



December 2016

U.S. DISTRICT CLERK'S COURTERLY

New Employees:

Please welcome the following new employees to the District:

Maureen Cairns (Moe) - YELLOWSTONE — Courtroom Deputy/Judicial Assistant.

Monique Gentry – CHEYENNE – Official Court Reporter to Judge Alan B. Johnson.

Ryan Deuschle- CASPER—Generalist Deputy Clerk.

DOCKETING TIPS:

* When submitting a proposed order, please do not include the attorney information block in the upper left-hand corner. Also, please entitle the document as Order rather than Proposed Order.

*Please file returns of service as returns of service instead of affidavit of service or certificate of service.

*Please ensure you are using the most up-to-date forms. Current forms are available on our website at: <http://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/htmlpages/forms.html>

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2016
<http://www.wyd.uscourts.gov/htmlpages/filinginfo.html>

THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING WISHES YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!



Wyoming is famous for:

Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Park, Old Faithful Geyser, Jackson Hole, Flaming Gorge and Frontier Days.

Do you have a nomination for the Sidebar? Please contact Tiffany at the clerk's office in Casper (307)232-2620

Holiday Closures:

The clerk's office will be closed Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.



SIDEBAR



TOM JUBIN

Tell me about yourself

I was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to refugee parents who immigrated separately to the United States where they met. My high school and club sport was water polo, which provided me the opportunity to travel all over the United States and to parts of Canada. I was also involved in orchestra, band and jazz band. My parents did not have the opportunity themselves, but valued higher education, and helped their three children all attend and graduate from college. After obtaining a Bachelor's Degree from Valparaiso University, not too far from Chicago, I moved to Laramie, sight unseen, to attend law school. The law school brochure lured me with a stunning photograph of Lake Marie in the Snowy Range—which I eagerly took to be the setting for the University of Wyoming campus. In an effort to make that my reality, I spent many days (my law school professors would say, “too many days”) hiking, back country skiing and camping in the Snowy Range and fishing on the Laramie Plains

I have been married to Liz Zerga, who grew up in Lander, for nearly 25 years. Liz has been a Wyoming lawyer one year longer than I, and used to have a very active federal court practice. She now represents several independent telecommunications companies in regulatory, legislative and business matters. We have a daughter who is in her senior year at Williams College studying physics. Liz and I continue to enjoy hiking, biking and traveling. I also have a passion for recreational open water lake swimming and like to sail my Butterfly sailboat. Together with a geologist friend, I started a reading group more than a decade ago and find the books and friendships to be very rewarding.

Why did you decide to go to law school?

Initially, my plan was to obtain a degree in engineering, but I was also in a liberal arts honors program that focused on the arts of inquiry in disciplines including philosophy, literature, theology and history. I found myself drawn to the assigned readings and engaged by the small group discussions and exchange of ideas. I learned that college papers could be a great deal of work, but also very interesting. The nature of my undergraduate education emphasized defending ideas and positions orally and in writing which put me on a path toward law school.

What was your first job after law school?

The late Supreme Court Justice, Walter Urbikit, hired me to be his law clerk and was kind enough to wait for me to start work after my return from a several month trip to Alaska and the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, B.C.

What has been your most rewarding or significant case?

There are two. In the most rewarding, I represented a woman who was married to, and performed bookkeeping for, a man who promoted the bizarre notion that trillions of dollars could be shared by those who contributed money to a man in Europe who was working to unlock the "Master Transaction," involving a purported shadowy historical alliance between the CIA, the Mafia, the Vatican, and the Illuminati. She and her husband were federally charged with conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud and money laundering, making them eligible, if convicted, to spend a good portion of their lives in federal prison. My client was completely innocent, as she had not a fraudulent bone in her body. The difficulty was that the tale was simply preposterous, although it was accepted as true by hundreds, if not thousands of "victims" (including my client and her husband). After painstaking work with experts, rooms full of documents, a mistrial after 7 or 8 weeks, and a second lengthy trial, the jury acquitted my client. She deserved the acquittal and I was truly gratified to have assisted her in achieving it.

In the most significant case, I handled the appeal of a state first degree murder conviction involving a shooting death and claim of self-defense in *Drennen v. State*. The appeal involved challenges on several legal issues including the circumstances under which self-defense is available under Wyoming law. In reversing my client's conviction on appeal, Chief Justice Kite, writing for a unanimous Wyoming Supreme Court, reconciled, distinguished and clarified Wyoming's self-defense case law going back to Territorial days. I believe that court decision will remain significant for a very long time.

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

I practice throughout the State of Wyoming and have had contact with many of the clerk's offices in the various state courts. Although I can say that many clerk's offices are staffed with friendly, competent people, the Wyoming Federal District Court Clerk's office certainly has that, but also operates at a level of professionalism that is without parallel. I do feel that the office should remain open during the noon hour.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit.

Tom Jubin.

COURT REPORTER CORNER



MONIQUE GENTRY

Monique was born in Southern California. She attended high school in the San Fernando Valley. She began her career in court reporting in the year 2000. Monique met her husband James and moved to Clovis in Central California.

James and Monique are raising two daughters, Paige (18) and Jordan (14). James retired in August 2014 from law enforcement after 29 years.

Monique worked as a freelance reporter for a few years until becoming an official reporter in Fresno Superior Court in 2006.

As a family, they decided they wanted a better life and moved to Fort Collins in August 2014 and have been loving ever since.

Monique has been busy working in the freelance field covering mostly Northern Colorado until joining the Federal Court. She is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Monique misses the beach, but loves the mountains and lakes that Colorado has to offer. The Gentry's love to spend time together outdoors with the dog, golfing and watching football is a favorite too.

COURTERLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Deputy U.S. Marshal Brian Hoose and his family welcomed Lucas Lee Hoose on October 28, 2016 weighing in at 5lbs 7 oz.
Congratulations Brian & Jess!**



**Michelle Reed with the Clerks office in Cheyenne welcomed grand baby Jason Mathias Miller on December 4, 2016 weighing in at 6 lbs 12 oz.
Congratulations to Michelle & family!**
