

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

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In the Matter of Providing Electronic Transcripts)
to the Wyoming Supreme Court)

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ORDER ON PROVIDING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

Since statehood and likely well before, the Wyoming Supreme Court has been reviewing paper transcripts in adjudicating appeals before it. However, the Court is aware that in today's legal world, court reporters produce transcripts electronically and that many attorneys and judges are able to work more efficiently with e-transcripts than with paper copies.

As this Court has already done, district courts will soon transition to electronic filing of pleadings and other documents, which will allow the Supreme Court to easily and efficiently access the electronic record, including transcripts, when an appeal is filed. Seizing this technological opportunity will require the Court to upgrade its rules to facilitate transmittal of the electronic record, and to provide a means of protecting the reporters' work product. Many decisions and a great deal of effort lie ahead.

In the meantime, however, this Court can operate much more efficiently if reporters provide an electronic transcript in .pdf form by email. It has been advised that creating a transcript in .pdf form is a simple matter of printing to .pdf using readily available and free or inexpensive software. These electronic transcripts will not be an official part of the record at this point in time, but will rather be a tool for Supreme Court chambers personnel to use in preparing opinions. They will be stored in a location accessible only by the Justices, their staff attorneys, and their judicial assistants. The paper version will remain the official record of proceedings until electronic filing and harvesting of the appellate record is implemented.

The electronic transcripts provided by email will be deleted when a case is completed and the time for rehearings, etc., passes. The Court appreciates the extra effort required from court reporters to provide these transcripts, but believes that the burden is reasonable in relation to the benefit it will confer. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that official court reporters shall email electronic .pdf versions of all transcripts which are part of the record on appeal within five days of the record being transmitted to this Court by the Clerk of the District Court. The transcripts shall be sent to tscripits@courts.state.wy.us.

DATED this 29th day of March, 2016.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. James Burke', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E. JAMES BURKE
Chief Justice