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U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY



Stephan Harris

We are wishing you a journey of success and happiness in the next chapter of your life. May you be showered with abundant opportunities to do what your heart desires. Thank you for 35 years of dedicated service; 19 years of which were served with the District of Wyoming.

On October 1, 2019, the District welcomes Maggie Botkins as the Clerk of Court for the District of Wyoming.





SIDEBAR

The Profile of a Wyoming Lawyer



Brad Cave

Tell me about yourself?

I am the proud father of four beautiful daughters in their twenties, and the very lucky husband of my wife, Suzi. I have practiced in Cheyenne with Holland & Hart for almost 29 years. My practice has included employment litigation and counseling, commercial and construction litigation, and workers' compensation.

Why did you decide to go to law school?

While attending the University of Wyoming, I became very involved in Republican politics. I went to law school planning to return to Wyoming after law school and pursue political goals while practicing law. Ultimately, I enjoyed practicing law more than politics.

What was your first job after law school?

I practiced with the Denver firm of Fairfield & Woods for two-and-a-half years before joining Holland & Hart in 1990.

What has been your most rewarding or significant case?

One of my most rewarding cases occurred shortly after I returned to Wyoming. Judge Kerr appointed me to represent a criminal defendant who had been charged with withdrawing money from his bank account in multiple transactions to avoid the currency transaction reporting requirements. He had stolen this money from his mother's account and had served a jail sentence for that theft before being charged with the federal crime. Our client explained that he had complied with the reporting requirements on one occasion, only to wait for an extended time while the bank filled out the form. Because he was drinking heavily at the time, he wanted to avoid waiting in a bank lobby for his next withdrawal (where openly drinking Jack Daniels is apparently frowned upon), so he asked how to avoid having to fill out the form. The bank officer kindly explained, with a helpful example, that he just needed to keep his deposits under the threshold amount, and he followed her instructions to the letter. Ultimately, we went to trial and the jury acquitted our client.

What has kept you inspired and energized over the years?

I have always been inspired by my colleagues at Holland & Hart. They are great people and great professionals, and I have learned far more from them than they have learned from me.

Also, I look forward every day to being able to help employers make good, fair and legally-sound decisions about their employees. I am energized when I can help a client understand their legal obligations and make business decisions that accomplish the client's goals while complying with those obligations.

What do you like best about being a Wyoming lawyer?

I enjoy the collegial interactions you can enjoy with almost all the members of the Wyoming bar. You can call a lawyer who represents an opposing party and have a civil and productive conversation about the case without it being used against you later.

Anything the Clerk's office can improve on?

The Clerk's office does a great job. I have always found the office to be very helpful and supportive of the lawyers who appear in our federal court.



Please welcome the following new employees to the District:

Kaylee Harmon, Term Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Skavdahl

Emily Kath, Term Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Johnson

Madeleine Lewis, Term Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Freudenthal

Emily Madden, Term Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Magistrate Judge Rankin

Katherine Wenner, Term Law Clerk to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Carman

Sylvia Hackl Pro Se Law Clerk





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The U.S. District Court for Wyoming is in the process of building a brand new web site which will be similar to our sister sites in Bankruptcy and Probation. We hope to have it up and running by the end of October.

