



# DISTRICT OF MONTANA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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## Personnel Changes—Bankruptcy Court

The District of Montana is pleased to welcome Chief Bankruptcy Judge Benjamin P. Hursh.



**EDUCATION:** Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, B.A., 1999; University of Montana School of Law, Missoula, MT, J.D., 2003

**CAREER RECORD:** Associate, Cederberg Law Offices, P.C., Missoula, MT, 2003 -2008; Associate, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Missoula, MT, 2008 - 2010; Partner, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Missoula, MT, 2011-2016

**MEMBERSHIPS:** American Bar Association; State Bars of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming; American Bankruptcy Institute

Judge Hursh resides in Butte, Montana with his wife Kelly and his two children, Grant and Greta.

## Personnel Changes—District Court



Becky Sabo has joined the district court as an official court reporter in Billings. Becky began her career as a freelance court reporter in Billings where she reported for 17 years. In the year 2000, Becky began working for the 22nd Judicial District of Montana where she reported for one year. In 2001, Becky moved to the 13th Judicial District, and most recently has been the primary reporter for Judge Gregory Todd. Becky is a Certified Realtime reporter who began her duties reporting for Hon. Susan B. Watters on March 31, 2017.

## Attention CJA Attorneys

In May of 2017, eVoucher will be upgraded to version 5.0. The upgrade will include an on-line help tool. Some of the on-line help features include: tips on resetting your password, changing your address and billing information, as well as instructions on creating CJA 20 and 21 vouchers. Additionally, the new version will include an “Audit Assist” button that will warn attorneys of possible errors prior to submitting their voucher. This upgrade will be automatic for registered eVoucher users.

## Retirements



After 30 years of service with the Court, Tina Brilz retired on March 31, 2017. In Tina’s tenure, she reported for Hon. Charles Lovell, Hon. Sam Haddon, Hon. Richard Cebull, and most recently, Hon. Susan Watters. Tina will continue to work as a contract court reporter. She looks forward to spending more time with her family in Helena.

## Depositing Funds with the Court

Procedures for depositing funds with the court have recently changed. Please see District Court changes at - <http://www.mtd.uscourts.gov/depositing-funds-court> Please see Bankruptcy Court changes at - <http://www.mtb.uscourts.gov/depositing-funds-court>

## Coming soon!! Next Generation of CM/ECF Central Sign-On

NextGen CM/ECF, is the latest iteration of the national case-management and electronic-filing system.

NextGen CM/ECF allows public filers to use a single user name and password to access both PACER information and file in CM/ECF. Filers must upgrade existing PACER accounts and use the upgraded accounts to log in to NextGen CM/ECF.

Each filer in a court that has adopted NextGen CM/ECF must have an individual, upgraded PACER account. A firmwide or shared account may still be used to perform case research in PACER, but cannot be used to file in NextGen CM/ECF. A filer who has been using a shared PACER account to file electronically must create a new, upgraded PACER account. CM/ECF filer accounts in other courts will continue to provide e-filing access to those courts.

## District Court Clerk’s Offices

Billings: 247-7000 Great Falls: 727-1922  
Butte: 497-1279 Helena: 441-1355  
Missoula: 542-7260



## Bankruptcy Court Clerk’s Office

Butte: 497-1240