



DISTRICT OF MONTANA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Standing Orders

For decades, the Standing Orders of this Court have been kept in hard copy files, with no way to tell which of the hundreds of Orders entered over the years remain effective and which do not. That has changed! On February 24, 2011, Chief Judge Cebull entered an Order Clarifying the Status of Standing and General Orders. At this time, there are 24 Standing Orders in effect in the District of Montana, covering topics of interest to attorneys, litigants and the Court. All current standing orders are now available on the [District of Montana website](#), and you are encouraged to read and familiarize yourself with them.

Consent to U.S. Magistrate Judge

REMINDER:

Do not e-file your completed Consent to Exercise of Jurisdiction by a United States Magistrate Judge form. Instead, return it conventionally to the Clerk's Office via snail mail. The Clerk will hold your form separately under seal. If all parties consent, the Clerk will e-file the forms in the record of the case. If one or more parties object, the forms will never be e-filed. See [L.R. 73.2](#) and § 7.1 of the [Administrative Procedures Manual](#).

Clerk of Court Divisional Offices

Billings: 247-7000
Butte: 782-0432
Great Falls: 727-1922
Helena: 441-1355
Missoula: 542-7260

District of Montana
Website:

www.mtd.uscourts.gov

Questions about filing
electronically?

CM/ECF Electronic
Learning Modules
(ELMs) are available
at:

<http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/cmecf.htm>

Federal Court Calendar

The public court calendar is available without a login at:

<https://ecf.mtd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/PublicCalendar.pl>

Sealed information is not displayed on the calendar.

Hearings can be displayed by Judge, Date Range, Location and Hearing Type.

Additional options are: Show Docket Text, Display Case Parties and Suppress Civil Hearings.

Display Options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show Docket Text
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Display Parties
	<input type="checkbox"/> Suppress Civil Hearings

Hearings	
Judge	All Judges
Date	11/05/2010 - 12/01/2010
	Start Date << >> End Date
Office	All Offices
	Billings
	Butte
	Great Falls
	Helena
	Press <Ctrl>-key to select multiple offices.
Calendar Events	All Hearings
	Allocution Hearing
	Arbitration Hearing
	Argument on Bankruptcy Appeal
	Arraignment
	Press <Ctrl>-key to select multiple events.

New PDF/A Docketing Standard

A docketing standard requiring PDF/A formatting will be implemented for filing PDF case documents with the Federal Courts. Although PDF/A is not currently required, it is suggested that all interested parties begin using the PDF/A format when filing documents through CM/ECF.

PDF/A is an Archival file format which preserves the visual appearance of a document over time, independent of the tools and systems used to create or store the file. PDF/A files are self-contained. All of the information (fonts, characters, etc.) required to display a document the same way every time is embedded in the document. This ensures the document can be reproduced far into the future.

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