

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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The Twenty-Second Judicial District encompasses Montezuma and Dolores counties and serves a population of 30,000 and 1,500 respectively. The largest city in the district is Cortez. The district also serves the towns of Dove Creek, Mancos, Dolores, Rico, Cahone, Lewis Arriola, Pleasant View and Yellow Jacket.

According to the Colorado Judicial Branch Statistical Report for July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, the following are totals for the Twenty-Second Judicial District:

District Court Filings	1,326	District Court Terminations	1,362
County Court Filings	3,714	County Court Terminations	3,454

District Court filings increased by 14% and County Court filings decreased (0.06%) over the 2010 filings.

There are currently two district court judges, two county court judges, and one part-time magistrate judge.

The district court judges handle a mixed caseload of domestic relations, felony criminal matters, juvenile delinquent cases, all types of civil cases, probate, adoption and relinquishment cases, mental health and alcohol abuse commitments and dependency and neglect cases.

The county court judges handle traffic and misdemeanor cases, felony preliminary hearings, domestic abuse restraining orders and civil matters within their jurisdiction. The County Court Judge in Montezuma County is full-time and the Dolores County Court Judge is part-time.

The magistrate handles juvenile matters and miscellaneous county court cases.

The Twenty-Second also operates four specialty courts. The District operates an Adult Drug Court, Juvenile Drug Court and a Family Treatment Program. Montezuma County Court operates a DUI court.

In addition to the judges and magistrates, there are approximately 17 support staff positions. These positions include Clerk of Courts, court judicial assistants, staff assistant, family court facilitator, division clerks, and a legal research attorney.

The District Court Judges are: Chief District Court Judge Douglas S. Walker and Todd J. Plewe. The County Judges are Jennilyn Everett Lawrence (Montezuma) and E. Dale Boyd (Dolores).

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