



Nineteenth Judicial District Overview

March 2025

The Nineteenth Judicial District includes all of Weld County, the third largest county in the State of Colorado. The District covers approximately 4,000 square miles. There are 32 incorporated towns in Weld County that are served by 27 chiefs of police in addition to the Weld County sheriff.

The County seat and largest city in Weld County is the City of Greeley, containing one-third of 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 359,442 as estimated by the US Census Bureau. Among the 64 counties in Colorado, Weld County ranks eighth in total population.

In Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) there were 34,518 cases filed in the Weld County Combined Courts. That number includes 22,734 cases filed in county court, 11,784 in district court including 220 Water cases.

There are 21 judicial officers in the Nineteenth Judicial District, which includes 11 district court judges, four county court judges, three full-time magistrates, one .80 FTE magistrate, one .55 FTE magistrate, one .15 magistrate, and one water referee.

The district court judges handle domestic relations, felony criminal, juvenile, civil, mental health, Adult Treatment Court, DUI 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, first appearances in county court, bond hearings, 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 98 trial court and 89 probation fulltime equivalent (FTE) positions designated as support personnel. These positions include administrative support, supervisors, judicial clerks, court reporters, interpreters, collections investigators, probation officers and support staff.

For further information about the courts, please contact Marci Hoffman, Court Executive, 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 March 2025

COURT	DIVISION	NAME	LOCATION	TYPES OF CASES HEARD
District Court	1	Hoskins	Court House	Probate; Mental Health
<i>Magistrate</i>	2	Muehlenkamp	Court House	Domestic Relations; Non CSEU Paternity; Adoptions
District Court	3	Lyons	Court House	Civil; Small Claims and Muni Court Appeals; Petitions to Seal arrest and criminal records; minor name changes; Water
District Court	4	Taylor	Court House	Water; Domestic Relations
County Court	5	Doak	Court House	Protection Orders; Civil; Misdemeanor and Traffic; FED first appearance and trials
County Court	6	Briggs	Court House	Protection Orders; Civil; Misdemeanor and Traffic; FED first appearance and trials
<i>Magistrate</i>	7	Armstrong	Court House	Child Support & CSEU Paternity (.4 FTE) Weekend Bond Hearings (.15 FTE)
County Court	8	Meyer	Court House	Protection Orders; Civil; Misdemeanor and Traffic; FED first appearance and trials
County Court	9	Nichols	Court House	Protection Orders; Civil; Misdemeanor and Traffic; FED first appearance and trials
District Court	10	Schutt	Court House	Civil, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; Distraint Warrants; Rule 120s; Petitions to Seal Arrest and Criminal Records; minor name changes;
District Court	11	Kerns	Plaza West	Criminal & Extraditions; County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals;
District Court	12	Galloway	Plaza West	Criminal & Extraditions; County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals
<i>Magistrate</i>	14	Lococo	Plaza West	Juvenile Delinquency; Truancy Court
District Court	15	Crowther	Plaza West	Criminal & Extraditions; County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals
District Court	16	Kopcow	Plaza West	Criminal & Extraditions; County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals;
District Court	17	Vigil	Plaza West	Criminal & Extraditions; County Court, Small Claims & Muni Ct. Appeals; Adult Treatment Court
County Court	A/D	Goldstein (.8 FTE)	Centennial	First Appearance Center, Bond Hearing and Protection Order coverage assistance (Wednesdays and Thursdays); uncontested DR cases
District Court	B	Hause	Centennial	Domestic Relations; Dependency & Neglect; Adoptions; JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate Appeals
<i>Magistrate</i>	C	Kundelius	Centennial	County Court FED first appearance; County Court FED trials; final hearings on traffic infractions; First Appearance on Civil (money) Complaints; Protection Orders; Civil Contempt; Small Claims; County Ordinance Violations; DUI Treatment Court
<i>District Court</i>	F	Esser	Centennial	Domestic Relations; Dependency and Neglect; JV Custody & Child Support Magistrate appeals; Adoptions
<i>Water Referee</i>	H	Cowan	Court House	Water Referee cases
<i>Magistrate</i>		Vacant (.15 FTE)		Weekend Bond Hearing

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>
MARCELO KOPCOW	1/2/2004	7/1/2005	1/2027
JULIE HOSKINS	8/25/2005	7/20/2007	1/2029
TODD TAYLOR	N/A	8/23/2010	1/2031
TIMOTHY KERNS	10/9/2007	1/3/2011	1/2027
SHANNON LYONS	N/A	10/14/2013	1/2029
TROY HAUSE	N/A	1/3/2014	1/2029
VINCENTE VIGIL	N/A	8/1/2019	1/2029
KIMBERLY SCHUTT	N/A	12/27/2019	1/2029
ALLISON ESSER	N/A	7/31/2021	1/2031
ANITA CROWTHER	N/A	10/1/2022	1/2031
AUDREY GALLOWAY	N/A	5/16/2024	1/2027 (provisional term)

County Court

<u>JUDGE</u>	<u>DATE SWORN IN AS COUNTY COURT JUDGE</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT TERM</u>
DANA NICHOLS	9/7/2007	1/2027
MICHELE MEYER	9/19/2007	1/2027
JOHN BRIGGS	1/21/2011	1/2027
RENEE SANDOVAL DOAK	1/10/2023	1/2027