskin, Farina & Kampf, P.C., in Grand Junction, Colorado. I love the practice of law. But I also love some things more—my wife of almost ten years, Amanda, our four-year-old daughter, Paisley, and my one-month-old son, Asher. I would tell you my hobbies but I can’t remember them anymore; kids do that to a person.

2. Why did you decide to go to law school?

I sold and underwrote employee benefit plans at Cigna and Aetna for about six years. I learned a lot working in that industry, but I yearned for something that would push me intellectually and permit me to serve people. After some reflection, I settled on law. It was a risk—I didn't know any lawyers or really even what it meant to be a lawyer, so it was an untested hypothesis that I would enjoy the work. I took the plunge and graduated from the University of Denver's Sturm College of law in 2015. I'm happy to say it was the right choice. And it has certainly enabled me to serve the people around me, which I find incredibly humbling, fulfilling, and frequently scary. (But in a good way.)

3. What was your first job after law school?

I was fortunate enough to join the Wyoming Attorney General's Civil Division out of law school. It's off topic, but I can report that there are many talented, motivated attorneys serving Wyoming out of that office.

4. What has been your most rewarding or significant case?

I'll risk being cliché here—they're all rewarding, and they're all significant. A lawyer I respect told me, "There are no small cases—the small ones present the same problems as the big ones." I have found that to be true. That said, I worked an appeal related to a sexual assault that was significant to me. It felt important, and I felt an obligation to the victim even though I never met her. I also assisted the Wyoming Department of Insurance with the winding down and liquidation of WinHealth Partners. I found that an interesting experience, and I came to greatly respect that agency and its employees.

5. What has kept you inspired and energized over the years?

I have—assuming I am fortunate enough—a long practice in front of me. I have a lot of room yet to grow, learn, and develop. I can't fathom writing the perfect brief or delivering a flawless closing or appellate argument. But that's also what keeps me energized and interested in law. I believe I will be sixty years old and still striving to be a better servant than I am today, which is the privilege (and fun) of being a lawyer.

6. What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer?

I most enjoy the smaller size of Wyoming's legal community and how that increases the accessibility of its judiciary and institutions. As a fledgling attorney, I was amazed that I came into routine contact with Wyoming's judges and justices through their community involvement. I also believe an individual attorney in Wyoming has a greater opportunity to impact the state and its citizens than an average attorney in another state. The truth is that being a Wyoming lawyer amplifies the things I love about being an attorney.

7. Is there anything the Clerk's office can improve on?

My experiences have all been positive.

8. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for welcoming me back to Wyoming! I look forward to working with your office, and my fellow Wyoming attorneys, for years to come.