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

APRIL TERM, A.D. 2012

In the Matter of the Adoption of ) Rule 3.1 of the Wyoming Rules ) of Civil Procedure )

# ORDER ADOPTING RULE 3.1 OF THE WYOMING RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

This matter came before the Court upon recommendation of the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration. The Court has determined that Rule 3.1 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure should be adopted. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that Rule 3.1 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure is hereby adopted as shown on the attachment hereto effective on November 1, 2012. It is further

**ORDERED** that this Order and the Rule be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; this Order and Rule be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this Order and Rule be made available online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <u>http://www.courts.state.wy.us</u>. The Rule shall thereafter be spread at length upon the journal of this Court.

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2012.

**BY THE COURT:** 

/s/

MARILYN S. KITE Chief Justice

# Rule 3.1 CIVIL COVER SHEET

(a) Civil Cover Sheet. Every complaint or other document initiating a civil action shall be accompanied by a completed civil cover sheet form available on the Court's website or from the Clerk of Court. This requirement is solely for administrative purposes and has no legal effect in the action. If the complaint or other document is filed without a completed civil cover sheet, the Clerk of Court shall at the time of filing give notice of the omission to the party filing the document. If, after notice of the omission the coversheet is not filed within 11 calendar days, the court may impose an appropriate sanction upon the attorney or party filing the complaint or other document.

# **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

This civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Wyoming Supreme Court, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM)

## I. CAPTION

Plaintiff Name and Current Address

v.

Docket # \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant.

#### II. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

GENERAL CIVIL			OTHER CIVIL
CONTRACT	DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE	PROBATE	<ul> <li>Appointment/Removal of a Fiduciary</li> </ul>
Business Organization Litigation	Divorce w/Minor Children	Ancillary Admin/Foreign Prob	Arbitration Award Confirmation
Com. Const. Contract Litigation	Divorce w/o Minor Children	Decree of Title Distribution	D Birth Certificate Amendment/Establishme
Contract Other (not Debt Collection)	Judicial Separation	Determination of Heirship	Debt Collection
	□ Annulment	<ul> <li>Letters of Administration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Declaratory Judgment</li> </ul>
		Estate Unspecified	Emancipation of Minor
TORT	DOMESTIC RELATIONS	Summary Probate	□ False or Frivolous Lien
PI or WD - Environmental or Toxic Tort	<ul> <li>Custody/Parental Visitation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Testate/Intestate Estate</li> </ul>	Foreign Judgment
PI or WD - Fed Employer Liability Act	<ul> <li>Grandparental Visitation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Will Only Filings</li> </ul>	Foreign Protection Order/Foreign Stalking Order
PI or WD - Medical Malpractice	D Paternity	Trust Matters	<ul> <li>Forfeiture of Property</li> </ul>
PI or WD - Product Liability	Child Support/Parental Contribution	<ul> <li>Guardianship</li> </ul>	Governmental Action Environmental Case
PI or WD - Vehicular	<ul> <li>Child Support w/ Paternity</li> </ul>	Conservatorship	Injunction
Personal Injury Unspecified	UIFSA w/Paternity	<ul> <li>Guardian &amp; Conservatorship</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Material Witness/Foreign Subpoena</li> </ul>
Property Damage	UIFSA		Name Change
Tort Unspecified	<ul> <li>Dom Register Foreign Judgment</li> </ul>	ADOPTION	<ul> <li>Involuntary Hospitalization</li> </ul>
Wrongful Termination of Employment	D TPR State/DFS	Adoption	D Public Nuisance
	D TPR Family/Private	<ul> <li>Confidential Intermediary</li> </ul>	Specific Relief
			Structured Settlement Protection Act
			<ul> <li>Successor to Civil Trust Appointment</li> </ul>
CIRCUIT COURT	PROPERTY		Transcript Judgment from Circuit Court
Small Claims	Property with Mineral Rights		<ul> <li>Writ of Habeas Corpus</li> </ul>
Forcible Entry and Detainer	Property w/o Mineral Rights		□ Writ of Mandamus
Stalking Protection Order			□ Writ of Replevin
Family Violence Protection Order			□ Unspecified
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II. RELATED CASE(S) I	<b>FANV</b> (see instructions)		
Docket No		Court (if different)	
Docket No.			

#### IV. \$ AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY, (estimated) (see instructions)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS OR PRO SE LITIGANTS COMPLETING THE CIVIL COVER SHEET

### Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Wyoming Supreme Court, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil case filed. The attorney or pro se litigant filing a case should complete the form as follows:

**I. Caption.** Enter names of the plaintiff and defendant and the address for the plaintiff. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a governmental agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

**II. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. ONE AND ONLY ONE BOX SHOULD BE CHECKED. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, because the cause of action fits more than one nature of suit, select the most determinative. Some descriptions may require clarification. See below:

### Contract Subtypes

Business Organization Litigation (Corporate, Partnership or L.L.C. dissolution or accounting) Contract Other (not debt collection) (including Specific Performance but not Wrongful Termination)

### Property Subtypes

Property with Mineral Rights (e.g., Quiet Title, Ejectment)

Property w/o Mineral Rights (e.g., Adverse Possession, Condemnation, Easements, Ejectment, Gifts, Historic Preservation Rights, Quiet Title, Solar Rights, Survivor Rights, Title, Trust, Unclaimed Property, Uniform Transfer to Minors, Property Conveyance including Mortgages and Deeds of Trust)

## Tort Subtypes

PI or WD = Personal Injury or Wrongful Death

Personal Injury Unspecified (e.g., slip and fall, defamation, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, false imprisonment, invasion of privacy)

Property Damage (e.g., negligence, trespass, nuisance)

Tort Unspecified (e.g., fraud, restraint of trade, conversion, replevin)

Wrongful Termination of Employment (sounding in Contract, Title VII, ADEA, or Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

## Domestic Relations Subtypes

A petition containing a child support action should be labeled a child support case even if other actions (i.e., custody, visitation, paternity) are included in the petition.

**III. Related Cases.** This section is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, involving the same parties or children, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**IV. \$ Amount in Controversy.** In this space, enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as preliminary injunction.

Attorney or Pro Se Litigant Signature and Date. Sign and date the civil cover sheet.