



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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Legislative News: Week ending March 14 [Week 10]

Today, March 14, 2014 at 5 p.m. marks the closing of the candidate filing period for the upcoming May 20, 2014 primary election. Of interest to the Judiciary are two Supreme Court Justice positions (Justice Warren Jones and Justice Joel Horton), one Court of Appeals Judge (Judge Sergio Gutierrez), and 40 district judge positions across the state.



The Court's budget which was heard before JFAC on Wednesday and Thursday, March 5 and 6, has now been printed as an appropriation bill [HB 628](#). As of this writing, it is on the House Third Reading calendar. Also before JFAC on Friday morning were two trailer bills, one for [HB 509](#) to provide spending authority should this tech funding bill become law. The second trailer bill was to fund [SB 1394](#) dealing with judicial recruitment, salary compression, and increasing salaries, should it become law. Both trailer bills passed JFAC Friday morning with unanimous votes.

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Vacancy Announced for Ada County Magistrate Judge

The Magistrates Commission of the Fourth Judicial District is seeking applicants for one position of Magistrate Judge for Ada County, Idaho. The position is designated as a full-time family law assignment.

[Click here for the Notice of Recruitment.](#)

Judicial Council—2013 Informal Ethics Advisory Opinions

The Idaho Judicial Council has released its 2013 Information Ethics Advisory Opinions, available by [clicking here](#).

Judges: 2014 Tribal-State Court Forum Planned for April 1

The 2014 Tribal-State Court Forum, hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe, will be held on April 1, 2014 at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (PDT) at the Clearwater Event Center in Lewiston, Idaho. Agenda topics for the Forum include: Tribal-State Court Bench Book; Requirements for Tribes under the VAWA-Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction over Non-Indians; Sex Offender Notification and Registration Act (SORNA); and a presentation from the Chief of Police for the Nez Perce Tribal Police/ Director of the National Indian Youth Police Academy on interagency collaboration. If you are interested in attending please contact [Tresha Griffiths](#) to reserve a seat. Lunch will be provided for the first 50 participants to register. NOTE: CLE credits (approx. 6.25) have been applied for through the Idaho State Bar.

News from the Finance Office



Anthony Mukuna

We are pleased to announce that Anthony Mukuna and Admir Nezirevic of the Finance Department recently passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. The Finance Office now has three CPAs on its staff: Anthony, Admir, and Tammy Brown.



Admir Nezirevic

Congratulations, Anthony and Admir!

Links of Interest

- [News Articles for this week](#)
- [NCSC's Gavel to Gavel](#)
- [NCSC Jur-E Bulletin 03-07-14](#)

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[March 1-14, 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](#) 03-14-14

Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)

Resources:

[Employee Handbook](#)

[Salary Affidavits & Travel Vouchers](#)

[We're Here to Serve You!](#)

[Phones Directory: Administrative Office of the Courts](#)

Court Committees: Agendas and Minutes

[Administrative Conference Minutes Feb. 2014](#)

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

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of March 14, 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](#) (Newly updated 03-14-14)

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

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Or Call:

208-334-3868



Senior Legal Hotline Expands Services

Idaho Legal Aid Services has expanded the Senior Legal Hotline. This free service is now available to Idaho seniors aged 60 or older, regardless of income. The office hours have also expanded and the hotline is now available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

To contact the hotline call:

(866) 345-0106

Spanish (866) 954-2591

or (208) 345-0106 in Boise

For more information visit
Idaho Legal Aid's Website [click here](#).

Judicial Education News

Webinar: Nuts & Bolts of Condemnation Proceedings for District Judges
April 29 at 12:30 pm MDT / 11:30 am PDT

Condemnation proceedings are distinctive procedurally and deal with aspects of property law foreign to many practitioners and judges. Heather Cunningham and Mary York, two leading Idaho Condemnation lawyers with extensive litigation experience will present on this subject. They will focus on key issues that judges must deal with including unique procedural issues such as, expedited possession hearings, bifurcated proceedings, venue and, and who proceeds first at trial. Included in the presentation will be concepts such as just compensation, highest and best use, larger parcel, before and after references and fair market value. They will discuss valuation issues including severance damages, value of property taken and business damages. Materials will also be included for reference materials. Don't get condemned, get informed!

[Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now – click here!](#)

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>.

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Latah County Felony Drug Court
March 19 @ 5:00 p.m.
Latah County Courthouse, Moscow

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

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

Canyon County Felony Drug Court
March 25 @ 5:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Rm
Canyon County Courthouse, Caldwell

Mini-Cassia Juvenile Drug Court
March 25 @ 3:30 p.m.
Cassia County Courthouse, Rupert

Nez Perce County Mental Health Court
March 26 @ 9:00 a.m.
Nez Perce County Courthouse
Courtroom 3, Lewiston

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

Human Resources News

Welcome, New Employee Laura Fisher!

Laura Fisher was selected as the Database Administrator for the Information Division. Laura graduated with a Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems from DeVry University in Phoenix, AZ. She has lived in Boise for close to 20 years and has worked as a Computer Programmer and Database Administrator for Micron, Bodybuilding.com, and Power Engineers. She enjoys working with people and being part of a team that will deliver quality data solutions. She is the mother to three boys and they have two dogs. In her free time you may find her golfing, skiing, or hiking. Welcome, Laura!



Insurance 101: What's the Difference Between an EOB and a Bill?
Blue Cross's newsletter is now available - [click here.](#)

Two New Features to your Nationwide 457 Plan

There are two new features to your Nationwide 457 plan that have been added within the last year.

The most exciting one is called the Pro Account. This is the first time you have access to professional active management within your 457 plan. Once signed up for this option you have a team of experienced investment professionals doing the research so you don't have to. They can react quicker to take advantage of a rising market and more importantly make moves to preserve your money in a declining one. They take into account your age and attitudes towards risk when making fund change decisions. If you are uncomfortable picking your own funds or don't have the time to research and stay up on the market... ProAccount is the answer.

The second new feature is a Roth option. This is different way of paying taxes on your retirement money. With a Roth you pay the taxes now, then when you withdrawal your money in retirement the contributions and earnings are completely tax free.

[Click here for two informational brochures](#) with more details.

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