# **SEMINAR AGENDA**

Friday, September 22, 2023

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm Registration

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Cam Walker

"The Best Ways a Paralegal Can Assist an Attorney"

BREAK

 $2{:}45~\mathrm{pm}$  to  $3{:}45~\mathrm{pm}$ 

Judge Bluemel

"Preparing for Trial Upon Opening a Caser File. How important are the theory of the case and jury instructions?"

BREAK

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Kerri Wright

"Working Hand in Hand with Your Clerk of Court!"

Walking Tour of Historic Evanston

5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

Ending at Suds Brothers Brewery (1012 Main St.)

## Saturday, September 23, 2023

For those staying at the Holiday Inn Express, a complimentary buffet breakfast is served from 6:00 to 10:00 am.

9:00 am to 10:00 am **Judge Kaste** 

"Interacting with the Judiciary"

BREAK

10:15 am to 11:15 am
Tammy Wuertley, ACP

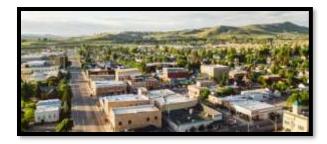
"Employee/Paralegal Burnout"

11:15 am to 11:45 am Closing Remarks

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Hotels in Evanston:
Holiday Inn Express in Evanston
1965 Harrison Dr. Evanston, WY 82930.
Hampton Inn Evanston
101 Wasatch Rd, Evanston, WY 82930
Best Western Dunmar Inn
1601 Harrison Dr. Evanston, WY 82930

Feel free to make a weekend of it! Each hotel has great accommodations and you are minutes away from great outdoor recreation. Visitevanston.com shares great recreation locations.



Our social event will be a downtown walking tour highlighting Evanston's great history. We will end our tour at Suds Brothers Brewery at 1012 Main St. for some yummy appetizers and networking. The building ties into the history of Evanston as the Old JC Penney's. Please dress accordingly, and wear comfortable shoes.



# 2023 Fall Seminar



Superintendent's Office

1446 Main St. Evanston, WY 82930 September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

Name:	
Designation:	
Firm:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
REGISTRATION FEES	
<b>\$60.00</b>	LAW Member
\$80.00	NALA Member
<b>\$100.00</b>	Non-member
\$35.00	Student Member

Registration fees increase by \$5 begin 24 hours prior to event.

## TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$

This seminar meets the requirements of the NALA Certifying Board for continuing legal education credit required to maintain the Certified Paralegal credential.

This seminar has been approved by NALA for 5 CLE credits, including one Ethics credit.

Please make checks payable to:

Legal Assistants of Wyoming P.O. Box 155 Casper, WY 82602

You may also register and pay online by credit card or PayPal at www.lawyo.com

Questions about the seminar? Contact 1st Vice President, Amanda Flanagan Amanda.Flanagan@oakviewgroup.com 307-259-1964

#### Cam Walker

Cam Walker, with Schwartz, Bon, Walker & Studer in Casper, has been an instructor at many legal education seminars. With over 40 years of experience, Mr. Walker is one of the best-known trial lawyers in the state of Wyoming. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a national, invitation-only, organization of lawyers who are acknowledged for their skills trying jury cases. He is admitted to practice in State and Federal Courts of Wyoming, as well as the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. On more than 30 occasions, Mr. Walker has made appearances before the Wyoming Supreme Court, and was lead trial counsel in David v. Consolidated Royalty, one of the longest and most complicated civil trials ever conducted in the state of Wyoming.

In his leisure time, Cam enjoys bicycling, fishing, hunting, skiing, riding horses, training dogs, hiking, and reading.

## Judge Bluemel J.D.

Judge Bluemel grew up in Carter, Wyoming, a town in Bridger Valley that is now, largely, a ghost town. He graduated from high school in Chevenne before attending the George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics. He worked as an economist in DC while enrolled in a night master's degree at GWU. He then decided to return home to Wyoming where he attended and graduated from law school at the University of Wyoming. Upon graduation, he began practicing law as a deputy county and prosecuting attorney in Kemmerer. He became the County Attorney before deciding to leave the county government and open his solo "small town" practice in Kemmerer where he remained until going on the district court bench in 2015. He is a past president of the Wyoming State Bar and is active in many areas within the American Bar Association, Judge Bluemel has recently become a certified mentor.

## <u>Kerri Wright</u>

Kerri Wright has been the Clerk of District Court in Uinta County since 2015. Prior to running for office (which she never ever saw herself doing), Kerri was fortunate to be the judicial assistant to the Hon. Dennis Sanderson for over 13 years until his retirement in 2014 (which is what pushed her to run). She began her career as a legal assistant in 1989 for John Phillips and his father, Charles Phillips. Chuck was the absolute best mentor, was so patient and knowledgeable, and helped Kerri learn so much about Wyoming law, especially how to use those little green books. Chuck's middle son, Greg Phillips (yes, THAT Greg Phillips that is now a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit) joined the firm later that year. Kerri worked with various attorneys in Evanston for the remainder of her career as a legal assistant and is very grateful for all that she learned from each of them.

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Kerri Wright (cont.)

Having been born in Evanston, Kerri is a Uinta County native, and aside from her time spent at Stevens Henager Business College in Ogden, Utah, has remained there raising her two children, who also remain in Uinta County. She enjoys spending time with her four beautiful granddaughters.

## Judge Kaste J.D.

James Kaste was appointed to serve as a district court judge for the Third Judicial District by Governor Mark Gordon in September 2022. Judge Kaste received his J.D. from the University of Wyoming in 1998 and began his career as the law clerk for the Hon. Edward L. Grant and the Hon. Nicholas G. Kalokathis in the First Judicial District. Prior to his appointment, Judge Kaste was a partner in a private insurance defense firm in Cheyenne and served as the Deputy Attorney General for the Water and Natural Resources Division of the Wyoming Attorney General's Office.

## Tammy Wuertley, ACP

Tammy Wuertley is an advanced certified paralegal and currently serves as the NALA Liaison on the Legal Assistants of Wyoming (LAW)'s Board. Tammy works as a paralegal to attorney Rick Koehmstedt at Schwartz, Bon, Walker & Studer in Casper. Tammy has been a paralegal or has worked in a law-related field for more than 20 years. She is originally from Michigan, and earned her associate degree in Paralegal Studies, as well as her Bachelor of Business Leadership (BBL) from Baker College in Muskegon, Michigan. Tammy moved to Casper in July 2007, and has worked for attorneys Michael Shickich, Tom Valdez, and Jason Neville, who were great mentors and able to provide her with much knowledge and experience with the civil litigation process in the Wyoming State and Federal Courts. Tammy's husband Adam is a Wyoming native, and they live outside of the City of Casper on a little 80-acre ranch where Tammy loves to garden, raise her 20+ chickens, 2 goats, a cat, three dogs and enjoy life as a "country" woman.

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