

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
MISDEMEANOR SENTENCING  
COMMITTEE

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## 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:

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

Hon. Annie McDevitt.

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

Hon. Paul Laggis, Chair  
Hon Tyler Smith  
Hon. Sunil Ramalingam  
Hon. Mayli Walsh  
Hon. Jennifer Haemmerle  
Hon. Jason Walker.

Committee members that shall be appointed to the Committee are:

Hon. Adam Kimball.

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 Member	Term Expires
Chair: Judge Paul Laggis Sixth District	December 31, 2024
Judge Tyler Smith Third District	December 31, 2025
Judge Sunil Ramalingam Second District	December 31, 2025
Judge Mayli Walsh First District	December 31, 2025
Judge Jennifer Haemmerle Fifth District	December 31, 2025
Judge Adam Kimball Fourth District	December 31, 2025
Judge Jason Walker Seventh District	December 31, 2024

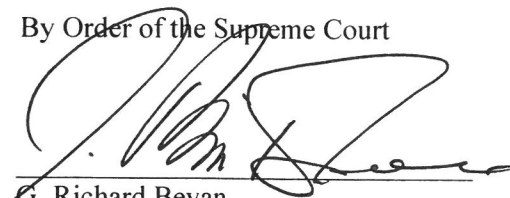
The team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, assigned to support the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee in fulfilling its charge are:

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

This order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

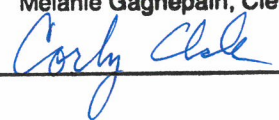
By Order of the Supreme Court

  
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  
Misd. Sentencing Conference entered in the above entitled  
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my  
hand and the Seal of this Court January 2, 2024  
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy