# U.S. DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S COURTERLY



## **REMINDER TO COUNSEL**

### Notice on Privacy to Members of the Bar and Litigants

Under Section 205 of the E-Government Act of 2002 and the policies of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the District of Wyoming provides electronic access, through PACER, to most documents that are filed in civil and criminal cases, except when sealed or restricted. Some electronically filed documents will contain redactions. Redaction is a method of removing personal identifiers or sensitive data from a document to protect the privacy and safety of others before the public can view the document. Redaction is required under Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2, Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1, U.S.D.C.L.R. 8.1, and U.S.D.C.L.C.R. 49.1.

In a civil case - a document filed with the court that contains personal identifiers or sensitive data may only include:

- (1) the last four digits of the social-security number and taxpayeridentification number:
- (2) the year of the individual's birth;
- (3) the minor's initials; and
- (4) the last four digits of the financial-account number.

In a criminal case - a document filed with the court that contains personal identifiers or sensitive data may only include:

(1) the last four digits of the social-security number and taxpayeridentification number;

- (2) the year of the individual's birth;
- (3) the minor's initials;
- (4) the last four digits of the financial-account number; and
- (5) the city and state of the home address.

Under the E-Government Act of 2002, a party needing to file a document containing the personal data identifiers or sensitive data specified above in a Civil matter may file a motion with the Court requesting the case or document be filed as a Non-Public, Ex-Parte, or Sealed Document consistent with U.S.D.C.L.R. 5.1(g). The Clerk of Court will not review each document filed with the court for purposes of redacting personal data identifiers or sensitive data. For additional information about the Judicial Conference's privacy policy for electronic case files, please visit <u>http://www.privacy.uscourts.gov</u>.

### November 2022

The Clerk's Office will be closed November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

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A previous issue incorrectly listed the new case email address . The Clerk's Office is accepting new case (and other filing documents) through:

WYDNewCase@ wyd.uscourts.gov

### NEW! Electronic Filing Communications Through the Wyoming State Penitentiary

The U.S. District Court – District of Wyoming is now allowing pro se electronic filing communications through the Wyoming State Penitentiary (WSP)!

The U.S. District Court files many new civil matters and pleadings for Wyoming State Penitentiary inmates each year. Pursuant to Court policy, pro se filers are required to mail original hard copy pleadings to the court, which is a slower and less convenient process than electronic filing. Through the implementation of electronic communications between the U.S. District Court for the District of



Wyoming and the Wyoming Department of Corrections State Penitentiary, we are now able to provide inmates the ability to submit their pleadings via email for immediate filing. Prisoners will now receive immediate electronic notification of all filings in their cases and will allow the inmates to feel more involved in an expedited and convenient filing process.

This project took several months of collaboration between the Court, the Wyoming Department of Corrections/Wyoming State Penitentiary, and the Wyoming Attorney General's Office and Wyoming State Penitentiary Inmates were notified on September 15, 2022, that this program is now available for immediate use.

# Our courtrooms now have the ability for wireless evidence presentation!

Available programs:





AppleTV (only works for Apple iOS devices) Extron ShareLink Pro (works for iOS and Windows/Droid devices)

Find the app in your App Store or install the software on your device <u>https://play.google.com/store/apps/</u> <u>details?id=com.extron.sharelinkpro1k</u>

Devices must be connected to the court's wireless internet (ATTY\_NET) in order to establish the connection.



## NEW CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

The Court's conference line numbers have changed. Please remember to double-check the notice for any telephonic hearings to ensure you have the current contact information.

# **US** Courts News Roundup



# <u>The Judicial Conference: A Century of</u> <u>Service to the Federal Judiciary</u>

On December 28, 1922 Chief Justice William Howard Taft (pictured above in the first row, second from right) convened a meeting in the Capitol building, in the rooms then reserved for the Supreme Court. The present Supreme Court building had not yet been built. Joining him were the most

senior judges from each of the nine existing circuit courts. It was known as the Conference of Senior Circuit Judges.

While meetings of judges to discuss policy are routine today, that first gathering was a unique milestone in the Judiciary's history. Fast forward 100 years; what Taft envisioned has evolved into the Judicial Conference of the United States, a body that is central to the modern federal Judiciary.

The Conference, formed in by Congress in 1922, establishes policy for the Judiciary. The Conference operates through 25 committees that work on virtually every facet of the federal court system—including budget, court administration, facilities, human resources, the public defense function, information technology, judicial security, and rules of practice and procedure. This work is supported by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO), whose director serves as Secretary of the Judicial Conference.

Read the complete article, <u>HERE</u>

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https://www.uscourts.gov/news/2022 /09/23/judicial-conference-centuryservice-federal-judiciary

### FRIENDLY REMINDER TO COUNSEL:

Please adhere to our <u>Civil Local Rules</u> 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.

**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.