

## **Wyoming Chancery Court: The What? When? Who? How? and Where?**

### **What is the Wyoming Chancery Court?**

A new court that will resolve primarily business cases on an expedited schedule without jury trials. Section 5-13-115(b) lists the types of matters under the Chancery Court's jurisdiction.

### **When will the Chancery Court be ready for business?**

The Chancery Court goes live December 1, 2021.

### **Who will hear Chancery Court cases?**

A three-judge panel of Wyoming district court judges experienced in business litigation—Judges Fenn, Sharpe, and Lavery—will handle Chancery Court cases until a full-time Chancery Court judge is appointed by March 2023.

### **How will filings occur?**

In a first for a Wyoming state trial court, the Chancery Court will use an electronic filing system with remote public access. Training, information, and resources regarding the electronic filing system are forthcoming.

### **What are the rules?**

The Wyoming Supreme Court adopted a revised version of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure to accommodate the Chancery Court's expedited docket and non-jury trials. Other local rules and e-filing standards are under development.

### **Where will the Chancery Court be located?**

The Chancery Court has statewide jurisdiction. Much of its work will be conducted remotely, but not all. A courtroom and chamber are under construction in the Casper State office building, scheduled for completion in 2021. That space will likely not be fully utilized until a full-time judge is installed.