

**IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING**

**OCTOBER TERM, A.D. 1997**

*In the Matter of the Suspension* )  
*of Rule 40.1(b)(1) of the Wyoming* )  
*Rules of Civil Procedure and* )  
*the Suspension of Rule 21.1(a)* )  
*of the Wyoming Rules of Criminal* )  
*Procedure.* )

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JUDY PACHECO, CLERK

**ORDER SUSPENDING RULES PROVIDING FOR PEREMPTORY CHANGE OF JUDGE**

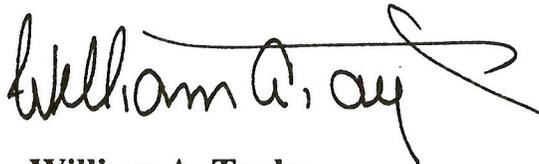
**THIS MATTER** came before the Court *sua sponte* following reports of abuse of the procedures providing for peremptory disqualification of judges in civil and criminal causes. Having fully considered said reports, the Court finds that Rule 40.1(b) of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 21.1(a) of the Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure should be suspended, pending reconsideration of those rules by the permanent rules advisory committees, civil division and criminal division. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that Rule 40.1(b) of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure shall be, and the same hereby is, suspended until such time as the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee, Civil Division, of the Wyoming State Bar may convene, consider this suspension, and make recommendations to the Court regarding the future, if any, of peremptory disqualifications of district court judges in civil proceedings; and it is, further,

**ORDERED** that Rule 21.1(a) of the Wyoming Rules of Criminal Procedure shall be, and the same hereby is, suspended until such time as the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee, Criminal Division, of the Wyoming State Bar may convene, consider this suspension, and make recommendations to the Court regarding the future, if any, of peremptory disqualifications of district court judges in criminal proceedings.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1998.

**FOR THE COURT:**



**William A. Taylor**  
Chief Justice