

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**IN RE: FORMATION AND
MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISDEMEANOR
SENTENCING COMMITTEE**)
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) **ORDER**

The Supreme Court comes now in furtherance of 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 and based upon the model of the Felony Sentencing Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee is formed to accomplish the following:

1. Enhance 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, who 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 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following persons are appointed as voting members of the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee, to serve until further order of the Court:

| Committee Member | Current Term Expiration |
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| Chair: Judge James Cawthon | November 22, 2022 |
| Judge Tyler Smith | November 22, 2019 |
| Judge Michelle Evans | November 22, 2021 |
| Judge James Stow | November 22, 2020 |
| Judge Jennifer Haemmerle | November 22, 2021 |
| Judge Paul Laggis | November 22, 2019 |
| Judge Jason Walker | November 22, 2022 |
| Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts | November 22, 2022 |

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as legal counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Misdemeanor Sentencing Committee:

Jason Spillman, Legal Counsel
Taunya Jones, Director, Justice Services Division
Christina Iverson, Manager, Criminal Justice Services
Scott Ronan, Senior Manager, Problem-Solving Courts and Sentencing Alternatives
Ryan Porter, Senior Manager, Behavioral Health and Quality Assurance

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2018.

By Order of the Supreme Court

R. Burdick

Roger S. Burdick, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

Karel A. Lehrman
Clerk

I, Karel A. Lehrman, 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 June 13, 2018

Karel A. Lehrman, Clerk

By Andy Cole Deputy