



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

As the Third Branch of Government, we provide access to justice through the timely, fair, and impartial resolution of cases.



Legislative News

While Monday January 21 was a holiday for many, the Idaho Legislature was in session and proposed legislation which affects the Judiciary was part of a committee agenda. Specifically, Patti Tobias presented testimony before the House Judiciary, Rules, & Administration Committee on a print hearing for bill seeking additional judgeships.

[Click here to read the rest of the Legislative News](#)



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Investiture scheduled for Judge Southworth

The investiture ceremony for the Honorable George Southworth will take place on **February 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm** at the Canyon County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Courtroom #2. A reception will be from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Broadmore County Club, Copper Canyon Lounge, 103 Shannon Drive, Nampa, Idaho. Governor Otter appointed Canyon County Magistrate Judge Southworth to serve as a District Judge in the Third Judicial District on January 8, 2013.

Human Resources News

Kerry Hong appointed Director of Community Justice and Family Services

Kerry Hong has been selected to be the Director of Community Justice and Family Services. This position will support and lead the development, effective operations, and continuous improvement of statewide court services in problem-solving courts, community sentencing alternatives, juvenile justice, children and families, court assistance, child protection and guardian ad litem, domestic violence courts, guardianships and conservatorships, and other established statewide services and pilot projects. Kerry was raised in Blackfoot, ID. He received his B.S. in Political Science from Utah State and his J.D. from University of Utah. He worked for the 6th Judicial District as the Director of Court Services for 8 years, working primarily in Family Court Services and Problem Solving Courts. In 2010, Kerry was hired by the Idaho Supreme Court for the position of Misdemeanor Sentencing Alternatives Manager to lead efforts to enhance the professionalism of misdemeanor probation. He was appointed to his current position in January, 2013. Kerry currently resides in Idaho Falls with his wife, Mandi, son Luke, and daughter Olivia. *Congratulations Kerry!*



Links of Interest

News Clippings: [01-25-13](#)
E-SJI News [January 2013](#)
NCSC Jur-E Bulletin [1-25-13](#) & [1-18-13](#)
NCSC @ The Center [January 2013](#)
NCSC Gavel to Gavel [01-18-13](#)
NCSC Federal Funding Report [1-16-13](#)



Welcome, Kathy Brusse

Kathy Brusse has joined the Information Systems Office as Administrative Assistant to Kevin Iwersen. She will also be assisting Cathy Darden as needed. Kathy is originally from the Washington, DC area, and moved to Idaho in 2001 to escape the “rat race.” She spent the last nine years at Blue Cross of Idaho supporting, at various times, the COO, the CEO, and most recently the CIO. She enjoys cooking, reading, camping, and CrossFit. *Welcome Kathy!*

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[January 16-23, 2013](#)

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 01-25-13

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 & ISTARs Support?

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



Judicial Council announces candidates for 1st Judicial District Judge Position

The following IS A **CORRECTED LIST** of 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
- WAYMAN, SCOTT, a Magistrate Judge/1st Judicial District, Coeur d'Alene

Judicial Education News

>> [Restorative Practices Webinar / February 20 / Space is limited](#)

>> [Judicial Institute: Judicial Law / February 24-27 / San Antonio, Texas](#)

The Help Desk — not just for IT issues anymore

You've seen this guy "screaming" in the *Court E-News* for awhile now, letting you know what to do if you have IT issues. Now, that same Help Desk is now available to help with **ISTARS** issues as well, by either sending an email to helpdesk@idcourts.net, or calling (208)334-3868.



Laptop Deployment Status Report

Standard Ultrabooks

The standard ultrabook systems were requested by 28 judges. All of the standard systems have been received by the Information Division, imaged and are ready for deployment.

- Eight systems have already been deployed to county offices north of Valley County.
- Six systems were deployed to Ada County on January 22nd.
- Systems designated for Canyon and Payette County will be deployed the week of January 28th.
- The remaining systems will be deployed to Eastern Idaho in February.

Touchscreen Laptops

The touchscreen laptops were requested by 69 judges. ASUS (the manufacturer) has not yet released these systems for general availability; however, release remains tentatively slated for 1st quarter 2013 (February or March 2013). The Information Division remains in weekly contact with our distributor for any changes in product availability.

Archived E-News [SC/COA]

[Click here . . .](#)

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Latah County Felony
January 30 @ 5:00
Latah County Courthouse
Moscow

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

Ada County Mental Health
January 30 @ 6:00 p.m.
Ada County Courthouse, First Floor
Boise

Bonneville County Child Protection
February 5 @ 10:00 a.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Idaho Falls

Bonneville County Felony
February 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Idaho Falls

Bonneville County Misdemeanor/DUI
February 7 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Idaho Falls

Kootenai County Mental Health
February 7 @ 8:00 a.m.
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
Coeur d'Alene

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

knelson@idcourts.net

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Recruitment for Research and Evaluation Specialist

The Idaho Courts have an employment opportunity for a Research and Evaluation Specialist. Application packets must be received by Monday, February 4, 2013 by 5:00 p.m., MDT. The State of Idaho is an equal opportunity employer.

Recruitment for Family Court Services Coordinator in 2nd Judicial District

The Idaho Courts have an opportunity for a Family Court Services Coordinator in the Second Judicial District. This is a contract position and is subject to available funding. The position will be located in Lewiston, Idaho. Information about the position and application materials are available at www.isc.idaho.gov/careers. Application packets must be received by Wednesday, February 6, 2013 by 5:00 pm, MDT. The State of Idaho is an equal opportunity employer.

2nd District Family Court Services Coordinator

Denise Villa, the 2nd District Family Court Services Coordinator passed away on January 15, 2013. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.