



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.

*Time to leap forward!
Daylight Saving Time
begins this weekend!*



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Judge Barry Watson, Kootenai County Magistrate Judge in the First Judicial District, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2014. Here's the [correct link](#) to read his letter. Again, congratulations, Judge Watson!

Legislative News: Week ending March 7 [Week 9]

The biggest news of the week deals with the Third Branch compensation announced by Majority Legislative Leadership:

TWO-YEAR FRONT-LOADED LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP PLAN TO ADDRESS RECRUITMENT, SALARY COMPRESSION, AND COMPENSATION FOR ALL JUDGES



The Judiciary prepared and transmitted to the 2014 Idaho Legislature a comprehensive proposal recommended by the Administrative Conference and approved by the Supreme Court to address recruitment, salary compression, and compensation for all judges.

In response to the needs expressed by the Judiciary, joint Majority Leadership appointed a member from each chamber who considered the proposal of the Judiciary in light of those needs, together with salaries of the state's constitutional officers and the myriad other challenges and issues faced by the Idaho Legislature. The salary plan was then developed without further input from the Judiciary and without opportunity to comment.

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

People & Events in the News . . .

District Judge Shindurling Not Filing for Reelection

Seventh District Judge Jon Shindurling has announced. "... I have reluctantly decided not to file for reelection, and will retire from office at the end of term." [Click here](#) to read his letter.

Blaine County Magistrate Judge Israel Announces Retirement

Judge R. Ted Israel, Magistrate Judge in Blaine County in the Fifth Judicial District, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2014. [Click here](#) to read his letter. Congratulations, Judge Israel!

New Judge Story: Payette County Magistrate Judge Jackson

Judge Robert Jackson can't name specific individuals who influenced his decision to study law. He can only say that after being involved in the court system for several years as a police officer, "being at counsel table looked like a better alternative to being in the witness chair as a cop." That experience was gained in the courts of Bannock County as a Pocatello Police Officer. Just one segment of the vast experience Judge Jackson brings to the Magistrate bench in Payette County of Idaho's Third Judicial District. [Click here for the story.](#)

Memorial Service Scheduled for March 20

Chief Justice Burdick announced that the Idaho Supreme Court will hold its annual Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, March 20 at 10:00 am MDT in the courtroom of the Idaho Supreme Court building in Boise. The judges and members of the Idaho State Bar who passed away during the year 2013 will be remembered at this ceremony. [Click here for the press release.](#)

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](#) 03-07-14
- >> 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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2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines Now Available

The Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2014 are now available and may be accessed on the Court's website by [clicking here](#). These may be of interest to you and they can also be helpful in evaluating an individual's level of indigence.

Judicial Education News

SAVE THE DATE! Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, 21st Annual 2 Days In June Conference, June 3rd & 4th, 2014 at The Riverside in Boise, Idaho. [Click here](#) for more information.

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>.

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](#).

Human Resources News

No Buts About it!

Colon Cancer is not typical table talk - no butts about it, it's an uncommon topic. Unfortunately, it is an all too common disease. Take time out of your day and make plans to attend this FREE seminar on **Tuesday, March 18th**, from Noon to 1:00, at the JRW Building, East Conference Room in Boise. Dr. Benjamin Karsten, Colon and Rectal Surgeon, and Jennifer Eichmeyer, MS, CGC, Certified Genetic Counselor, with St. Luke's MSTI, will discuss the **latest in health news concerning colon cancer and genetics**, screening guidelines, testing and treatment. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and get updates on a very important area of your health. **Receive FREE recipes and water bottles!** [Register now!](#)

There are several skin cancer screening events coming up in April and May.

There is a [worksite cholesterol screening](#) scheduled for May 21st in the Capitol Mall area

Thrive Idaho Update

The end of the first year of [thriveidaho](#) is approaching, but you still have time to complete all four steps of the program! The **last day** to complete the program's four steps and submit documentation to Blue Cross of Idaho is **Wednesday, April 30, 2014**.

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Nez Perce County DUI Court
March 12 @ 4:30 p.m.
Nez Perce County, Lewiston

Canyon County Mental Health Court
March 12 @ 3:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room Canyon County
Courthouse, Caldwell

Shoshone Felony Drug Court
March 13 @ 4:00 p.m.
Shoshone County Courthouse, Wallace

Bonner County Felony Drug Court
March 18 @ 5:00 p.m.
Bonner County Courthouse
Courtroom One, Sandpoint

Mini-Cassia Juvenile Drug Court
March 18 @ 3:30 p.m.
Cassia County Courthouse, Rupert

Ada County Felony Drug Court 1
March 19 @ 5:30 p.m.
Ada County Courthouse, First Floor
Commissioners' Hearing Room, Boise

Ada II County Felony Drug Court
March 19 @ 5:30 p.m.
Ada County Courthouse,
Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1st Fl.
Boise

Human Resources News continued . . .

My wellness appointment isn't until next week. Can I start on the other steps?

Yes, you may complete the [thriveidaho](#) steps out of order. For example, if you are participating in Walk Idaho! as your Support Program, you may start counting steps now in order to complete all six weeks of the program.

How can I check my progress in the program?

You may contact Blue Cross of Idaho Customer Services to check your progress in the program at 208-331-8897 (Boise local) or 866-804-2253 (toll free).

How will I know if I win the iPod/bodybugg drawing?

A representative from Blue Cross of Idaho will contact you directly if you are a drawing winner.

How will I receive the Rewards book?

Once you've completed Steps 3 & 4 of the program, the Rewards Book will be mailed to you by Blue Cross of Idaho.

For more information about rewards and the steps of [thriveidaho](#), visit thrive.idaho.gov

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