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**Please welcome the newest member of the Court family born June 4, 2019 at the Yellowstone Justice Center!**

**Do you have a nomination for the Sidebar? Please contact Tiffany 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.

## U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY

**New Employees: Please welcome the following new employees to the District:**

**Dusty Witt: Divisional Systems Specialist based in Casper.**

**Sandy Potter: Law Clerk to the Honorable Nancy D. Freudenthal.**

### **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.

### **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!





## SIDEBAR

### The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



### Dylan Veto Victor Rosalez

#### **Tell me about yourself?**

I am a Wyoming native, from Sheridan, WY. I went to the University of Wyoming for my undergraduate, graduate and law degrees. I moved to Casper after law school. I worked at the Wyoming State Public Defender for over nine years in the trial division. I enjoy running outside and hiking in Wyoming on its less windy days.

#### **Why did you decide to go to law school?**

Like a lot of people, I went to law school to help people and for an intellectually stimulating job. The University of Wyoming had a very attractive program, so it was an easy decision.

### **What was your first job after law school?**

My first job out of law school was at the Office of the Wyoming State Public Defender in Casper, working as a trial attorney. I handled everything from misdemeanors to capital cases. It was a great experience and I met so many great people.

### **What has been your most rewarding or significant case?**

The most significant case I have worked on was the State v. Castellanos, a capital case in Cheyenne. We were able to get a life sentence which was a great outcome. The most rewarding cases were two separate juvenile delinquencies, where I had the juveniles had no parents, and we were able to get them through high school and into college.

### **What has kept you inspired and energized over the years?**

Watching other attorneys has kept me inspired and energized over the years. Having the ability to watch other professionals and incorporate the positives from their work has inspired me, and also energizes me to want to always make my practice of law better.

### **What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer?**

What I love the most about being a lawyer in Wyoming is the legal community. We are fortunate enough to have a great group of attorneys and judges. And Wyoming is small enough that you can develop great professional relationships with everyone in the judicial and criminal justice system.

### **Is there anything the Clerk's office could improve on?**

I can't think of anything the Clerk's Office can improve on. I have been very impressed by the level of work, efficiency and friendliness! We are very lucky!

### **Is there anything else you'd like to add?**

I look forward to working with everyone in the Federal Courts!



# Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS)

The Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS) is a program that was developed by the U.S. District Court in the Western District of North Carolina as an efficient method to provide evidence electronically to a jury for use during deliberation. Federal Courts across the nation began using this system in 2009. The District of Wyoming began using this system in 2015.

JERS does not change how attorneys present their evidence in trial - they are still responsible for their own evidence presentation. JERS is merely a background program used by court staff during trials to track and record the evidence presented. This system allows the jury to receive the majority (if not all) of the trial exhibits during deliberations in an electronic format. It is helpful because with paper exhibits not everyone can look at the same piece of evidence at the same time. This system alleviates that problem. JERS allows the jurors the ability to look at evidence together at the same time on big monitors that each jury room is equipped with. The program has search features, a comprehensive list that shows them what the Exhibit Number is with a description of what the exhibit is beside it which aides in the maneuvering through all of the exhibits to find what they are looking for.

In order for this system to work, it does require counsel to make JERS submissions to the Court prior to trial. The JERS language is contained in all pretrial orders issued by this Court. The Court's website has a JERS section on it that provides instructions for providing evidence to the Court, sample files and tips. Training was offered to the bar and members of their staff as this product was rolled out and became a requirement in the District of Wyoming - many attended. However, since the legal field is one in which there are continually new lawyers being admitted and new staff coming to work for firms/agencies, we would like to bring to your attention that we are more than happy to offer more extensive training on this topic should you or any of your staff feel that it would be helpful. Even if you have attended the training previously and feel that a refresher course would be beneficial, please contact us so we can help. Please contact Crystal Toner in Casper (307/232-2620) or Abby Logan in Cheyenne (307/433-2120).

