

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Appeals

The Supreme Court has treated these appeals as confidential cases for decades. However, after research of the relevant statutes, this Court was unable to find any authority to justify keeping the entire record confidential in a TPR appeal. The majority of district courts in Wyoming handle them as typical civil cases on the basis that there is no statutory authority to treat them as confidential. Without authority to justify confidential treatment of these cases, effective immediately, TPR appeals docketed from July 1, 2016 forward will no longer be treated as confidential and will be available on the Court's public docket. The parties to these cases should be careful to observe redaction rules and requirements.