



DISTRICT OF MONTANA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Carolyn S. Ostby

U.S. Magistrate Judge Carolyn S. Ostby announced her resignation effective December 1, 2016. Judge Ostby has served as a U.S. magistrate judge since February, 2002.

Chief Judge Ralph B. Kirscher

Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Ralph B. Kirscher announced his retirement effective January 31, 2017. Judge Kirscher has served as bankruptcy judge since November, 1999. In addition, Judge Kirscher has served on the 9th Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel since 2010.

The full announcement may be found at

www.mtd.uscourts.gov

NEW LOCAL RULES

Amendments to the Local Rules of Procedure for the United States District Court for the District of Montana took effect on March 1, 2016. Please refer to the Court's Website at: <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/rulesorders.html>

JUDGESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Magistrate Judgeship – District of Montana Billings Division

Please refer to Court News & Announcements on the Court's website at: <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/index.htm>

Bankruptcy Judgeship – District of Montana Butte

Please refer to the Court's website at: <http://www.mtb.uscourts.gov/news/bankruptcy-judgeship-opportunity>

NEW WEB SITES

Check out the new bankruptcy web page at: www.mtb.uscourts.gov. We invite your feedback and suggestions as to possible improvements.

We will be releasing a new web page for the district court before month's end. Again, please share your thoughts!

COURTSPEAK

Beginning April, 2016, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana will make digital audio files of court hearings available to the public over the internet through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. Audio files of all court proceedings, unless otherwise specified by the court, will be uploaded to the Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system.

The .mp3 audio recording of CourtSpeak via Pacer is a copy of a court proceeding and is provided as a convenience to the public. It is NOT the official record.

NINTH CIRCUIT CIVICS CONTEST

The Ninth Circuit is sponsoring a civics contest for high school students. The theme of the contest is the fifty year anniversary of the Miranda Decision. High school students are encouraged to submit an essay or a video to express their thoughts and opinions on this landmark decision. Entries are submitted via the Ninth Circuit website. The deadline to submit an entry is April 15th. There are cash prizes available at the district and circuit levels.

Please refer to the Ninth Circuit website for more information: <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest/>

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Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office

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