

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

**“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES M. CAUSEY AS  
AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AS  
REQUIRED BY W. S. §7-6-103(f).”**

**WHEREAS**, W.S. §7-6-103(f) authorizes the County to advise the Governor of Wyoming concerning the appointment of Assistant Public Defenders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed James M. Causey’s qualifications and has considered the recommendation of Diane Lozano, the Wyoming Public Defender;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING**, that it recommends the appointment of James M. Causey as an Assistant Public Defender.

**PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2018.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form only:

  
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Mark Voss, Laramie County Attorney



# OFFICE *of the* WYOMING STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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DEPUTY STATE  
PUBLIC DEFENDER

January 11, 2018

Mr. Troy Thompson, Chairman  
Laramie County Commissioner  
310 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 300  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Dear Commissioner Thompson:

I am writing to notify you that the Office of the State Public Defender would like James M. Causey to be appointed, as a full-time Assistant Public Defender for the State Public Defender Appellant Division throughout the State of Wyoming. I am notifying you pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §7-6-103(f), which reads:

The governor may appoint full or part-time assistant public defenders in each judicial district with the advice of the state public defender, the district judge of the district and the boards of county commissioners in the district. In appointing assistant public defenders the governor shall consider the recommendations submitted to him, the demand for legal services, the criminal case load statistics, the population, the geographical characteristics and any other relevant factors.

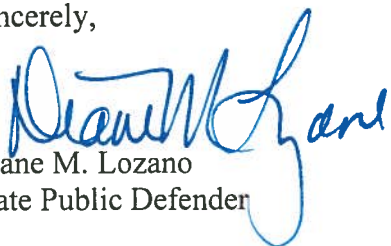
Mr. Causey will share the criminal caseload with the other assistant appellant public defenders in the Appellant Division. Mr. Causey will be replacing Kirk Morgan in the Appellate Division. Mr. Causey is a 2002 graduate of the University Of Wyoming College Of Law, Laramie, WY. He was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 2002. His résumé is enclosed for your perusal.

Please submit any input that you may have about this pending appointment to me prior to January 25, 2018. Upon that date, I will present Mr. Causey to Governor Mead for appointment as a full time Assistant Public Defender in the Appellant Division. I will forward your input to the Governor at that time.

If you wish to reply by phone or otherwise discuss the appointment, please feel free to give me a call at 777-7519. Also, my email address is [diane.lozano@wyo.gov](mailto:diane.lozano@wyo.gov). I am available at your convenience to discuss this appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Diane M. Lozano  
State Public Defender

Enclosure  
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# JAMES MICHAEL CAUSEY

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Wyoming State Bar – November 2002.  
U.S. District Court for the District of Wyoming – July 2004.  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit – October 2004.  
U.S. Supreme Court – February 2007.

## EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

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Wyoming Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division Cheyenne, WY  
*Supervising Senior Assistant Attorney General* *Dec. 2011 to Present*

Supervise three assistant attorneys general by assigning, reviewing, and evaluating their agency representation work for the Wyoming Department of Corrections, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security and their litigation work on post-conviction and habeas corpus cases; represent Wyoming in state and federal courts in post-conviction, habeas corpus, and appellate cases; represent the Wyoming Highway Patrol in criminal and civil matters; train state and local personnel on criminal law and procedures; draft opinions and proposed legislation; track proposed legislation; draft, review, and approve contracts, memoranda of understanding, and other agreements.

Wyoming Attorney General's Office, Litigation Division Cheyenne, WY  
*Supervising Senior Assistant Attorney General* *May 2008 to Dec. 2011*

Supervised six assistant attorneys general, two paralegals, and fourteen contract attorneys by assigning, reviewing, and evaluating their work in employment/unemployment and state contract matters; served as primary legal counsel for the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services in civil, administrative, and appellate litigation and rulemaking; trained agency personnel and contract attorneys in laws and procedures; drafted opinions and proposed legislation; tracked proposed legislation; prosecuted disciplinary and application cases for four professional licensing boards; represented the State Board of Equalization; drafted, reviewed, and approved contracts for multiple Wyoming departments and agencies.

Laramie County Community College Cheyenne, WY  
*Legal Research and Writing Instructor* *Jan. 2005 to June 2009*

Taught (in Spring semesters only) advanced legal research and writing techniques, with emphasis on legal analysis and preparation of memoranda, briefs, and other court filings.

Wyoming Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division Cheyenne, WY  
*Senior Assistant Attorney General* *July 2004 to Apr. 2008*

Represented Wyoming in state and federal courts in post-conviction relief, habeas corpus, and appellate cases; drafted and tracked proposed legislation; advised prosecutors and other officials on criminal law; drafted rules and opinions; prosecuted criminal cases as needed.

# JAMES MICHAEL CAUSEY

Wyoming Legislative Service Office

Cheyenne, WY

*Staff Attorney*

*June 2002 to July 2004*

Researched and responded to requests for legal advice and information from legislators, staff, and the public; drafted legislation and amendments; coordinated legislative activities and meetings with public and private sector officials; served as primary counsel for the Joint Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee; staffed other committees and subcommittees as needed; reviewed administrative rules.

United States Attorney's Office, District of Wyoming

Cheyenne, WY

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*Oct. 2001 to May 2002*

Drafted and reviewed memoranda, motions, and supporting briefs; provided legal services to attorneys in civil and criminal cases; consulted with staff, client agencies, and other organizations about legal concerns.

Wyoming Defender Aid Program

Laramie, WY

*Intern*

*May 2001 to Aug. 2001*

Drafted various documents, including motions for sentence reduction, appellate briefs, and other documents in criminal cases; researched laws and responded to clients' concerns by providing informal advice.

## EDUCATION

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University of Wyoming College of Law

Laramie, WY

*Juris Doctor*

*Aug. 2000 to May 2002*

The Graduate School, University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

*Master of Public Administration*

*Aug. 1999 to May 2002*

University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law

Lincoln, NE

*First Year of Legal Studies*

*Aug. 1998 to May 1999*

Charleston Southern University

Charleston, SC

*Bachelor of Science in Social Science*

*Jan. 1996 to Dec. 1997*

Trident Technical College

North Charleston, SC

*Associate in Arts*

*Aug. 1993 to Aug. 1995*