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United States District Judge Dana L. Christensen



A formal Investiture of the Honorable Dana Christensen as United States District Judge for the District of Montana was held at the Russell Smith Courthouse on January 18th. Ninth Circuit Judge Sidney Thomas presided at the ceremony, and speakers included U.S. District Judges Donald Molloy and Sam Haddon as well as United States Senator Max Baucus.

Joining Judge Christensen at the Investiture were members of his family, his former law firm, local and state dignitaries, and many friends. His wife Steph held the family Bible as Judge Thomas administered the oath of office, and his children Ben and Cassidy assisted him in the formal robing as a Judge.

Judge Christensen is the 17th District Judge to serve the Montana District in its 122 year history. His duty station will be Missoula, but he will have judicial responsibilities that extend across the District. Judge Christensen was nominated by President Obama last May and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate in early December.

Updated Administrative Procedures Manual

The Administrative Procedures Manual was updated on January 2012. The Manual, which supplements the new Local Rules, is a handy guide for filing in the District of Montana. You can find the Administrative Procedures Manual on the District's website www.mtd.uscourts.gov/efiling.html.

What's New in CM/ECF

- **NATURE OF SUIT CHANGES:** The Judicial Statistics Subcommittee recently approved the creation of seven new nature of suit codes. The subcommittee also approved the elimination of 13 existing nature of suit codes that are either obsolete or are rarely used. Please see our website <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/pdf/Nature%20of%20Suit.pdf> for further details.
- **NEW CIVIL COVER SHEET:** A revised civil cover sheet that incorporates the nature of suit changes mentioned above is now available. Please use this new civil cover sheet (revision date of 9/11) for all future filings. The new form can be found on the District's website <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/pdf/JS044.pdf>.
- **FILLABLE PDF FORMS:** When using a fillable PDF form, be sure to PRINT THE DOCUMENT TO PDF, rather than saving the file, before e-filing the document. This ensures that the document cannot be edited when downloaded.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE: CM/ECF E-Mail Address Updates****

The Administrative Procedures Manual for Filing in the District of Montana requires that CM/ECF users maintain all e-mail addresses associated with their account. An Electronic Learning Module outlining instructions for maintaining your CM/ECF account and the Administrative Procedures Manual are available on the District's website www.mtd.uscourts.gov/efiling.html. In addition to keeping e-mail addresses up to date, please be sure that the uscourts.gov domain is not flagged as spam on your e-mail

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