

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP AND)
CONSERVATORSHIP COMMITTEE CHARGE)
AND MEMBERSHIP)
_____)

ORDER

In accordance with Idaho Code § 31-3201G, the Court administers the Guardianship and Conservatorship Project "to improve reporting and monitoring systems and processes for the protection of persons and their assets where a guardian or conservator has been appointed."

A strategic goal and major objective of the Idaho Supreme Court is to "protect and empower vulnerable individuals under guardianship or conservatorship through education, monitoring, enforcement, and community support."

Therefore, the Supreme Court appoints a Guardianship and Conservatorship Committee (Committee) to be chaired by the Honorable Christopher M. Bieter.

The mission statement of the Committee is to *"Protect and empower vulnerable individuals under guardianship or conservatorship through education, monitoring, enforcement, and community support. To further the intent of the legislature by recognizing that every individual has unique needs and differing abilities and the system should permit every individual to participate as fully as possible in decisions which affect them, including the use of alternatives to full guardianship or conservatorship."*

The charge to the Committee is as follows:

1. To make recommendations to the Court for improving reporting and monitoring systems and processes for the protection of persons and their assets where a guardian or conservator has been appointed in order to ensure safety, health, and well-being of the person under guardianship or conservatorship;
2. To make recommendations to the Court for developing and implementing innovative case management practices related to guardianship and conservatorship cases that promote efficient use of court services;
3. To make recommendations to the Court for developing and recommending best practices for judges and attorneys to consider alternatives to guardianship and, if guardianship is necessary, encourage guardianship under the least restrictive conditions consistent with the need for protection;
4. To make recommendations to the Court for identifying and addressing gaps and improvements to the court system to protect vulnerable individuals;
5. To make recommendations to the Court for considering program development, resource development, technical assistance and training opportunities for the development and sharing of best practices; and

6. To provide bench cards or guides, develop forms, and establish or update protocols related to all aspects of guardianship and conservatorship proceedings.

The membership of the Committee is as follows:

The Honorable Christopher Bieter shall serve as Chair of said Committee until further order of the Court.

The Committee shall be comprised of the following members serving for the following terms:

Committee Member	Affiliation	
Chair, Honorable Christopher Bieter	Magistrate Judge, Fourth Judicial District, Ada	December 31, 2025
Honorable James Combo	Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District, Kootenai	December 31, 2025
Honorable David Judd	Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District,	December 31, 2025
Honorable Robert Jackson	Magistrate Judge, Third Judicial District, Payette	December 31, 2025
Honorable Jennifer Haemmerle	Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial District, Blaine	December 31, 2023
Honorable Aaron Thompson	Magistrate Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Bannock	December 31, 2025
Honorable Steven Gardner	Magistrate Judge, Seventh Judicial District,	December 31, 2023
Robert Aldridge, Esq.	Robert L. Aldridge, Chtd.	December 31, 2023
Jim Cook, Esq.	Executive Director, Idaho Legal Aid Services Inc.	December 31, 2023
Cameron Gilliland	Administrator, Idaho Department of Health and	December 31, 2023
Shelli Tubbs	Trial Court Administrator, Fifth Judicial District	December 31, 2023
Judy Bicknell Taylor	Administrator, Idaho Commission on Aging	December 31, 2023
Lupe Wissel	Director, AARP Idaho	December 31, 2023
Janet Caufield	GC Monitoring Coordinator, Third Judicial	December 31, 2025
Christine Meeuwesen, Esq..	DisAbility Rights Idaho	December 31, 2025
Alan Wasserman, Esq.	Idaho Legal Aid Services Inc. (retired)	December 31, 2025
Dennis S. Voorhees, Esq.	Canyon River Law, LLP	December 31, 2025
Dona Butler	Private Guardian	December 31, 2025
Peg Dougherty, Esq.	St. Luke's Health System	December 31, 2025
Michelle R. Finch, Esq.	Gravis Law, PLLC	December 31, 2025
Marika Dudek	Ada County Board of Community Guardians	December 31, 2025

The Court Programs and Services Administrator, Charina Newell, will be assigned to support the Guardianship and Conservatorship Committee in fulfilling this charge.

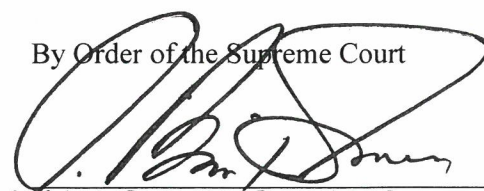
This order shall be effective on date signed.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:

Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By Order of the Supreme Court


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
Order entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 12-9-22
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By

Deputy