

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE)
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCING)
COMMITTEE)
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AMENDED ORDER

The Supreme Court comes now in furtherance of its goal to increase public trust and confidence in Idaho Courts through protecting communities, reducing recidivism, and holding offenders accountable through evidence-based sentencing practices and based upon the model of the Felony Sentencing Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee is formed to accomplish the following:

1. Enhance sentencing options for magistrate judges through review of relevant research on sentencing practices and sentencing alternatives with emphasis on community-based programs;
2. Increase understanding of who is sentenced to probation, how those decisions are made, how long individuals are supervised, why and by whom probation is revoked, and the implications of all of these;
3. Review and provide recommendations for enhancing information available to judges at sentencing, including information related to criminogenic risk and needs, the availability of behavioral health treatment, and other programing, as well as other sentencing information;
4. Work with the Idaho Association of Counties Misdemeanor Probation Administrators Association to enhance misdemeanor probation services statewide and support evidence-based supervision practices;
5. Serve as a liaison to each judicial district to increase understanding, develop recommendations for judicial education and receive feedback on misdemeanor sentencing practices for new and existing magistrate judges; and
6. Review evidence-based practices for pretrial justice, risk assessment data, conditions of release information, and specific county policies relating to monitoring and reporting criteria to judges in concert with criminal justice stakeholders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following changes be made to the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee:

The following individuals shall be released from their duties associated with the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee, with our appreciation for their service:

Judge Michelle Evans

Judge James Stow

Judge Monte Berecz

The following individuals shall be appointed to Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee:

Judge Sunil Ramalingam

Judge Mayli Walsh

Judge Daniel Steckel

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, after the above adjustments are made to the roster, the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee shall be comprised of the following members serving for the following terms:

Committee Member	Current Term Expiration
Chair: Judge Paul Laggis Sixth District	November 22, 2022
Judge Mayli Walsh First District	November 22, 2023
Judge Sunil Ramalingam Second District	November 22, 2021
Judge Tyler Smith Third District	November 22, 2023
Judge Daniel Steckel Fourth District	November 22, 2023
Judge Jennifer Haemmerle Fifth District	November 22, 2021
Judge Jason Walker Seventh District	November 22, 2022

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee:

Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Idaho Supreme Court

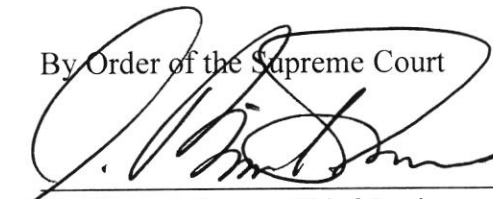
Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel

Sandy Jones, Court Programs and Services Administrator, Adult Criminal Justice

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee shall meet regularly and report periodically to magistrate court judges, the Administrative Conference, and the Supreme Court with the results of its work and any recommendations.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2021.

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice

ATTEST:



Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
~~Amended Order Sentencing~~ entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court June 25, 2021
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

B.  Deputy