## THE STATE OF WYOMING

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JASON M. CONDER DISTRICT JUDGE



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April 3, 2020

Re: Supplement to letters dated March 17 & 27, 2020

Dear Fremont County Bar Association Members & Local Attorneys,

During these unprecedented times the District Court remains committed to being as flexible and responsive as possible to ensure that access to the court is afforded to all citizens and that the court is "as open" as possible. To help accomplish this, the court has and will continue to allow parties to file PDF pleadings via email sent to opposing counsel and the Clerk of District Court and the District Court (as previously identified).

However, the court <u>WILL NOT</u> accept a simple email message as a filing. Do <u>not</u> send the court email messages that contain information or requests that should appropriately be placed into a pleading. Any claim, demand, request, response or objection by any party, to any issue, in any matter before the court SHALL be made by formal pleading. In other words, anything that is or could be considered a request for a court order SHALL be made by formal pleading in accordance with the Rules of Civil and/or Criminal Procedure - with the recognition that these pleadings may be filed via email as a PDF attachment.

Additionally, in order to ensure that all hearings are conducted in an efficient and timely fashion all parties should notify the court and opposing counsel, through a formal pleading, of any known or highly anticipated "issues" that may prolong or otherwise complicate the hearing. For example, if it is a standard hearing such as an arraignment or initial appearance in a juvenile matter, and a party is aware that there will be a guilty plea, an admission, or the need to present testimony, please file a notice indicating the existence of these potential issues. This will allow the court to appropriately schedule and allocate time for each individual hearing.

Again, please be safe. Take care of yourself and your families and thank you all for working together during this time.