



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: Week ending March 21 [Week 11]

March 20, 2014 marked the last day of winter, the first day of spring, and the closing of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-second Legislature (2014 Legislative Session), one of the shortest in recent times; just 74 legislative days. At the beginning of the 2014 Legislative session, Legislative Leadership set the target date for *adjournment, sine die*, at March 21.



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

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Human Resources News

Employee Self-Service (ESS) - Time and Attendance

We have now implemented the new time and attendance system (ESS) to all Judicial Branch employees. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to browse through ESS, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the system. [CLICK HERE to view the tutorial.](#)

For those employees who submit a monthly timesheet, please submit your **March** timesheet through ESS. **Judges** should use the ESS system to document any leave used in March.

We will be adding the link to ESS on the Supreme Court website, and is available in the HR section of the *Court E-News* (see page 2 →).

We would ask you to:

1. Review your personal information (i.e., mailing address, phone number, etc.), and update as needed. Please note, that the email is defaulted to your work email and cannot be changed. However, you can enter a personal email if you choose.
2. Enter your emergency contact information, as there may be instances where we need to contact someone on your behalf.
3. The ethnicity does not have any information in it. Although this is voluntary, for EEO purposes, we strongly encourage you to complete this section.

By logging on to ESS, you will be able to see your leave balances at any time and report any leave taken.

As with any new system, we are still working on getting all the “bugs” worked out and appreciate your patience. This system is for you, so we value your input. If you have any questions about ESS, please feel free to contact us at hr@idcourts.net and someone would be happy to assist you.

HR News continued ...

Links of Interest

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

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[March 14-20, 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](#) 03-21-14

Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)

Resources:

[Employee Self-Service \(ESS\)](#) <— **NEW**

[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](#)

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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www.isc.idaho.gov/helpdesk

Or to send an Email:

helpdesk@idcourts.net

Or Call:

208-334-3868



Human Resources News continued . . .

District Family Court Services Manager - 6th Judicial District

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a District Family Court Services Manager for the Sixth Judicial District. The District Family Court Services Manager promotes timely and effective resolution of court cases involving children and families in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 32 of the Idaho Code. The position is located in Pocatello, Idaho.

[Click here](#) for a complete description of the position as well as application materials. Application packets must be received by Monday, March 31, 2014 by 5:00 pm.

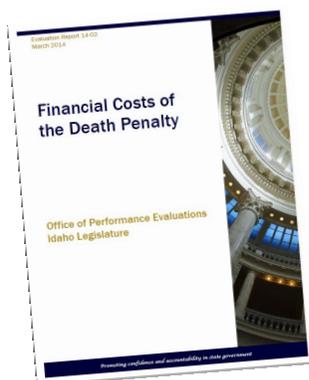
Elections: Frequently Asked Questions

It is election season, and over the coming months you may have questions that come up regarding elections. Please e-mail any questions regarding political activity and the upcoming elections, to Human Resources at hr@idcourts.net and we will get your questions answered.

To assist you, here are some [FAQs](#) that have been developed based on questions that have come up in past elections. These FAQs are for judicial branch employees; judges' political activity is governed by the Canons of Judicial Conduct.

Protocol for Communications Regarding Unwarranted or Unfair Attacks on the Judicial System

Occasionally during judicial election campaigns or sometimes simply as a part of the daily news, a judicial candidate, private citizen, media reporter or third party group will make an accusation about the operations of the court system in Idaho or within a particular judicial district. While it is not part of the responsibility of the Administrative Director of the Courts to respond to criticisms levied against a particular judicial candidate during an election campaign, it is most definitely a responsibility to respond to and defend the operations of the court system from unwarranted, unfair or incorrect attacks. [Click here for the Protocol](#).



OPE releases report:

Financial Costs of the Death Penalty

The Legislature's independent, nonpartisan Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE) released a report that analyzed the availability of Idaho costs of the death penalty.

[Click here](#) for the full report.

[Click here](#) for the Highlights of Report 14-02

[Click here](#) for the press release

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Bannock County Veterans Treatment
Court
March 31 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bannock County Courthouse
Pocatello

Benewah
Benewah County Felony
April 2 @ 4:00 p.m.
Benewah County Courtroom
St. Maries

Nez Perce County Mental Health
April 2 @ 8:30 a.m.
Nez Perce County Courthouse
Lewiston

Bonneville County Misd./DUI
April 3 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Courtroom
605 N. Capitol
Idaho Falls

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

Judicial Education News

Magistrate Judges - REGISTER TODAY!!

Magistrate Judges Conference: May 5 - 7, 2014

The 2014 Magistrate Judge's Conference will be held in Boise at The Riverside Hotel on Monday May 5 through Wednesday May 7, 2014. The conference will adjourn at 2:00 pm on Wednesday.

>> [Click here](#) for a draft agenda for the conference.

>> To register, [click here](#).

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.