



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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Legislative News

- >> January 7: First Day of Session
- >> January 7: Governor delivers State of the State address



2012 Holiday Drive a HUGE Success



The organizers of this year's holiday drive would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all of the holiday bakers, shopping warriors, generous benefactors, and pinch-hitters who made this year's Kids-only Holiday Dinner at the Interfaith Sanctuary such an amazing success.

Everyone worked together to prepare a feast for 24 kids and with kind donations, we were able to gather coats, hats, and gloves for every child. The best news is that some deliveries actually had to be made to the NEW HOMES of children who were previously scheduled to join us! For those kids in attendance, the feast included turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, peas and carrots, and a variety of wonderful homemade pies. Cookies were frosted, gifts opened, and many kids wouldn't take off their coats once they put them on!

Leftover treats, a variety of coats, and all of the other clothing and toiletries gathered were delivered to the shelter, where they were gratefully accepted by the staff and guests alike. It was noted that with the recent change in weather, the donations could not have come at a better time.



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Alison Hunter & Chris McCurdy

On Friday December 14, several staff members from the Idaho Supreme Court, in coordination with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers, coordinated a drop-in legal aid clinic at the Interfaith Sanctuary, a home-less shelter in Boise. Karel Lehrman (intake coordinator), Michael Lutz, Doug Robertson, Alison Hunter, Chris McCurdy, and Steve Kenyon spent 3 hours meeting with people in need of legal assistance. This is the second year providing this service to the home-less in the Boise area. Alison Hunter stated, "As my first pro bono experience since becoming a lawyer, volunteering at the drop-in legal clinic was a rewarding experience that I hope to participate in again."

Regardless of your role - large or small - thank you for helping us prove that, as the old story goes:

Santa is alive and well and we are all on his team!

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[December 7-14, 2012](#)

Training & Education Corner

[Click here](#) for the Judicial Education website, including all upcoming & archived trainings for Judges, Clerks, and Court Reporters!

HR Links of Interest

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Court Committees agendas and minutes

Minutes

[Dec. 20 Special Meeting/Administrative Conference](#)

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Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of 01-04-13

NOTE: Due to security concerns, locations are not posted on the Website calendar.

Your Corner . . .

Note: "Your Corner" pages are intended as an archive of articles of interest to a particular group. Once a story has been included in the E-News, it will then be "parked" in a group's page, as appropriate.

[Judges](#) (last updated 03-09-12)

[Elected/Deputy Clerks](#) (last updated 09-07-12)

[Court Reporters](#) (last updated 11-09-12)

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Archived E-News [SC/COA]

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ATTENTION

Lead And Deputy Court Clerks

Please read these important memos regarding [year end Information](#) and [Email addresses for ITD communication](#).

Judicial Education News

The National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law (NCJRL) and the National Judicial College (NJC) offer TWO grant-funded courses this May in Reno, Nevada:

1. Technology-Assisted Crimes Against Children: Computer Searches and Seizures and other Pretrial Motions (2 days)
2. The Fourth Amendment: Comprehensive Search and Seizure Training for Trial Judges (4 days)

Each course is FREE and grants provide partial support for expenses. Note that the courses are back-to-back and judges could choose to attend either or both courses—by attending both, a judge can maximize reimbursement for travel. [Click here](#) for full details.

Human Resources News

NEW EMPLOYEE

Jacob "Jake" McNamara has been hired as our new Network Analyst. Jake was born and raised in Boise, attended High School at Capital High, and attended Boise State University. He has a Bullmastiff named "Ron" and he currently lives in Meridian. He enjoys camping, fishing, playing basketball and drag racing. *Please help welcome Jake to the Judiciary!*



Changes in SSDI

The 2013 Social Security (SSDI) tax rate will return to 6.2% beginning with the first payday in January, 2013. The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 temporarily lowered the employee's SSDI tax rate to 4.2%. This payroll tax reduction expires December 31, 2012. With this change, employees may notice a difference in their net pay. For example; an employee with SSDI taxable wages of \$1500.00 will see their SSDI tax increase from \$63.00 to \$93.00. Please also remember that 2013 tax rates apply to wages paid in 2013, not when the time was worked.

W-2 Information

Your State of Idaho 2012 W-2 will be available online beginning January 9, 2013. All current employees and those in terminated status after December 31, 2011 have the ability to view and print their W-2 on the web. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to access the online W-2 Form.

Paper forms will be mailed on January 24, 2013 to those who have not consented to view their W-2 online by the opening of business on January 22, 2013. Current and Terminated employees who have elected to access their Form W-2 online in the past will not receive a paper copy of their 2012 W-2 in the mail unless they choose to withdraw consent by January 21, 2013.

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Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

Kootenai County DUI
January 8 @ 6:00 p.m.
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
Coeur d'Alene

Bonner County Felony
January 15 @ 5:00 p.m.
Bonner County Courthouse, Rm. 1
Sandpoint

Ada County I and II
January 15 @ 6:00 p.m.
Ada County Courthouse, First Floor
Boise

Latah County Felony
January 23 @ 5:00 p.m.
Latah County Courthouse
Moscow

To have your graduations included in
the Court E-News, email the info to

knelson@idcourts.net

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New for 2012 W-2s: The Affordable Care Act enacted on March 23, 2010 requires employers to report the cost of coverage under an employer-sponsored group health plan on an employee's Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, in Box 12, using Code DD. The amount reported does not affect tax liability, as the value of the employer excludible contribution to health coverage continues to be excludible from an employee's income, and it is not taxable. This reporting is for informational purposes only, to show employees the value of their health care benefits so they can be more informed consumers. The cost of coverage reported on Form W-2 has been calculated using the Cobra Applicable Premium Method and will not match the insurance premiums shown on employee pay stubs.

Note: There is a \$5.00 fee on each duplicate W-2 request. Duplicate W-2 requests will not be processed until February 1, 2013.

Reminder: Changing mailing addresses with PERSI

When an active employee has a change to their mailing address, please submit the change directly to the Human Resources Office not to PERSI. Retired or terminated employees need to contact PERSI when or if your mailing address ever changes. PERSI provides an RS110 Change of Address form on its website (www.persi.idaho.gov) for both active and inactive employees to use to request a change of address. The form is for both Base Plan and Choice 401(k) Plan accounts. Once an address change is received, all statements, correspondence, and tax documents will go to the new address of record.

Office of Group Insurance Newsletter

[Click here](#) for the January issue of the Office of Group Insurance newsletter, *Benefit Focus*. This month's issue contains articles about the FSA, Tobacco Cessation and Weight Management programs, gym discounts for Blue Cross of Idaho members, and an introduction to the newest member of their team, Sarah Hinckley.

Court Reporter for District Judge Randy Stoker in the 5th Judicial District

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a Court Reporter for District Judge Randy Stoker in the Fifth Judicial District. The official workstation for this position will be Twin Falls, Idaho. For a complete position description and how to apply please [click here](#). This position will remain open until filled. The State of Idaho is an equal opportunity employer.

Fitness Classes

Capitol Mall Group Fitness is still going!!!! [Click here](#) for a list of classes currently being offered. Contact the POC listed for each class if you are interested in learning more.