

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

***April Term, A.D. 2024***

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***In the Matter of Amendments to     )  
Rules 3 and 5 of the Wyoming     )  
Rules of Civil Procedure     )  
For the Chancery Court     )***

**ORDER AMENDING RULES 3 AND 5 OF THE WYOMING  
RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR THE CHANCERY COURT**

**The Permanent Rules Advisory Committee, Chancery Court Division**, has recommended the Court amend Rules 3 and 5 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure for the Chancery Court. This Court finds the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the amendments to Rules 3 and 5 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure for the Chancery Court, attached hereto, be and hereby are adopted by the Court to be effective November 4, 2024; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order and the attached amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the attached amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch’s website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>, on the “Rule Amendments” page. The amendments shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

**DATED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/

**KATE M. FOX  
Chief Justice**

## Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure for the Chancery Court

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### **Rule 3. Commencement of Action, Removal to Chancery Court, and Objection and Dismissal.**

(a) *Original Filing in Chancery Court.* A civil action is commenced in the chancery court when service is completed upon all defendants, pursuant to Rule 4. A civil action is “brought” for statute of limitations purposes upon filing the initial pleading in chancery court. If any named party files an objection to having the matter proceed in chancery court on or before the date its first responsive pleading or motion to dismiss is due, the chancery court shall enter its order dismissing the case without prejudice. An objection to proceeding in chancery court is waived if not brought within the time periods in this rule. A dismissal of a case in chancery court is subject to W.S. § 1-3-118. Notwithstanding any objection brought under this rule, the chancery court may enforce a valid contract designating the chancery court as the forum to resolve disputes meeting the eligibility requirements of W.S. § 5-13-115.

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### **Rule 5. Serving and Filing Pleadings and Other Papers.**

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(b) *Service: How made.* \*\*\*\*\*

(3) The registered user’s name and password required to submit documents to the electronic filing system serve as the user’s signature on all electronic documents filed with the chancery court for purposes of Rule 11 or for any other purpose. An electronically filed document shall contain a signature line in the following manner: /s/ Attorney’s Name be electronically signed by:

(A) Inserting a digital image of the signing party’s handwritten signature into the document; or

(B) Using a signature block that includes the typed name of the individual preceded by a “/s/” in the space where the signature would otherwise appear. An example of a signature block with “/s/” is:

/s/ John Q. Smith

JOHN Q. SMITH

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