

***IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING***

***April Term, A.D. 2025***

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***In the Matter of Adopting*** )  
***Rules and Regulations for*** )  
***Equal Justice Wyoming*** )

**ORDER ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EQUAL  
JUSTICE WYOMING**

**The Wyoming Judicial Council** has recommended that the Court repeal the existing Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming and replace them with the attached rules. The Court finds the proposed replacement rules should be adopted. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the previous Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming are hereby repealed, and the attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective October 6, 2025; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order and the attached rules be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <http://www.wyocourts.gov>, on the "Rule Amendments" page. The attached rules shall thereafter be recorded in the journal of this Court.

**DATED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/

**LYNNE BOOMGAARDEN**  
**Chief Justice**

## **Rules and Regulations for Equal Justice Wyoming**

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### **Preamble.**

These Rules are adopted by the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming pursuant to the Wyoming Constitution and the 2010 Wyoming Session Laws Chapter 109, §§ 1-4 (Wyoming Civil Legal Services Act), enacted during the 2010 Legislative Budget Session (Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 2-2-401, 5-2-121 through 5-2-122, 5-2-202, 5-2-205 through 5-2-206, 5-6-108, 5-6-204, 5-6-303, 5-9-135, 5-9-144, 6-10-102 through 6-10-103).

### **Rule 1. Name and Purpose.**

Operated under the Administrative Office of the Courts, Equal Justice Wyoming (EJW) exists to promote access to justice throughout the State of Wyoming in accordance with the directives of the Wyoming Civil Legal Services Act. EJW was created to fund a statewide program of civil legal services to the indigent from the indigent civil legal services account.

### **Rule 2. Eligibility.**

- (a) EJW will work to assist individuals in the following, non-exclusive, circumstances:
  - (1) Cases in which an indigent individual is a defendant in a lawsuit;
  - (2) Cases in which an indigent individual is seeking to enforce a court order;
  - (3) Cases involving domestic relations and family law; and
  - (4) Matters involving general legal advice to indigent individuals.
- (b) EJW shall not assist individuals in the following circumstances:
  - (1) Cases seeking tort damages;
  - (2) Criminal defense; and
  - (3) Cases against public agencies or political subdivisions seeking to change or overturn existing rules, regulations and policies. This prohibition shall not limit the program's ability to represent indigent individuals who are seeking benefits that may be owed them by public entities.
- (c) Civil legal services funded from the indigent civil legal services account shall be provided only for individuals whose total household income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level.

### **Rule 3. Coordination.**

- (a) EJW shall operate in coordination with other publicly or privately funded programs providing civil legal services to the indigent with a goal of developing an integrated system for the delivery of indigent civil legal services on a statewide basis.
- (b) EJW shall coordinate with the Wyoming State Bar and other entities on private attorney involvement, pro bono civil legal services and educational programs.

**Rule 4. Single point-of-entry.**

EJW shall establish a statewide single point of entry for funding for indigent civil legal services or establish other operations that allow for simplified and easily available access to such services.

**Rule 5. Grants.**

- (a) EJW may grant funds to existing eligible programs to assist in providing civil legal services and may be used to enhance the civil legal services that the existing programs are providing.
- (b) EJW, or alternatively, the Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation, may receive grants and donations.

**Rule 6. Standards.**

EJW shall establish uniform standards for the delivery of civil legal services and operate programmatic and fiscal management programs to ensure accountability for all funds.