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Idaho Supreme Court Issues 2011 Annual Report

(Boise) – The Idaho Supreme Court has released its 2011 annual report on the Idaho judiciary. Chief Justice Roger Burdick said, “Despite the current economic challenges, we will continue in the forefront as a public institution known for integrity, fairness, independence, respect, excellence, and innovation, both nationally and in Idaho.”

The full report is available on the court’s website: <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/2011annual.htm>

A core mission for the Idaho Judiciary is to provide equal access to every person, a speedy remedy for every injury, and to ensure that justice is administered without delay or prejudice. To that end, the Idaho Judiciary has undergone a “top to bottom” systems review, which entailed asking every judge in each county, and all court personnel and county officers across the state for new ideas on how to better provide timely justice.

While the Idaho Judiciary has long been recognized nationally as both a leader and an innovator in the timely processing of cases in its trial courts, it is the belief and dedication of Idaho judges, individually and collectively, that they can strive to do even better.

“By engaging with trial judges and administrators and asking what the best practices are, we have been able to critically evaluate and implement new ideas into the system that provides timely resolution to cases and guarantees the rights of individuals,” said Burdick.

Court Highlights for the Fiscal Year 2011:

- Family Court Services responded to over 45,500 requests for information and services.
- District Court civil filings have increased 30% overall since 2006.
- The demand for court assistance services increased for the third consecutive year to a record 60,614 requests.
- Domestic violence courts monitored over 1,575 offenders – a 73% increase over the last two years.
- There was nearly a 9% increase in juvenile filings alleging crimes that, if committed by an adult, would be felonies.
- Both felony drug and felony DUI cases increased substantially, by 33% and 29% respectively.
- Drug and mental health courts combined to supervise a total of 2,244 felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile offenders.

Despite the current economic conditions and the continued and increasing burden on the courts, the Idaho Judiciary remains steadfast in providing a model system of justice to Idahoans and one its citizens can and should be proud of.

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