Eleventh Judicial District Court

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District courts opening for business during noon hour

AZTEC – District courts in Aztec, Farmington and Gallup will be open to the public during the noon hour (12 p.m. to 1 p.m.) starting Sept. 5.

"We can better serve the public by remaining open at a time when people can conduct their business with a district court without taking time off from work," Eleventh Judicial District Chief Judge Curtis Gurley said in announcing the expanded hours of operation.

District courts in San Juan and McKinley counties will continue to be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The courts traditionally have closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The noon hour change will allow the public to visit a courthouse for a variety of purposes, including:

- Obtaining court records and filing documents in the Court Clerk's Office.
- Picking up packets of court forms that people without an attorney can fill out and file in certain types of cases.
- Seeking assistance from the court's resource center, which offers internet access for looking up court cases and completing juror questionnaires.

Additionally, people will be able to call a district court during the noon hour to obtain assistance from court personnel. Currently, callers receive a recording that the court is closed from noon until 1 p.m.

The change in hours of operation will not affect magistrate courts in San Juan and McKinley counties because they already remain open during the noon hour.

District courts are general jurisdiction courts. They hear and determine adult and juvenile criminal cases as well as civil matters, including contract disputes, personal injury litigation and domestic relations cases such as divorce, child custody and child support enforcement.

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Gallup District Court