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U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY

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

Maddisen Gorman: Term Law Clerk to Chief Judge Scott W. Skavdahl.

Elisabeth (Liz) Hutchinson: Pro Se Law Clerk

Jessica Hitchings: Term Law Clerk to Chief Magistrate Judge Kelly H. Rankin.

Cole Gustafson: Term Law Clerk to Judge Alan B. Johnson.

Bobbi Owen: Term Law Clerk to Judge Nancy D. Freudenthal.

Rebecca (Becky) Harris—CHEYENNE – Generalist /CVB Clerk and back up Magistrate Courtroom Deputy.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS TO COUNSEL

Complaints/Amended Complaints may not be filed electronically. The filer is required to submit these to the Clerks office for filing either by mail or hand delivery with the original signature.

Please check your scanner settings and make sure your pleadings are scanning in portrait format and remove any blank pages if necessary.

The Court, along with the United States Attorney's office, the Federal Public Defender and CJA panel members, have revised the Criminal Discovery and Scheduling Order to provide some clarity as to various deadlines. This Order will be utilized in all Felony Criminal matters in the District of Wyoming.

Attorney Admission—Please review Local Rule 84.2 before requesting attorney admission to the District of Wyoming. The rule can be found on the Court's website at:

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

NOTE: You must make an appointment directly with chambers to be sworn in. Chief Judge Scott W. Skavdahl (sitting in Casper) - 307-232-2600, Judge Nancy D. Freudenthal (sitting in Cheyenne) - 307-433-2190 & Judge Alan B. Johnson (sitting in Cheyenne) - 307-433-2170

Admission fee - \$231.00

Check made payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court, or the fee may be paid by credit card at the Clerk's office.



COURT REPORTER CORNER



Every August since 2011, the University of Wyoming College of Law has hosted the Summer Trial Institute, sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates, an intensive two-week course wherein law students “learn by doing” and practice their new trial skills in front of sitting Wyoming judges and attorneys from across Wyoming and Colorado who volunteer their time during the waning weeks of summer.

Jan Davis, federal official court reporter from Cheyenne, has likewise given her time each year since the inception of the program and enlists volunteer court reporters to participate in the jury trials that are the culmination of the Trial Institute. These reporters not only lend additional authenticity to the proceedings, but they provide the students with certified transcripts of the trials, a valuable tool in helping the students understand the importance of making a clear record.

The reporters typically spend a few moments before commencement of proceedings explaining the fundamentals of making a good record: Don’t speak too fast, enunciate, one speaker at a time, and use your microphone. All participating reporters are certified at speeds of at least 225 words per minutes, so the students are informed that if the reporter indicates they are speaking too fast, they really are! We also advise them that, as trained listeners, if we can’t hear them well enough or can’t process speech that is too rapid and/or garbled, the jurors will surely be struggling as well.

It’s a fun change of pace for the court reporters, some of whom work in state or federal court and some of whom are freelancers. We are grateful to the UW College of Law for allowing us to participate, and Jan and I would like to thank the following Wyoming court reporters who traveled to Laramie, either this year or in previous years, and volunteered their time not only on trial day but for the time involved in preparing 100-page transcripts: Merissa Racine and Tammy Fleming of Cheyenne, Patricia Goedken of Evanston, Rachel Pacheco of Sheridan, Gina Chavez of Laramie, Tara France of Rawlins, and Susan Edwards and Megan Strawn of Casper.

Article by: Anne Bowline



SIDEBAR

The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



BILLIE LM ADDLEMAN

Tell me about yourself? I am the Managing Partner at the Cheyenne firm of Hirst Applegate, LLP. I obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nevada and Juris Doctor from the University of Wyoming. My practice is primarily focused on civil litigation, including professional liability, premises liability, commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and professional licensing. Currently, I serve as Continuing Legal Education Chair for the Wyoming State Bar Annual Conference and previously served on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and the Law School Liaison Committee. I also serve on the University of Wyoming College of Law Advisory Committee and the Laramie County Community College (LCCC) Paralegal Advisory Committee. I have served on numerous state and local nonprofit boards, including the Wyoming Community Foundation, the LCCC Foundation and the Friends of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens Foundation, and am a Past President of the Cheyenne Rotary Club. My wife, Brandi Monger, who is also an attorney, and I have lived in Cheyenne for fifteen years. We enjoy traveling and following our niece's and nephew's high school sports. Go Lusk Tigers!

Why did you decide to go to law school? I went to law school because I wanted to be a prosecutor. I had an offer to return to Nevada and go to work for Eureka County District Attorney's Office, but decided to stay in Wyoming because of a girl. See paragraph above.

What was your first job after law school? I clerked for the Honorable William C. Beaman, United States Magistrate Judge. It was a great experience and I learned a lot from Judge Beaman.

What has been your most rewarding or significant case? It was not the most significant or rewarding, but one of the most memorable cases was a one-day bench trial Dan White and I tried in front of Judge Arp. Dan and I tried our best to resolve the matter prior to trial but our clients would not compromise. For both parties, it was the principal. Consequently, we spent an entire day litigating over a Wheatland walnut tree.

What has keep you inspired and energized over the years? The diversity of cases and clients. I love meeting and helping people in need. Of course, having an incredibly supportive wife helps.

What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer? The best part of being a Wyoming lawyer are the people and places. I have developed incredible friendships across the state. I also love traveling our state and discovering the hidden gems. Everyone knows the best Mexican food is in Sinclair, but did you know the best soup is in Buffalo, the best steak is in Hartville, and the best pizza is in Lusk? Call me.

Is there anything the Clerk's office could improve on? The Clerk's office is always so helpful. The only suggestion I have is potentially revising the categories for pleadings on CM-ECF to make them more user friendly.

Is there anything else you'd like to add? Yes. Go Lusk Tigers!