

**Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial District  
Teton County, Wyoming**

Curt A. Haws  
Circuit Court Judge

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**IN RE THE MATTER OF  
JUDGE CURT A. HAWS**

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**General Docket**

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**FINAL DECREE**

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**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on its own motion.

**WHEREAS** the undersigned Judge comes to the end of more than two decades of service as a magistrate, commissioner and judge for the great State of Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS** there are matters of vital importance which the Court wishes to address before stepping off the bench;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. All parties are ordered to exhibit kindness and compassion to one another. This Order applies to actions inside and outside of the courtroom - personal and professional. If you are just a little kinder than you need to be, you will see a remarkable transformation in your interactions and relationships. There will certainly be the occasional miscreant that may mock you for your kindness or seek to take advantage of what they perceive to be a "weakness." Don't let those miserable souls dissuade you.

2. Do the right thing, even when it is hard – especially when it is hard.
3. Stand as stalwart defenders of the rule of law. There are many outlets warning that we stand in perilous times and that our democratic institutions and way of life are on the verge of destruction. Our democratic institutions and way of life have been constantly challenged since the country was founded. For nearly 250 years everyday citizens have fought to preserve this remarkable country. If you are concerned about the future, the very best thing you can do to protect our founding principles is to stand up for and fight for the rule of law in your personal and professional lives. What happens in our local courtrooms and in our homes matters more than what happens in D.C.
4. Please consider incorporating the following ideals (shamelessly plagiarized from the North Dakota Attorney’s Pledge) into your professional and personal lives:
  - a. I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed.
  - b. I will work to make the legal system more accessible, responsive, and just.
5. In my years on the bench, I have had very limited occasion to hold anyone in contempt of court. Today I would like to hold you all in “esteem of court.” The attorneys, clerks, staff, and judges I have been fortunate to work with are worthy of esteem and respect. Thank you for the hard work and dedication you bring to the greatest justice system in the world. Continue to do the right thing, the right way.

Done in Chambers August 2, 2024.

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Curt Haws  
Circuit Court Judge