

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 30-mile radius of Greeley according to county officials. It serves a population of 294,392 as estimated by the State Demographer's Office.

In Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017) there were 35,442 cases filed in the Weld County Combined Courts. That number includes 24,126 cases filed in county court, 11,316 in district court including 263 Water cases for a combined district case decrease of two percent in FY 2017, primarily due to a reduction in number of foreclosures and destraint warrant filings.

There are eighteen judicial officers in the Nineteenth Judicial District, which includes nine district court judges, four county court judges, three full-time magistrates, 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, dependency and neglect, 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 159.75 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 78.25 FTE assigned to the courts, 74.5 FTE in probation, five collections staff and three interpreters.

For further information about the courts, please contact Marci Hoffman, 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. 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 Feb. 2018

COURT	DIVISION	NAME	LOCATION	TYPES OF CASES HEARD
District Court	1	Hartmann	Court House	100% Water; 100% Probate;
<i>Magistrate</i>	2	Dodd (.33 FTE)	Court House	100% Child Support & CSEU Paternity
District Court	3	Strobel	Court House	25% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency and Neglect; 50% DR, D & N, JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate appeals; 33% Adoptions
District Court	4	Taylor	Court House	50% Civil; 16% County, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; 100% Distraint Warrants; 100% Rule 120s; 50% Petitions to Seal Arrest and Criminal Records; 50% minor name changes; 12.5% Domestic Relations;
District Court	5	Kopcow	Court House	50% Civil; 16% Small Claims and Muni Court Appeals; 50% Petitions to Seal arrest and criminal records; 50% minor name changes; 12.5% Domestic Relations;
County Court	6	Briggs	Court House	25% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 10% FED first appearance and trials
<i>Magistrate</i>	7	Kamada	Court House	25% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency & Neglect; 100% Non CSEU Paternity; 33% Adoptions
County Court	8	Meyer	Court House	25% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 10% FED first appearance and trials
District Court	9	Hause	Court House	25% Domestic Relations; 33% Dependency & Neglect; 33% Adoptions; 50% D&N, DR, JV Custody & Child Support Appeals; Magistrate Appeals
District Court	11	Kerns	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 16% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; Adult Treatment Court
District Court	12	Hoskins	Plaza West	22% Criminal & Extraditions; DUI Court; 100% Mental Health; 16% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals
<i>Magistrate</i>	14	Lococo	Plaza West	100% Juvenile Delinquency; Family Treatment Court
District Court	15	Quammen	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 100% JD appeals; Jury Trials, Objections, conflicts & other JD cases transferred from Division 14; 16% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals
District Court	16	Lyons	Plaza West	26% Criminal & Extraditions; 16% County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals
County Court	B	Nichols	Centennial	25% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 10% FED first appearance and trials
County Court	A	County Judges	Centennial	First Appearance Center, four county court Judges rotate in this division one week every four weeks
County Court	17	Unfug	Plaza West	25% TPO/PPOs; 20% Civil; 25% Misdemeanor and Traffic; 10% FED first appearance and trials
<i>Magistrate</i>	C	Gonzales	Centennial	60% County Court FED first appearance; 60% County Court FED trials; final hearings on traffic infractions; 100% First Appearance on Civil Complaints; 100% Civil Contempt; 100% Small Claims; 100% County Ordinance Violations; 100% Truancy Court; 10% Domestic Relations
<i>Magistrate</i>	D	Cowan	Centennial	Bond Hearings and TPO coverage assistance (<i>Wednesdays only</i>)

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	1/2019
TODD TAYLOR		8/23/2010	1/2019
ELIZABETH STROBEL		7/1/2009	1/2019
MARCELO KOPCOW	1/2/2004	7/1/2005	1/2021
TIMOTHY KERNS	10/9/2007	1/3/2011	1/2021
TROY HAUSE		1/3/2014	1/2024
THOMAS QUAMMEN		7/1/2008	1/2024
SHANNON LYONS		10/14/2013	1/2024

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	1/2019
DANA NICHOLS	9/7/2007	1/2019
MICHELE MEYER	9/19/2007	1/2019
JOHN BRIGGS	1/21/2011	1/2019