

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OVERVIEW

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The Twenty-Second Judicial District encompasses Montezuma and Dolores counties and serves a population of 27,000 and 2,500 respectively. The largest city in the district is Cortez. The district also serves the towns of Dove Creek, Mancos, Dolores, Rico, Cahone, Lewis Arriola, Pleasant View and Yellow Jacket.

According to the Colorado Judicial Branch Statistical Report for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the following are totals for the Twenty-Second Judicial District:

District Filings	3,406	District Terminations	3,289
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There are currently two district court judges, two county court judges and one district court magistrate.

The district court judges handle a mixed caseload of domestic relations, felony criminal matters, juvenile delinquent cases, civil cases, probate, adoption and relinquishment cases, mental health and dependency and neglect cases.

The county court judges handle traffic and misdemeanor cases, domestic abuse restraining orders and civil matters within their jurisdiction. The county court judge in Montezuma County is full-time, and the Dolores County court judge is part-time.

Montezuma County Court operates an accredited DUI court.

In addition to the judges, there are approximately 40 support staff positions. These positions include clerks of court, judicial clerks, administrative office manager, collections investigator, problem solving court coordinator, competency court coordinator, family court facilitator, protective proceedings monitor, jury commissioner, court operations analyst, self-represented litigant coordinator, legal research attorney, law clerk and probation department staff.

The District Court Judges are Chief Judge Todd J. Plewe and William Y. Furse. The County Judges are Ian Maclaren (Montezuma) and Kristen Tarrin (Dolores). The District Court Magistrate is Kristen Tarrin.

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