

Nineteenth District Overview

The Nineteenth Judicial District includes all of Weld County, the third largest county in the State of Colorado. The District covers an area of 4,400 square miles. There are 31 incorporated towns in Weld County that are served by 23 chiefs of police in addition to the Weld County sheriff.

The county seat and principal city, Greeley, contains almost half the county's population. Generally, most of the remaining population resides within a 20- to 30-mile radius of Greeley according to county officials. It serves a population of 238,000 as estimated by the State Demographer's Office.

In Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) there were nearly 35,000 cases filed in the Weld County Combined Courts. That number includes 22,912 cases filed in county court, 12,059 in district court and 246 water cases.

There are 18.5 judicial officers in the Nineteenth Judicial District that includes nine district court judges and four county court judges. In addition to the judges, there are 3.5 magistrates and two water referees.

The District Court judges handle domestic relations, felony criminal, juvenile, civil, mental health, Drug Court, and probate cases. In addition, Weld County is the seat of the Water Court for Water Division No. 1 which consists of all lands in the state of Colorado in the drainage basins of the South Platte River, Big Laramie River, Arikaree River, north and south forks of the Republican River, Smokey Hill River, Sandy and Frenchman Creeks, and streams tributary to these rivers and creeks. (This area includes 24 counties.)

The County Court judges are responsible for traffic and misdemeanor matters in addition to DUI Court, Family Treatment Court and civil matters that do not reach the jurisdictional dollar amount of the District Court. One county court judge handles a dedicated domestic violence docket while the three other judges handle traffic, misdemeanor and civil cases.

Presently, there are three full-time and one part-time magistrates who handle a combination of small claims, domestic relations (DR), juvenile delinquency (JD), dependency and neglect (D&N), child support, and truancy matters. Magistrates are judicial, non-elected officers who are responsible to the district's Chief Judge. In addition, there are two full-time water referees who also are non-elected judicial officers responsible to the Water Judge. The water referees handle water claims filed in Water Division No. 1 of the State of Colorado.

Courtroom Assignments, effective January 6, 2014

COURT	DIVISION	NAME	LOCATION	TYPES OF CASES HEARD
District Court	1	Hartmann	Court House	95% Water; 100% Probate; 16% County, Small Claims & Muni. Ct Appeals
<i>Magistrate</i>	2	Beard	Court House	100% Child Support & CSEU Paternity
District Court	3	Strobel	Court House	33% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency and Neglect; 50% DR, D & N, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate appeals; 33% Adoptions
District Court	4	Taylor	Court House	50% Civil; 5% water; 16% County, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; 100% Distraint Warrants; 100% Rule 120s; 50% Petitions to Seal Arrest and Criminal Records; 50% minor name changes
District Court	5	Hoskins	Court House	50% Civil; 100% Mental Health; 16% Small Claims and Muni Court Appeals; 50% Petitions to Seal arrest and criminal records; 50% minor name changes
County Court	6	Briggs	Court House	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
<i>Magistrate</i>	7	Koppenhofer	Court House	33% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency & Neglect; D & N Adoptions; 100% Non CSEU Paternity; 33% Adoptions
County Court	8	Meyer	Court House	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
District Court	9	Hause	Court House	33% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency & Neglect; 33% Adoptions; 50% D & N, DR, JV Custody & Child Support Appeals Magistrate Appeals
District Court	11	Kopcow	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 16% County Court and Small Claims Appeals
District Court	12	Kerns	Plaza West	22% Criminal & Extraditions; Drug Court; 16% County Court and Small Claims

				Appeals
<i>Magistrate</i>	14	Gonzalez	Plaza West	100% Juvenile Delinquency; 100% Truancy
District Court	15	Quammen	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 100% JD appeals; Jury Trails, Objections, conflicts & other JD cases transferred from Division 14; 16% County Court and Small Claims Appeals
District Court	16	Lyons	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 16% County Court and Small Claims Appeals
County Court	17	Nichols	Plaza West	Dedicated DV Court; 25% Civil; 100% DV TPO/PPOs; 100% DV Misdemeanors, DUI Court
County Court	A	County Judges	Centennial	First Appearance Center, three County Court Judges rotate in this division one week every three weeks
County Court	B	Unfug	Centennial	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
<i>Magistrate</i>	C	Lococo	Centennial	100% County Court FED first appearance; 100% County Court FED trials; First Appearance Center, final hearings on traffic infractions; 100% First Appearance on Civil Complaints; 100% Civil Contempt; 100% Small Claims; 100% County Ordinance Violations; Family Treatment Court

- DV – Domestic Violence; FED - Forcible Entry and Detainer; JV – Juvenile Non-Criminal; JD – Juvenile Delinquency; PPO - Permanent Protection Orders; TPO - Temporary Protection Orders.

In addition to judges and magistrates, there are 172 fulltime equivalent positions designated as support personnel. These positions include court judicial assistants, court clerks, court reporters, interpreters, collections investigators, probation officers and support staff. There are 94.75 FTE assigned to the courts, 68.75 FTE in probation, 5.5 collections staff and 3 interpreters.

For further information about the courts, please contact Karen Salaz, District Administrator, Weld County Courthouse, 901 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 2038, Greeley, CO 80632. The telephone number is (970) 475-2500. Most court proceedings are open to the public. If you are planning to visit the courts, please contact Ms. Salaz for more specific information concerning dates and times of court proceedings. For information regarding probation, please contact Jerry Green, Chief Probation Officer, 934 9th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631. The telephone number is (970) 475-2810.

DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS DISTRICT JUDGE	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM
JAMES F. HARTMANN		2/21/2003	1/2019
TODD TAYLOR		8/23/2010	1/2019
ELIZABETH STROBEL		7/1/2009	1/2019
TROY HAUSE		1/3/2014	1/2017
MARCELO KOPCOW	1/2/2004	7/1/2005	1/2015
JULIE HOSKINS	8/25/2005	7/13/2007	1/2017
THOMAS QUAMMEN		7/1/2008	1/2017
SHANNON LYONS		10/14/2013	1/2017
TIMOTHY KERNS	10/9/2007	1/3/2011	1/2015

COUNTY COURT

JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY JUDGE	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM
CHARLES UNFUG	2/28/2003	1/2015
DANA NICHOLS	9/7/2007	1/2015
MICHELE MEYER	9/19/2007	1/2015
JOHN BRIGGS	1/21/2011	1/2015

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Nineteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission

(Weld County)
Revised: October, 2013

Name	Party	Atty. or Non-Atty	Term of Office		County of Residence
			Beginning	Ending	
Rhonda Solis	D	Non-Atty	01/11/10	12/31/15	Weld
Amy Antommara	D	Attorney	01/01/08	12/31/13	Weld
Lynn Karowsky	D	Attorney	01/01/12	12/31/17	Weld
Judy Knapp	U	Non-Atty	09/11/12	12/31/17	Weld
Richard Bond	U	Non-Atty	01/11/10	12/31/15	Weld
Alberto Dominguez	R	Attorney		12/31/18	Weld
Sylvia Martinez	D	Non-Atty	09/20/13	12/31/18	Weld

Rules of Procedure for Nineteenth Judicial District Nominating Commission

Adopted: July 14, 1978

These rules are adopted by The Judicial Nominating Commission for the Nineteenth Judicial District of the State of Colorado to supplement the provisions of Article VI, Sections 20 and 24 of the Constitution of Colorado.

I. Public Notice of Vacancies.

The Chairman, when a vacancy exists, shall forthwith issue a press release to all daily and weekly newspapers within the district or county, as may be appropriate, the Associated Press and United Press International, announcing the existence of the vacancy, that applications may be obtained from and filed by a certain date with the Chairman, and that the applications will be accorded confidentiality.

II. Processing Applications.

The Chairman shall process all applications and shall, prior to interview sessions, furnish each Commission member with a file containing a copy of each application and copies of all letters received from references and opposing counsel in cases listed by the applicant.

III. Quorum.

A quorum of the Commission shall be four voting members. However, official action of the Commission shall be determined only by a majority of all the voting members of the Commission.

IV. Confidentiality.

In order to encourage as many qualified persons as possible to apply for judicial positions, all Commission records, proceedings and business, including the names of applicants, shall be confidential and shall not be discussed outside the Commission meetings, except to the extent necessary to conduct investigations of applicants. All communications, within or without the Commission, shall be marked "Confidential" and persons contacted by letter or orally shall be requested to treat the inquiry as confidential. The names of nominees forwarded to the Governor shall be released publicly immediately after such names shall have been received by the Governor.

Revised: 11/25/92