

U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S COURTERLY



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NextGen Coming October 2020 – Are you ready?

NEXTGEN | CM/ECF REMINDER:

Begin preparing now for NextGen, coming October 13, 2020!

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.**

Below are instructions on how to update your PACER account prior to our go-live date.

[Obtain your own Individual PACER Account](#)

[OR upgrade your existing PACER Account](#)

[CJA Attorney PACER Accounts](#)

Below are instructions on how to link your updated PACER account with CM/ECF **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 13, 2020:**

[Link your PACER Account with CM/ECF](#)

Go to [PACER.gov](https://www.pacer.gov) to begin the upgrade process.

Please help us in welcoming our newest Court employee!

- *MiYon Bowden*—New Courtroom Deputy for the Honorable Kelly H Rankin.

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Attorneys — Don't Forget!

Please remember to adhere to our *local civil rule 54.1(d)* and *local criminal rule 47.1(b)* requiring that counsel e-mail a word version of their proposed orders to chambers. **Counsel is required to email a word version of proposed orders to chambers.**

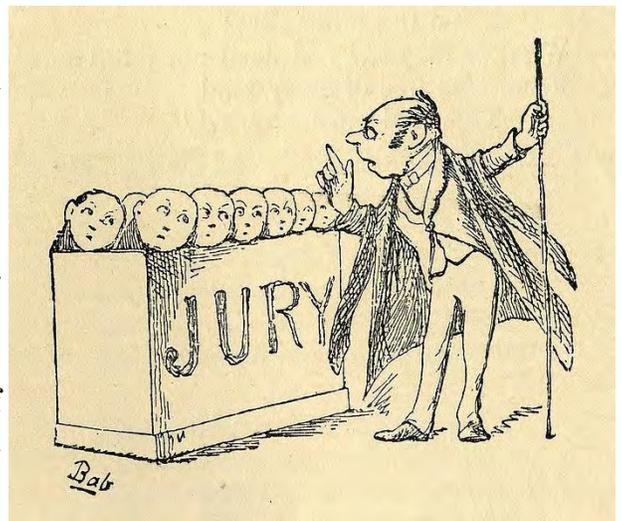
[Click here to view our local rules.](#)

Additionally, don't forget that the Clerk's Office will continue to offer the ability to receive new civil actions via email. We have established a general email box (wydnewcase@wyd.uscourts.gov) for parties to submit initiating documents. For more information visit our website by [clicking here.](#)

New Court Protocols in Place for Criminal Trials

Effective July 23, 2020, the District Court for the District of Wyoming has enacted updated Criminal Trial Protocols in response to COVID-19. Please be prepared to follow all guidelines as outlined in the protocols.

A few of the major changes include: pre-screening jury panel members for any potential COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 specific Voir Dire questions for jury panel members, updated configuration of Courtroom for jury selection, post jury selection monitoring for any COVID-19 symptoms.



Masks will also be required to be worn at all times by all parties while in the Courtroom. Masks may be removed by counsel when situated at the podium, and for witnesses upon being seated in the witness box. The Court encourages the use of JERS system for exhibit display and to minimize the handling of physical exhibits.

Lastly, any court clothing for a detained defendant shall be delivered to the US Marshal Service at least two days prior to the start of trial for disinfection.

Please visit the following link for the full outline of new Court protocols in place for Criminal Trials: www.wyd.uscourts.gov/sites/wyd/files/Criminal_Trial_Protocol.pdf.



US Courts News Roundup



[Mentors, Self-Sufficiency Influenced Wyoming's First Female Federal Judge](#) - Casper Star Tribune highlights Judge Freudenthal's path to becoming Wyoming's first female Federal Judge.

[The 19th Amendment at 100](#)

This summer marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment.

[In Wyoming, however, women had been exercising their right to vote for years.](#) When Wyoming was still a territory, lawmakers passed the Wyoming Suffrage Act of 1869. Lawmakers had different motivations for supporting this act. Some wanted to bring more women to the Wyoming territory, others understood the vital role of women in life on the frontier.

In either case, when the territory became a state in 1890, women retained the right to vote.



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.

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.