



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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Legislative News

With the candidate filing period now closed, and JFAC having completed the budget setting process, the Legislature has set its sights on adjournment and getting out of town. March 23 is still being bandied about as the earliest and March 30th as the latest for this to occur. With that said, there are still a very large number of bills in the pipeline and there will be some long days between now and adjournment. By week's end, many legislative observers are now of the opinion that the March 23 date is not obtainable, and are now even starting to question whether March 30 is still a viable date. A lot can happen really fast, so this next two weeks or so could get interesting. [Click here](#) for all of the legislative news . . .

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Statewide Bail Guidelines adopted

The Supreme Court has adopted [Statewide Guidelines](#) for the Uniform Administration of Bail and Bail Bonds, which become effective on April 1, 2012. One of the objectives of the Supreme Court's Bail Bonds Guidelines Committee was to create a uniform set of guidelines to be used throughout the state. When the committee was formed, three of Idaho's judicial districts had comprehensive sets of bail guidelines, two had guidelines covering only a few subjects, and two had no written guidelines. The committee drafted a revision of Idaho's bail statutes, which was adopted in 2009, and recommended amendments to Idaho Criminal Rule 46 which have also been adopted. These guidelines, which are based on the new statutes and rule changes, are the culmination of the committee's work. They are not intended to create or affect any existing rights or obligations. They simply provide information and guidance, based on the provisions of law and best practices, on the procedures to be followed with regard to bail. Please submit any questions or suggestions for improvements to these guidelines to Michael Henderson at mhenderson@idcourts.net, or at 334-2246. We would like to thank all of the members of the committee, and all those who have submitted their concerns and advice to the committee, for their hard work and dedication.

Coming Soon . . .

New Court Assistance Office Website!

We are very pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the new Court Assistance Office website at www.courtselfhelp.idaho.gov, available **Tuesday, March 20th**. The website has been redesigned with a fresh look to parallel the new Idaho Supreme Court site coming later this spring. It has also been reorganized using intuitive navigation and developed with a focus on ease of use. It features the CAO court forms available by packet or individually, helpful brochures, an attorney referral search, events calendar, and a quick and easy search tool for local offices, among other things.



This project has been several years in the making, with contributions from a handful of dedicated and talented people. While you always hope for a perfect product in the end, technology and tired eyes usually throw in a few kinks to keep us on our toes. In light of that, we appreciate your heads up, suggestions, and general comments, which can be directed to Camille Nelson at cnelson@idcourts.net.

Training & Education Corner

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Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[Week of March 9–15, 2012](#)

Court Committee Minutes

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HR Links of Interest

[Wellness News](#) – Health Matters

[Click here](#) for Employee Handbook, salary affidavits, or travel vouchers.

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.

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(last updated 6-13-11)

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Human Resources News

Passing of Senior Judge Daniel "Dan" McDougall

Daniel "Dan" Campbell McDougall, 70, of Pocatello, Idaho, passed away peacefully following an illness on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, while in the company of family members at his residence. A time to visit with Dan's family will be from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, March 24 at St. John's Catholic Church on the ISU campus, with memorial services beginning at 4:30 pm at the church. It is suggested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dan's memory to CASA, 836 E. Center St., Pocatello, Idaho 83201. If you wish to write with your condolences, the McDougalls' address is 1656 Monte Vista, Pocatello, Idaho 83201.

Notice of Recruitment: 3rd Judicial District / Attorney Magistrate for Canyon County

The Magistrates Commission of the 3rd Judicial District is seeking applicants for the position of Attorney Magistrate for Canyon County. This position may be chambered at either the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell or at the Nampa Court Annex. The position is available July 9, 2012.

Candidates for Minidoka County Magistrate Judge position

The 5th Judicial District Magistrate Commission will be meeting to review [attorney applicants](#) for the position of Minidoka County Magistrate Judge, to replace Honorable Larry Duff, who will be retiring. Eight applications have been received, as follows:

Loren Bingham, Hazelton
Hon. Rick Bollar, Burley
Calvin Campbell, Wendell
David Hooste, Firth

Jon Nicholson, Jerome
Lary Sisson, Middleton
Michael Tribe, Rupert
Jeremy Vaughn, Filer

Attention: Magistrate Judges

Please register TODAY for the **Magistrate Judges Conference** at <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/417384/13df/>. The conference is being held on April 18-20, 2012 at The Riverside Hotel, located at 2900 Chinden Boulevard, in Boise. For your reference, please [click here](#) for a draft conference agenda.

Webinar for Judges: Advance Session on 1) Westlaw Next and 2) WestCheck

April 4th, 2012: Noon - 1:00 pm MDT

Please join Laura Nelimark-Keyes, from West, for a demonstration and training on Folders, Sharing Research, and other productivity tools within WestlawNext, the more user-friendly, yet more powerful, successor to classic Westlaw. Laura is also going to cover a software program called WestCheck, which verifies if citations within your document are still good law or not. Judges who would like to activate their WestlawNext connections before this training are urged to contact Steven Caylor, IKMS Coordinator, scaylor@idcourts.net or 208-947-7447 for assistance. Also, you can download WestCheck by going to <http://westapps.west.thomson.com/software/westcheck/registration.asp>.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/440762494>

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

Bonner County Felony
March 16 @ 5:00 p.m.
Bonner County Courthouse
Sandpoint

Canyon County Mental Health
March 21 @ 6:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
Canyon County Courthouse

Shoshone Felony/Misdemeanor DUI
March 22 @ 4:00
Shoshone County Courthouse
Wallace

Kootenai County Felony
March 27 @ 5:15 p.m.
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 9
Coeur d'Alene

Ada County Juvenile
March 27 @ 3:30 P.M.
Denton Bldg. – 6300 Denton
Boise

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

knelson@idcourts.net

Attention: All Judges of Problem-Solving Courts

As a judge presiding over a Problem-Solving Court, you are strongly encouraged to attend a two-day training specifically designed for you by the Idaho Supreme Court. The conference is being held at The Riverside Hotel, at 2900 Chinden Boulevard in Boise, on **April 16 and 17, 2012**. For your reference, please [click here](#) for a draft copy of the learning objectives. Please click on the link included below to register for this important training. If you have questions or concerns, or need assistance, please contact our office, or our Administrative Assistant, Kim Woods at (208) 947-7417 or kwoods@idcourts.net. Please register today at: <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/417372/3128/>

NDCI Releases new fact sheets for adult drug courts

The National Drug Court Institute has just released two new documents, prepared by Dr. Douglas Marlowe, which address the importance of targeting high risk individuals for drug court participation or redesigning the drug court policies and practices if serving a low risk or mixed population of offenders. Connected to these two documents are two free webinars on the topics. While of greatest importance to problem-solving court practitioners, these documents will be of interest to all those interested in evidence-based sentencing principles.

