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Re: Response to Coronavirus Pandemic – Circuit Court (Update #4) (Bench Trials)

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In the face of the on-going pandemic, we continue to adjust as developments occur and as guidance is provided by the Wyoming Supreme Court. As you may know, we were the first circuit court in the state to gain approval for a jury trial to be conducted under COVID Operating Plan procedures, and Judge Bartlett presided last week. Using the COVID jury trial procedures as a baseline and having sought and obtained guidance from Campbell County Public Health Officer, we have developed procedures which when followed will enable us to conduct bench trials – civil and criminal – in person.

Attached, please see the guidelines for the conduct of bench trials. These guidelines – with the obvious exception of timelines for the marking and exchange of exhibits in the short-term – are effective immediately. Note: The guidance herein is specifically limited to bench trials. Guidance contained in prior updates remains in effect.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is the operating guidance for bench trials. We appreciate your cooperation in this, and – as always – we welcome your comments, thoughts and ideas. General questions regarding bench trials should be addressed to Judge Phillips. Questions regarding a specific trial should be addressed to the judge presiding.

Yours Very Truly,


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