

Nineteenth District Overview

The Nineteenth Judicial District includes all of Weld County, the third largest county in the State of Colorado. The District covers an area of 4,400 square miles. There are 31 incorporated towns in Weld County that are served by 23 chiefs of police in addition to the Weld County sheriff.

The county seat and principal city, Greeley, contains almost half the county's population. Generally, most of the remaining population resides within a 20- to 30-mile radius of Greeley according to county officials. It serves a population of 238,000 as estimated by the State Demographer's Office.

In Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012) there were nearly 40,000 cases filed in the Weld County Combined Courts. That number includes 25,347 cases filed in county court, 14,325 in district court and 360 water cases.

There are 17.5 judicial officers in the Nineteenth Judicial District that includes nine district court judges and four county court judges. In addition to the judges, there are 3.5 magistrates and one water referee.

The District Court judges handle domestic relations, felony criminal, juvenile, civil, mental health and probate cases. In addition, Weld County is the seat of the Water Court for Water Division No. 1 which consists of all lands and in the state of Colorado in the drainage basins of the South Platte River, Bit Laramie River, Arikaree River, north and south forks of the Republican River, Smokey Hill River, Sandy and Frenchman Creeks, and streams tributary to these rivers and creeks. (This area includes 24 counties.)

The County Court judges are responsible for traffic and misdemeanor matters in addition to civil matters that do not reach the jurisdictional dollar amount of the District Court. One county court judge handles a dedicated domestic violence docket while the three other judges handle traffic, misdemeanor and civil cases.

Presently, there are three full-time and one part-time magistrates who handle a combination of small claims, domestic relations (DR), juvenile delinquency (JD), dependency and neglect (D&N), child support, and truancy matters. Magistrates are judicial, non-elected officers who are responsible to the district's Chief Judge. In addition, there is one full-time water referee who also is a judicial, non-elected officer responsible to the Water Judge. The water referee handles water claims filed in Water Division No. 1 of the State of Colorado.

Courtroom Assignments, effective January 28, 2013

COURT	DIVISION	NAME	LOCATION	TYPES OF CASES HEARD
District Court	1	Hartmann	Court House	90% Water; 100% Probate; 25% County, Small Claims & Muni. Ct Appeals;
District Court	3	Strobel	Court House	30% Civil; 10% Domestic Relations; 25% County, Small Claims & Muni Ct Appeals; 100% Truancy, 50% DR, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate appeals; 100% Minor Name Changes
District Court	4	Maus	Court House	40% Civil; 25% County, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; 100% Dstraint Warrants; 100% Rule 120s; 50% Petitions to Seal Arrest and Criminal Records
District Court	5	Tuttle	Court House	30% Civil; 10% Water; 100% Mental Health; 25% Small Claims and Muni Court Appeals; 50% Petitions to Seal arrest and criminal records: D & N trials and Domestic Relations hearings as needed
County Court	6	Briggs	Court House	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
County Court	7	Koppes Conway	Court House	50% Domestic Relations; 50% Dependency & Neglect; D & N Adoptions; 100% Non CSEU Paternity
County Court	8	Meyer	Court House	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
District Court	9	Kopcow	Court House	40% Domestic Relations; 50% Dependency & Neglect; All Adoptions, except Div 7 D&N Adoptions; 100% D & N Magistrate Appeals; 50% DR, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate Appeals
District Court	11	Hoskins	Plaza West	22% Criminal & Extraditions and Drug Court
District Court	12	Kerns	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions
<i>Magistrate</i>	14	Gonzalez	Plaza West	100% Juvenile Delinquency, less JD cases transferred to Div. 4;)

District Court	15	Quammen	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 100% JD appeals; Jury Trails, Objections, conflicts & other JD cases transferred from Division 14
District Court	16	Taylor	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions;
County Court	17	Unfug	Plaza West	Dedicated DV Court; 100% FED Trials; 25% Civil; 100% DV TPO/PPOs; 100% DV Misdemeanors
County Court	A	County Judges	Centennial	First Appearance Center, three County Court Judges rotate in this division one week every three weeks
County Court	B	Nichols	Centennial	33.3% Non-DV TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 33.3% Non-DV Misdemeanors; 33.3% Misdemeanor Traffic
<i>Magistrate</i>	C	Lococo	Centennial	100% County Court – FEDs, First Appearance Center, final hearings on traffic infractions, 20% civil, 100% civil contempt
<i>Magistrate</i>	D	Koppenhofer	Centennial	100% Child Support & CSEU Paternity, County Ordinance Violations

- DV – Domestic Violence; FED - Forcible Entry and Detainer; JV – Juvenile Non-Criminal; PPO - Permanent Protection Orders; TPO - Temporary Protection Orders.

In addition to judges and magistrates, there are 165.95 fulltime equivalent positions designated as support personnel. These positions include court judicial assistants, court clerks, court reporters, interpreters, collections investigators, probation officers and support staff. There are 98.75 FTE assigned to the courts and 68.75 FTE in probation.

For further information about the courts, please contact Karen Salaz, District Administrator, Weld County Courthouse, 901 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 2038, Greeley, CO 80632. The telephone number is (970) 475-2500. Most court proceedings are open to the public. If you are planning to visit the courts, please contact Ms. Salaz for more specific information concerning dates and times of court proceedings. For information regarding probation, please contact Jerry Green, Chief Probation Officer, 934 9th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631. The telephone number is (970) 475-2810..

DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS DISTRICT JUDGE	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM
JAMES F. HARTMANN		2/21/2003	1/2019
TODD TAYLOR		8/23/2010	1/2019
ELIZABETH STROBEL		7/1/2009	1/2019
DANIEL MAUS		10/1/2002	1/2017
MARCELO KOPCOW	1/2/2004	7/1/2005	1/2015
JULIE HOSKINS	8/25/2005	7/13/2007	1/2017
THOMAS QUAMMEN		7/1/2008	1/2017
DINSMORE TUTTLE		1/16/2009	1/2019
TIMOTHY KERNS	10/9/2007	1/3/2011	1/2015

COUNTY COURT

JUDGE	DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY JUDGE	EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM
CHARLES UNFUG	2/28/2003	1/2015
DANA NICHOLS	9/7/2007	1/2015
MICHELE MEYER	9/19/2007	1/2015
JOHN BRIGGS	1/21/2011	1/2015

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