



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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Legislative News: Week ending February 28 [Week 8]

[HB 509](#), the Court's technology fund bill, passed unanimously through the House Judiciary & Rules Committee on Thursday. Testifying for the bill on behalf of the Courts were Patti Tobias, Former Chief Justice Linda Trout, Senior District Judge Barry Wood, Elizabeth Criner on behalf of the J.R. Simplot Company, Sara Thomas as Chair of the Criminal Justice Commission, and Robert Wetherell, President of the Idaho State Bar. Mr. Wetherell also distributed [a letter to each legislator in both houses](#), and his [article which will appear in this month's Advocate](#).



[Click here for the rest of the Legislative News document](#)

Governor Names New District Judges in Boise and Lewiston

(BOISE) - Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointments today of new district judges to succeed retiring jurists. Nez Perce County Magistrate **Jay P. Gaskill** was named to the position of 2nd District judge in Lewiston, and Boise attorney **Jason D. Scott** was appointed to the 4th District bench in Boise. Gaskill succeeds 2nd District Judge Carl Kerrick, who retired at the end of January. Scott succeeds 4th District Judge Ronald Wilper, who retired at the end of December.

"I continue to be encouraged that - despite the fact that fewer Idaho attorneys seem to be coming forward to seek judgeships - the Judicial Council manages to send me great candidates for these difficult but essential positions," Governor Otter said. "I'm confident that Judges Gaskill and Scott will demonstrate the kind of exemplary record of service and professionalism that characterized the fine judges they are succeeding."

Gaskill is a Gooding native who grew up in Shoshone. He has been a magistrate in Lewiston since December 2001, and received both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Idaho.

Scott is a Pocatello native who has been a partner in the Boise law office of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley LLP since 2007. He received a bachelor's degree from Idaho State University and his law degree from Duke University. Scott also clerked for U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill for two years after law school.

Gaskill and his wife, Lori Rae, have two sons. Scott and his wife, Julie Lynn, have a son and a daughter.

Kootenai County Magistrate Judges Announce Retirement

Judge Penny Friedlander, Kootenai County Magistrate Judge in the First Judicial District, has announced her retirement, effective August 31, 2014. [Click here](#) to read her letter. Congratulations, Judge Friedlander!

Judge Barry Watson, Kootenai County Magistrate Judge in the First Judicial District, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2014. [Click here](#) to read his letter. Congratulations, Judge Watson!

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[February 21-28, 2014](#)

Training & Education Corner

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

HR / Finance Links of Interest

- >> [HR Recruitment Report](#) 02-28-14
- >> Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)
- >> Resources: [Employee Handbook](#);
[salary affidavits & travel vouchers](#).
- >> [We're Here to Serve You!](#)

Court Committees: Agendas and Minutes

[Administrative Conference Minutes Feb. 2014](#)

[Counties/Courts Committee Minutes: 11-13-13](#)

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of February 28, 2014

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 08-30-13)

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

[Court Reporters](#) (updated 12-20-13)

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helpdesk@idcourts.net

Or Call: 208-334-3868



New Judge Story: Ada County Magistrate Judge Ellis

Ever wonder if art, or in this case a particular film, imitates life? Or if life imitates art or film? If so, one might want to get to know Judge Andrew Ellis, a new Magistrate in Ada County in Idaho's Fourth Judicial District. His passion for the art of film, combined with a family steeped in the law, gives him a unique background no other judge may claim. [Click here for the story.](#)



Important News from the Finance Office

As part of the Finance Office's continuous effort to improve the quality of service we offer, we are transitioning to **Travel Express** for all of your travel reimbursement requests. This will allow you more privacy, functionality, and efficiency in submitting your requests. **Travel Express** is an online application operated through State of Idaho Controller's website: www.sco.idaho.gov.

We are asking all employees that are currently not using **Travel Express** to please complete the enrollment form found [here](#). Also, here is the [link](#) for the step-by-step instructions for completing a travel voucher request. Please feel free to contact Admir Nezirevic directly at (208) 334-2248 regarding any questions or any further assistance you may need.

Judicial Education News

Child Protection Clerks: Please join us for a brief Webinar on March 5th at 12:30 MT 11:30 PT on the unique child identification number in child protection cases. The unique id number for each child allows us to "find" that child across multiple systems and is a very important piece of information. Julie Cottrell will demonstrate where to find the unique id number for each child and where it should be entered in ISTARS. Space is Limited - Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/225658046>

Child Protection Judges: Child Protection Judges please join us for a Webinar on March 19th at 12:30 MT\11:30 PT on assessing child safety in child protection cases. Miren Unsworth, FACS Program Manager will discuss IDHW's enhanced safety assessment protocol that will be rolled out statewide in late Spring. Ms. Unsworth will discuss the robust information gathering process as well as the decision making tool for assessing whether the child's situation is unsafe and if so whether the child should be placed in out-of-home care or receive services at home. **Space is limited** -Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/471531246>

NOTE NEW DATE – WEBCAST: Commercial Driver Licensing (CDL), hosted by the National Judicial College

Date: ~~February 25, 2014~~ **MAY 7** at 11:00 am PST / 12:00 pm MST
Registration and Session description: [To register, click here.](#)

NJC's 2014 Courses on Evidence:

- >> Scientific Evidence and Expert Testimony / May 19-22, 2014 / Reno
- >> Advanced Evidence / August 11-14, 2014 / Reno

Traumatic Brain Injury Webinar Now Available Online

The recent webinar, *Traumatic Brain Injury and Criminal Justice Populations*, hosted by the Council of State Governments Justice Center, is available online – [click here](#).

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

Twin Falls DUI Court
 March 3 @ 7:30 a.m.
 Twin Falls County Courthouse, Rm. 6
 Twin Falls

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

Benewah County Felony
 March 5 @ 4:00 p.m.
 Benewah County Courtroom
 St. Maries

Kootenai County Mental Health
 March 6 @ 8:00 a.m.
 Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
 Coeur d’Alene

Bonneville County Misd. /DUI
 March 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
 Bonneville County Courthouse
 Centennial Courtroom, 605 N. Capitol
 Idaho Falls

Butte/Custer County Adult
 Misdemeanor
 March 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Butte County Courthouse, Arco

Kootenai County DUI
 March 11 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
 Coeur d’Alene

Nez Perce County Misdemeanor/DUI
 March 12 @ 4:30 p.m.
 Nez Perce County, Lewiston
 District 3 Mental Health Court
 March 12 @ 3:00 p.m.
 Public Meeting Room Canyon County
 Courthouse, Caldwell

To have graduations included in the Court E-News, email the information to Craig at cbarnes@idcourts.net.

Human Resources News

IRS Changes for 2014

[For 2014, IRS Issues 401\(k\) and Pension Plan Limits](#)
[FICA Adjusts: Income Subject to Payroll Tax Increases in 2014](#)

Office of Group Insurance *Benefits Focus* newsletter available

The latest issue of the *Benefits Focus* newsletter has been posted on the Office of Group Insurance [website](#) and will soon be available on the [Employee Portal](#). This month’s issue includes information about [thriveidaho](#) rewards, the initial [thriveidaho](#) iPod winner and an enhanced FSA claims processing schedule.

THRIVEIDAHO

Now that we’ve covered how to complete the four steps of [thriveidaho](#), you probably have some questions. Check out the **Frequently Asked Questions** on the [thriveidaho](#) website at <http://thrive.idaho.gov/faq/>.

What’s addressed in the FAQs?

The FAQs address questions you may have about: Eligibility, Enrollment, Confidentiality, and Contact Information.

Many other topics are also addressed so take a look! **What if my question isn’t addressed in the FAQs?** If you can’t find an answer to your question, select the ‘Have a Question?’ link from the menu to submit your question via email. You can also call 208-332-1881. For more information about [rewards](#) and [thriveidaho](#), visit [thrive.idaho.gov](#).

Capitol Mall Group Fitness Classes Available

Below is the list of classes currently available through the Capitol Mall Group Fitness pilot program. Space is limited and you must be registered to attend. Contact the Point of Contact (POC) listed to learn more about each class.

PILATES	Mon/Thurs 12:00 - 12:50	\$16/month	POC - Jennifer Pike jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)
PILATES	Tues/Thurs 1:00 - 1:50	\$16/month	POC - Jennifer Pike jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)
YOGA	Tuesday 12:00 - 12:50	\$8/month	POC - Kymm Benson Kymm.Benson@oer.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)
BOOT CAMP	Wednesday 12:00 - 12:50	\$8/month	POC - Jennifer Pike jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)
BOOT CAMP	Friday 12:00 - 12:50	\$8/month	POC - Jennifer Pike jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)
GENTLE YOGA	Friday 1:00 - 1:50	\$8/month	POC - Jennifer Pike jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	(this class is full but keeps a waiting list)