

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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The Thirteenth Judicial District encompasses all of Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma Counties, namely all of northeastern Colorado. It is approximately the size of the state of Massachusetts. Its county seats are Burlington, Sterling, Fort Morgan, Holyoke, Julesburg, Akron and Wray.

The Thirteenth Judicial District serves a population of approximately 80,000 people. There are presently 3,100 cases filed annually in the district courts and 6,900 cases filed annually in the county courts. The caseload is the responsibility of five district judges and seven county judges.

The seven county court judges are responsible for traffic and misdemeanor matters in addition to civil cases that do not exceed the jurisdictional dollar amount of the county court. The bulk of the county court judges' work is involved in the processing of traffic matters, domestic restraining orders and small civil claims. They also serve as district court magistrates for juvenile and mental health cases.

The five district court judges handle a varied caseload of domestic relations, felony criminal matters, juvenile cases (dependency and neglect and delinquency), probate proceedings, mental health matters, and civil filings which exceed the county court jurisdictional amount.

In addition to the district and county judges, there are approximately thirty-seven support staff positions. These positions include clerks of court, division clerks, court clerks, court reporters, collection investigators, family court facilitator, protective proceedings monitor, self-represented litigant coordinator, managing interpreter, and court administrative employees. Approximately thirty employees are assigned to the probation department.

For further information, please contact Carl McGuire, Chief Judge, Logan County District Court, 110 N Riverview Road, Sterling, Colorado 80751; telephone number (970) 522-6565. Court proceedings are open to the public and you are welcome to visit the courts. One of the judges or clerks of court can assist you to plan a court visit.