



# Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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## Legislative News

The 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Idaho Legislature opened on Monday, January 7, 2013 in the midst of a day-long snow storm in Boise. A Joint Session of the House and Senate, with both the Idaho Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals in attendance, heard Governor Otter's 7<sup>th</sup> State of the State and Budget Message ([Text](#) / [Video](#)). The Governor made NO change in Employee Compensation (CEC) recommendation for state employees, which translates to proposing no base pay increases for state employees. The Governor did emphasize the following priorities for this year's session: [Click here to read full report](#)

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## Hon. George Southworth appointed to District Judge position

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of Canyon County Magistrate George Southworth to fill a vacancy on the 3rd District bench left by the retirement of Judge Renae Hoff. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

## Judicial Council announces candidates for 1st Judicial District Judge Position

The following are candidates for the 1st Judicial District Judge position vacancy, created by Judge Luster's retirement:

- BUSHLING, BRYANT, a Deputy Prosecutor/Kootenai County, Coeur d'Alene
- CAFFERTY, JOHN, a Deputy Prosecutor for Kootenai County, Coeur d'Alene
- CHRISTENSEN, RICHARD, a Lawyer in private practice in St. Maries
- HOLMES, EDWIN, a Lawyer in private practice in Coeur d'Alene
- MEYER, CYNTHIA, a Lawyer in private practice in Coeur d'Alene
- OLDS, VICTORIA, a Lawyer formerly in private practice in Grangeville

## Comments Sought on proposed rule amendments

The Civil Rules Advisory Committee met in November of 2012 and is recommending several amendments to the rules. The proposed amendments are available for comment and can be found on the Supreme Court website – [Click here](#).

## Links of Interest

News Clippings: [01-11-13](#)

*Gavel to Gavel* [this week](#)

NCSC Jur-E Bulletin [01-11-13](#)

*Fair Courts E-lert* [01-08-13](#)

CSG Justice Center / Criminal Justice, Mental Health Consensus Project releases new report: [Statewide Law Enforcement/Mental Health Efforts: Strategies to Support and Sustain Local Initiatives](#)



## ATTENTION

### Lead And Deputy Court Clerks

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

## Judicial Education News

>> [Web-based Course: Selected Criminal Evidence Issues](#)

## 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

[HR Recruitment Report](#)

Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)

## Court Committees agendas and minutes

Minutes

[Jan. 8 Special Meeting / Administrative Conference](#)

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

[Dec. 13 Felony Sentencing Committee](#)

## 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)

## Need IT Support?

In an effort to better support your technical issues, you can now send an email to [helpdesk@idcourts.net](mailto:helpdesk@idcourts.net). Or you can also call (208)334-3868.



## Archived E-News

[Click here . . .](#)

## Human Resources News

### The flu season is upon us! Stay well ...

- Don't be touchy - literally. Keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes, nose
- Steer clear of sick people
- Carry hand sanitizer with you and use it
- Use a paper towel to open BR doors
- Wash, wash, wash!!
- Use disinfectant wipes weekly to clean your pen, pencil, keyboard, mouse, phone, copier/fax pads, desk top
- Disinfect common areas in the break room/kitchen: microwave touch pads, sink handles, fridge/freezer handles
- Wash your office mug/drinking glass with soap
- Do you feel sick? Stay home!

### Already sick?

- Stay home until you are [no longer contagious](#); your co-workers will appreciate you!
- [Cold Versus Flu?](#)
- [Allergies or a Cold?](#)
- [Check your symptoms](#)
- Sneeze into your elbow
- After using a Kleenex, wash your hands
- Avoid close contact with people while contagious
- Wash, wash, wash!!
- Disinfect your office supplies and work area
- At home, use disposable towels and glasses to reduce the spread of germs among family

For more wellness resources, visit [Health Matters](#) and the [Blog](#). Stay healthy. You matter!

### 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

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

Canyon County Felony  
January 15 @ 4:45 p.m.  
Canyon County Courthouse  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 1, Caldwell

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

Bannock County Felony  
January 15 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Bannock County Courthouse, Rm. 303  
Pocatello

Bannock County Juvenile  
January 22 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Bannock County Courthouse, Pocatello

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

Oneida County Misdemeanor DUI  
January 24 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Oneida County Courthouse, Malad

Bingham County Adult Misdemeanor  
January 24 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Bingham County Courthouse, Blackfoot

Kootenai County Felony  
January 28 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 12  
Coeur d'Alene

Lemhi County Adult Felony/Misdemeanor  
January 28 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Lemhi County Courthouse, Salmon

Bingham County Felony  
January 29 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Bingham County Courthouse, Blackfoot

Canyon County Mental Health  
January 30 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Canyon County Courthouse, Caldwell

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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: Salary Affidavits**

This is just a friendly reminder that salary affidavits should be sent to the Human Resources Office. These can be faxed to the HR Fax at (208) 947-7463 or they can be emailed to [hr@idcourts.net](mailto:hr@idcourts.net). Thank you!

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the Court E-News, email the info to

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