

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE )  
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCING COMMITTEE )

ORDER

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 programing, 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.

A request for adjustments to the Committee having been made, the Court makes changes to the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee as follows:

The Honorable Mayli Walsh shall serve as Chair of the Committee until further order of the Court.

Committee members that shall be re-appointed to the Committee for an additional two-year term are:

Hon. Paul Laggis  
Hon. Jason Walker

Based upon the above adjustments to the Committee membership, the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee shall be comprised of the following members serving for the following terms:

Committee Members	Term Expires
Judge Mayli Walsh First District	December 31, 2025
Judge Sunil Ramalingam Second District	December 31, 2025
Judge Tyler Smith Third District	December 31, 2025
Judge Adam Kimball Fourth District	December 31, 2025
Judge Jennifer Haemmerle Fifth District	December 31, 2025
Judge Paul Laggis Sixth District	December 31, 2026
Judge Jason Walker Seventh District	December 31, 2026

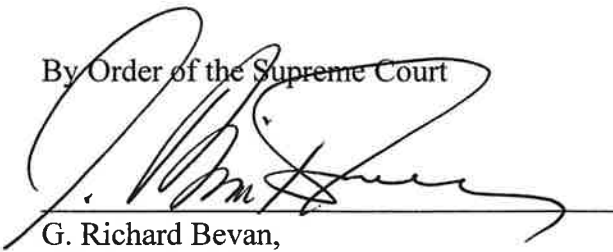
The team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, assigned to support the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee in fulfilling its charge are:

Sara Omundson, Administrative Director of the Idaho Supreme Court  
 Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel  
 Sandy Jones, Senior Court Programs and Services Administrator, Adult Criminal Justice.

This order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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 12-20-24  
 Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy