



Nineteenth District Overview

January 2020

The Nineteenth Judicial District includes all of Weld County, the third largest county in the State of Colorado. The District covers an area of 3,996 square miles. There are 32 incorporated towns in Weld County that are served by 27 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 30-mile radius of Greeley according to county officials. It serves a population of 304,435 as estimated by the State Demographer's Office.

In Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) there were 38,559 cases filed in the Weld County Combined Courts. That number includes 25,935 cases filed in county court, 12,624 in district court including 319 Water cases.

There are 21 judicial officers in the Nineteenth Judicial District, which includes 11 district court judges, four county court judges, three full-time magistrates, one .60 FTE magistrate, one .33 FTE magistrate, and one water referee.

The district court judges handle domestic relations, felony criminal, juvenile, civil, mental health, Adult Treatment Court, DUI Court, Family Treatment Court and probate cases. In addition, Weld County is the seat of the Water Court for Water Division No. 1 which consists of all lands 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, and civil matters that do not reach the jurisdictional dollar amount of the district court. The four county court judges handle an equal share of the domestic violence, traffic, protection orders, misdemeanor and civil cases.

The magistrates presently handle a combination of small claims, domestic relations, juvenile delinquency, first appearances in county court, bond hearings, child support, and truancy matters. Magistrates are non-elected judicial officers who are responsible to the district's Chief Judge. In addition, there is one full-time water referee who is a non-elected judicial officer responsible to the Water Judge. The water referee handles water claims filed in Water Division No. 1 of the State of Colorado.

In addition to judges and magistrates, there are 171 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 94.50 FTE assigned to the courts, 76.5 FTE in probation.

For further information about the courts, please contact Marci Hoffman, Court Executive, 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. Hoffman 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.

Assignments, updated Jan. 2020

| COURT | DIVISION | NAME | LOCATION | TYPES OF CASES HEARD |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| District Court | 1 | Hartmann | Court House | 100% Water; 100% Probate; |
| <i>Magistrate</i> | 2 | Kundelius | Court House | 40% Domestic Relations; 100% Non CSEU Paternity; 25% Adoptions |
| District Court | 3 | Saleebey | Court House | 10% Domestic Relations; 50% Dependency and Neglect; 33% DR, D&N, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate appeals; 25% Adoptions |
| District Court | 4 | Taylor | Court House | 50% Civil; 14% County, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; 100% Dstraint Warrants; 100% Rule 120s; 50% Petitions to Seal Arrest and Criminal Records; 50% minor name changes; |
| District Court | 5 | Lyons | Court House | 50% Civil; 14% Small Claims and Muni Court Appeals; 50% Petitions to Seal arrest and criminal records; 50% minor name changes; |
| County Court | 6 | Briggs | Court House | 20% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 5% FED trials |
| <i>Magistrate</i> | 7 | Dodd (.33 FTE) | Court House | 100% Child Support & CSEU Paternity |
| County Court | 8 | Meyer | Court House | 20% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 5% FED trials |
| County Court | 9 | Nichols | Court House | 20% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 5% FED trials |
| District Court | 10 | Schutt | Court House | 40% Domestic Relations, 25% Adoptions; 33% DR, D&N, JV Custody and Child Support Magistrate appeals |
| District Court | 11 | Kerns | Plaza West | 20.5% Criminal & Extraditions; 14% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; Adult Treatment Court |
| District Court | 12 | Hoskins | Plaza West | 18% Criminal & Extraditions; DUI Court; 100% Mental Health; 14% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals |
| County Court | 13 | Unfug | Plaza West | 20% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 5% FED first appearance and trials |
| <i>Magistrate</i> | 14 | Galloway | Plaza West | 100% Juvenile Delinquency; 100% Truancy Court |
| District Court | 15 | Quammen | Plaza West | 20.5% Criminal & Extraditions; 100% JD appeals; Jury Trials, Objections, conflicts & other JD cases transferred from Division 14; 14% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals |
| District Court | 16 | Kopcow | Plaza West | 20.5% Criminal & Extraditions; 14% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals |
| District Court | 17 | Vigil | Plaza West | 20.5% Criminal & Extraditions; 14% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; |
| District Court | B | Hause | Centennial | 10% Domestic Relations; 50% Dependency & Neglect; 25% Adoptions; 33% D&N, DR, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate Appeals |
| County Court | A | Crowther (.60 FTE) | Centennial | First Appearance Center, Bond Hearing and TPO coverage assistance (Wednesdays and Thursdays) |
| <i>Magistrate</i> | C | Lococo | Centennial | 100% County Court FED first appearance; 80% County Court FED trials; 100% final hearings on traffic infractions; 100% First Appearance on Civil (money) Complaints; 20% TPO/PPOs; 100% Civil Contempt; 100% Small Claims; 100% County Ordinance Violations; Family Treatment Court |
| <i>Water Referee</i> | H | Cowan | Court House | Water Referee cases |

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

District Court

| <u>JUDGE</u> | <u>DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY COURT JUDGE</u> | <u>DATE SWORN IN AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE</u> | <u>EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM</u> |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| JAMES F. HARTMANN | | 2/21/2003 | 1/2025 |
| TODD TAYLOR | | 8/23/2010 | 1/2025 |
| JULIE HOSKINS | 8/25/2005 | 7/20/2007 | 1/2023 |
| TROY HAUSE | | 1/3/2014 | 1/2023 |
| THOMAS QUAMMEN | | 7/1/2008 | 1/2023 |
| SHANNON LYONS | | 10/14/2013 | 1/2023 |
| VINCENTE VIGIL | | 8/1/2019 | 1/2023 <i>(provisional term)</i> |
| MEGHAN SALEEBEY | | 9/23/2019 | 1/2023 <i>(provisional term)</i> |
| KIMBERLY SCHUTT | | 12/27/2019 | 1/2023 <i>(provisional term)</i> |
| MARCELO KOPCOW | 1/2/2004 | 7/1/2005 | 1/2021 |
| TIMOTHY KERNS | 10/9/2007 | 1/3/2011 | 1/2021 |

County Court

| <u>JUDGE</u> | <u>DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY COURT JUDGE</u> | <u>EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| CHARLES UNFUG | 2/28/2003 | 1/2023 |
| DANA NICHOLS | 9/7/2007 | 1/2023 |
| MICHELE MEYER | 9/19/2007 | 1/2023 |
| JOHN BRIGGS | 1/21/2011 | 1/2023 |