



# DISTRICT OF MONTANA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## Personnel Changes—District Court

We are pleased to announce that Shannon Sanderson has accepted the position of Deputy in Charge for the Butte and Helena divisions. Shannon will also be the Deputy in Charge of the bankruptcy court staff. Shannon will be stationed in Butte, and will begin her new duties on July 25, 2016.

Kelsey Hanly, presently Administrative Assistant to the Clerk, will join the district court's operations team on July 25, 2016. Kelsey will be a welcome addition to Judge Lynch's courtroom squad.

## New District Court Web Site

The district court launched its new and improved website on Tuesday, June 26, 2016. Please check out the new site and let us know what you think!

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

## PHV Counsel and Local Attorneys

As a reminder, L.R. 83.1(d)(3) was amended March 1, 2016, to include paragraph J, which requires that PHV applicants comply with Montana Rule of Professional Conduct 8.5.

## Montana Judicial Institute

This year, 27 high school government teachers from across the state came to Missoula for the seventh Montana Judicial Institute. The court put on a three-day instructional course for the teachers with presentations from Judges Christianson, Lynch, Molloy and Morris as well as local attorneys and law school professors. The institute was founded in 2008 by Judge Donald Molloy as a way to give teachers an inside look into the legal system.

## Civil Pro Bono Opportunities

Pursuant to L.R. 83.6, members of the bar of this court who are willing to make a pro bono contribution to the District of Montana, may do so by writing a letter to the Chief Judge setting forth the requirements in the rule. Upon receipt, the attorney's name will be added to the Pro Bono Panel.

## Coming Soon

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Montana will soon be implementing electronic noticing to debtors who wish to enroll. The DeBN (Debtor Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing) provides the following advantages:

- Faster Service
- Convenience
- No more lost paperwork
- It's FREE!

## Courtroom Technology Changes

New podiums were installed in the Missouri River courthouse in Great Falls this spring in both the District and Magistrate courtrooms. The new podiums have a low profile, large writing surface, and are very user friendly. The touch screen evidence monitor is now located in a convenient slide out drawer which allows counsel full use of the writing surface.

The District courtroom in the Paul G. Hatfield courthouse in Helena will be getting a technology facelift. The courtroom upgrade will replace the existing monitors, microphones, speakers, and the electronic control system. This upgrade will be similar to the courtrooms in Butte and Missoula which were upgraded over the last 2 years

### District Court Clerk's Offices

Billings: 247-7000 Great Falls: 727-1922  
Butte: 497-1279 Helena: 441-1355  
Missoula: 542-7260



### Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office

Butte: 497-1240