

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP AND)
CONSERVATORSHIP COMMITTEE) ORDER
CHARGE AND MEMBERSHIP)
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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 appointed a Guardianship and Conservatorship Committee (Committee).

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 Committee is charged 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 Court, being advised that a request has been made for adjustments, makes the following changes to the Committee membership:

Committee members that shall be released from the duties associated with the Committee with our appreciation for their service are:

Jim Cook, Esq.
Emese Maynard

Committee Members that shall be appointed to the Committee are:

Sandra Thoen, GC Monitoring Coordinator, Sixth Judicial District
Sunrise Ayers, Idaho Legal Aid

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

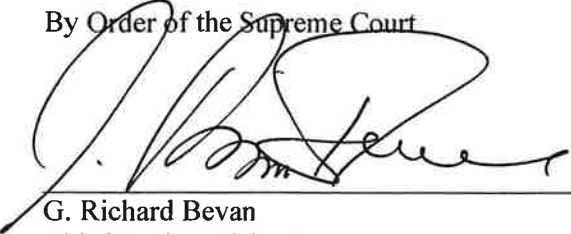
Committee Member	Affiliation	Term
Honorable Aaron Thompson, Chair	Magistrate Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Bannock County	December 31, 2027
Honorable Christopher Bieter	Senior Judge and Former Chair	December 31, 2027
Honorable Cleve Colson	Magistrate Judge, Seventh Judicial District, Bingham County	December 31, 2026
Honorable James Combo	Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District, Kootenai County	December 31, 2027
Honorable Jennifer Haemmerle	Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial District, Blaine County	December 31, 2026
Honorable Robert Jackson	Magistrate Judge, Third Judicial District, Payette County	December 31, 2026
Honorable David Judd	Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District, Clearwater County	December 31, 2026
Robert Aldridge, Esq.	Robert L. Aldridge, Chtd.	December 31, 2026
Judy Bicknell Taylor	Administrator, Idaho Commission on Aging	December 31, 2026
Dona Butler	Private Guardian	December 31, 2027
Sunrise Ayers	Idaho Legal Aid	December 31, 2026
Peg Dougherty, Esq.	St. Luke's Health System	December 31, 2027
Marika Dudek	Ada County Board of Community Guardians	December 31, 2027
Michelle R. Finch, Esq.	Gravis Law, PLLC	December 31, 2027
Cameron Gilliland	Deputy Administrator, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	December 31, 2026
Sandra Thoen	GC Monitoring Coordinator, Sixth Judicial District	December 31, 2027
Shelli Tubbs	Trial Court Administrator, Fifth Judicial District	December 31, 2026
Dennis S. Voorhees, Esq.	Canyon River Law LLP	December 31, 2027
Alan Wasserman, Esq.	Idaho Legal Aid Services Inc. (retired)	December 31, 2027
Lupe Wissel	Director, AARP Idaho	December 31, 2026

A team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as Legal Counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Guardianship and Conservatorship Committee, as needed:

Jona Lagerstrom, Court Programs and Services Administrator, Guardianship and Conservatorship
Deena Layne, Deputy Legal Counsel

DATED this 27th day of March, 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 3-26-25**
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy