

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE)
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCING COMMITTEE) ORDER
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The Court having determined the need to appoint a statewide committee to further 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 (based upon the model of the Felony Sentencing Committee), and the Court having chosen the members of the committee, charges the Committee to accomplish the following:

1. Provide recommendations to the Court regarding enhancements to 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, for whom and why 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 programming, as well as other sentencing information;
4. Work with the Idaho Association of Counties Misdemeanor Probation Administrators Association and make recommendations 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 and provide recommendations regarding 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.

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.

Committee members that shall be re-appointed to the Committee:

The Honorable Mayli Walsh, Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District
The Honorable Sunil Ramalingam, Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District
The Honorable Tyler Smith, Magistrate Judge, Third Judicial District
The Honorable Adam Kimball, Magistrate Judge, Fourth Judicial District

The Honorable Jennifer Haemmerle, Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial District

After implementing this Order, the membership of the Committee and term dates are as follows:

Committee Member	Title	Term Expires
Honorable Mayli Walsh	Chair: Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Honorable Sunil Ramalingam	Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Honorable Tyler Smith	Magistrate Judge, Third Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Honorable Adam Kimball	Magistrate Judge, Fourth Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Honorable Jennifer Haemmerle	Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Honorable David Cousin	Magistrate Judge, Sixth Judicial District	December 31, 2026
Honorable Jason Walker	Magistrate Judge, Seventh Judicial District	December 31, 2026

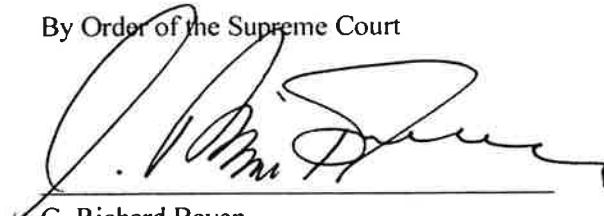
Administrative Office of the Courts staff person and legal counsel appointed to provide on-going support and guidance to the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee:

Sandy Jones, Senior Statewide Program Manager, Adult Criminal Justice
Jason Spillman, Esq., Legal Counsel

This order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2026.

By Order of the Supreme Court



G. Richard Bevan
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

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
Order entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 1/21/2026
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy