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Judge Rankin Appointed as the 9th U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Wyoming



On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, President Biden officially appointed Kelly Rankin as the 9th United States District Court Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Congratulations Judge Rankin!

REMINDER TO COUNSEL — OPENING NEW CASES

When opening a new case, please remember to search the database for your party and **do not** create a new party profile for ones that have already been added. Also, please note: we do not require any punctuation in party names.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office with any questions or help using the search feature.



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Court Closures:

- ◆ The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Labor Day.

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



The Judiciary released its [Annual Report](#) providing detailed information about mission critical initiatives that advanced over the course of 2023, including efforts to enhance the court system’s physical and information technology security and modernize its IT systems.

This report captures the major activities of the federal Judiciary and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) in calendar year 2023. It consists of 13 sections that enable easy navigation and help facilitate the understanding of the various functions of the branch.

Click link above or [here](#) to read the full article.

[Case Closure Rates Get Longer as E-Discovery Increases](#)

Across the country, federal defender offices are struggling with increasingly complex litigation marked by escalating electronic discovery demands. Staffing shortages and the lingering effects of the COVID pandemic have added to their challenges.

These factors have contributed to criminal cases taking a median of 10.4 months to close from filing to disposition in 2023, a 60 percent increase from just five years ago, when the median case closure time was 6.5 months in 2018, according to data from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

To read more click the link above or [here](#).

[Bankruptcies Rise 16 Percent Over Previous Year](#)

Bankruptcy filings rose 16 percent during the 12-month period ending March 31, 2024. That is a similar rate of acceleration as in the Dec. 31, 2023, quarterly report, but new bankruptcy cases remain significantly lower than before the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

To read the full article and statistics related to bankruptcy filings click on the link above or [here](#).



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