

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2023

In the Matter of Amendments to)
Rule 908 of the Uniform)
Rules for District Courts of the)
State of Wyoming)

**ORDER AMENDING RULE 908 OF THE UNIFORM RULES FOR
DISTRICT COURTS OF THE STATE OF WYOMING**

The District Court Judges Conference has recommended the Court amend Rule 908 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts of the State of Wyoming. This Court finds the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to Rule 908 of the Uniform Rules for District Courts of the State of Wyoming, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective April 1, 2024; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the attached amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the attached amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch’s website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>, on the “Rule Amendments” page. The amendments shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

KATE M. FOX
Chief Justice

Uniform Rules for District Courts of the State of Wyoming

Rule 908. Rules for Court Reporters; Retention of Court Reporter Stenographic Notes; Certification and Continuing Education of Official Court Reporter; Equipment and Supplies; Payment of Fees.

I. Court Reporter Stenographic notes.

(a) All Official Court Reporters shall maintain or cause to be maintained a log of all electronic stenographic notes of any District Court proceeding that is reported by them. This log shall list the name of the case, date of the proceeding, and an assigned reference number. ~~If both paper notes and electronic notes are made at the time of the proceeding, then both shall be reflected on the log.~~

(1) All notes, ~~paper and/or electronic~~, as well as the log shall be maintained in the offices of the District Court, in a location known to the District Court Judge.

(2) All notes, ~~paper and/or electronic~~, shall be considered the property of the District Court.

II. Certification and continuing education of official court reporter.

(a) All persons performing the duties of Official Court Reporter shall be certified. The reporter may obtain Wyoming certification by:

(1) Passing the Registered Professional Reporter examination administered by the National Court Reporters Association; or

(2) Passing the United States Court Reporter Association examination; or

(3) Passing a certification test from any other certifying state in which the requirements for certification are equivalent to the Registered Professional Reporter examination; or

(4) Having certification from the National Verbatim Reporters Association; or

(5) Serving in the capacity as a full-time Official Court Reporter in a Wyoming District Court for a minimum of one year immediately prior to the adoption of this rule.

(b) Any noncertified reporter hired hereafter shall be given two (2) years from the date of hire in which to obtain certification per the requirements of (a)(1), (2), ~~or (3)~~, or (4) of this Rule.

(c) All Official Court Reporters shall be required hereafter to earn three (3) continuing education units during each consecutive three (3) year period as per the National Court Reporters Association. (The record of continuing education units are to be held by the Wyoming Supreme Court.)

III. Equipment and supplies.

(a) All Official Court Reporters shall provide the equipment necessary to report and create transcripts of District Court proceedings. This equipment may include, but need not be limited to, voice writing and stenographic writing machines, computers for transcription, and printers.

(b) All Official Court Reporters shall provide the software necessary for the production of transcripts.

(c) The State shall provide for the Official Court Reporter's use those other items necessary to report and create transcripts of District Court proceedings. These items may include, but need not be limited to, stenograph paper, printer paper and toner.
