

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE
FELONY SENTENCING COMMITTEE**

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ORDER

The Court is advised that a request has been made for adjustments to the Felony Sentencing Committee roster.

The purpose and mission of the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be to:

1. Recommend to the Court improvements to the quality, consistency, and timeliness of the information available to judges at sentencing, including information from the Department of Correction as to availability of programming as well as other sentencing information;
2. Work with the Judicial Education Committee in providing training and developing evidence-based sentencing curriculum materials and forms for new judges and all district court judges annually thereafter;
3. Continue development of a useful system for collection from and distribution to district judges of data on the sentences that district judges are imposing that reflects the variables relevant to the sentence imposed, and make recommendations to the Court for implementation;
4. Facilitate data informed policymaking regarding sentencing and correctional practices by collecting and analyzing data, such as who is sentenced to prison, how long individuals are imprisoned, who is paroled, and when are they paroled;
5. Provide evidence-based information to district judges on the continuum of sentencing alternatives, including diversion, treatment courts, and other community-based programs, to assist them in determining which alternatives most effectively reduce recidivism; and

6. As needed, act as a liaison to the Department of Correction in all matters relating to the improvement of pre-sentence investigations, probation supervision, sentencing alternatives, and other sentencing matters of interest to district judges.

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

Judge Jonathan Brody
Judge John Judge

The following individuals shall be appointed to the committee:

Judge Blaine Cannon
Judge Michelle Evans

After the above adjustments are made to the roster, the Felony Sentencing Committee shall be comprised of the following voting members serving for the following terms:

Committee Member	Current Term Expiration
Chair: Justice Gregory Moeller	December 31 2025
Chief Judge Jessica Lorello (COA)	December 31, 2025
Judge Blaine Cannon (Fifth District)	December 31, 2025
Judge Thomas Whitney (Third District)	December 31, 2025
Judge Barbara Duggan (First District)	December 31, 2025
Judge Patrick Miller (Fourth District)	December 31, 2026
Judge Dane Watkins (Seventh District)	December 31, 2026
Judge Javier Gabiola (Sixth District)	December 31, 2026
Judge Michelle Evans (Second District)	December 31, 2026

A team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Felony Sentencing Committee:

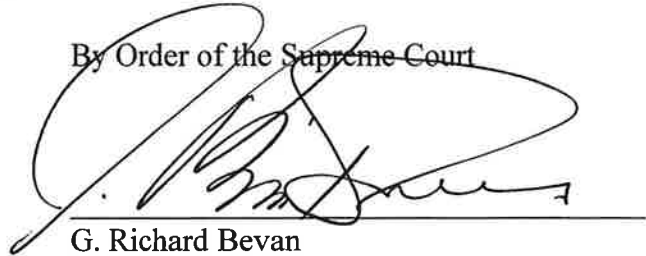
Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of the Courts
Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel
Sandy Jones, Senior Court Programs and Services Administrator

The Felony Sentencing Committee shall meet regularly and report periodically to district court judges, the Administrative Conference, and the Supreme Court with the results of its activities and any recommendations.

This order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2025.

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 1-24-25
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

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