



Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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2013 Kramer / Granata Awards nominations open

Justice Daniel Eismann, Chair of the 2013 Awards committee, has declared "Nominations Open" for the Kramer and Granata Awards. Nominations are due by Friday, July 26, 2013. For complete information, [please read the memo](#)

Sara Thomas to chair Idaho Criminal Justice Commission

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed State Appellant Public Defender Sara B. Thomas chairman of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission. She succeeds Idaho Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke in leading the commission's work to improve Idaho's criminal justice system. [Full press release](#)

Legislative Interim Committees Named

Posted by Betsy Russell / Spokesman-Review "Eye on Boise" / May 30, 2012

The Legislative Council has voted unanimously to approve the appointments for its legislative interim committees; you can see the [list here](#). The new committee on the K-12 education system will be co-chaired by Senate Education Chairman John Goedde and House Education Chairman Reed DeMordaunt; other members are Sens. Thayne, Patrick, Martin and Durst, and Reps. Horman, Boyle, VanOrden and Woodings.

Spanish Court Interpreter students participate in mock trial

On May 14th, Fátima Cornwall, Idaho certified court interpreter, and her students from Spanish 381 Introduction to Court Interpretation participated in a mock trial at the Ada County Courthouse as part of their final assessment. Students interpreted from English into Spanish, simultaneously as well as consecutively, witness testimony and closing arguments.



Photo courtesy of Boise State University

Officer Lipple from Boise Police Department, Jeff White from Ada County Prosecutor's Office, and Michael Lojek from Ada County Public Defenders Office volunteered to play the different roles. Magistrate Judge Chris Bieter presided over the trial. Diana Arbiser and Sandra Barrios, Idaho certified court interpreters, assisted in evaluating the students' skills. The DUI/DWP/Eluding scenario was courtesy of Michael Lojek, Ada County Public Defender, who also played the defense attorney role.

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- News Clippings: [05-31-13](#)
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- Update from AJS Center for Judicial Ethics – [05-29-13](#)
- *Gavel to Gavel* [this week](#)
- Jur-E Bulletin [05-31-13](#)
- *Fair Courts E-lert* [05-31-13](#)

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[May 17–May 24, 2013](#)

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 Links of Interest

>> [HR Recruitment Report](#)
>> Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)
>> [Click here](#) for Employee Handbook, salary affidavits, or travel vouchers.

Court Committees agendas and minutes

- [May 16, 2013 Drug Court & Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee minutes](#)
- [April 18-19, 2013 Administrative Conference minutes](#)

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of 05-31-13

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 03-09-12)

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

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Judicial Education News

Webinar for District Judges

HB 648 Implementation

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 // 12:30 - 1:30 pm Mountain Time
The Courts, IDOC and DHW are implementing district by district, the PSI process changes as part of HB 648, which took effect on March 1st, 2013. We have communicated patience and that we are developing a new PSI order. This webinar will update district judges on the implementation progress, will review the process and new order, and provide an opportunity for feedback from judges during a panel discussion.

Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/989463854>

Webinar for Clerks

Annual Legislative/Rules Update

Friday, June 14, 2013 // Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time
Participants will receive an update to new legislation, new rules developed in the past year, and how these changes impact the courts. Don't miss this important opportunity. If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact Kim Woods kwoods@idcourts.net or (208) 947-7417. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/904561222>

Technical Advisory from the IT Staff

Technical advisory! Microsoft has recently released Internet Explorer 10. **Please do not upgrade** to this browser yet, as you could potentially lose functionality to such products as Sharepoint, WestLaw Next, WestKM, and Spillman. These are applications that have been reported to us, and may not cover locally provided products. If you have already taken the plunge to IE 10, there is not a good removal tool, and it would be advised to use a different product such as [Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#).

Human Resources News

PERSI Contribution Rate to Increase July 1, 2013

For General Members, the contribution rate will increase from 6.23% to 6.79%. For Magistrate Judges and Trial Court Administrators, the contribution rate will increase from 7.69% to 8.36%. This increase will be effective with the July 1, 2013 payroll.

2013 State Employee Golf Scramble Scheduled

To all State Employees and Retirees,

Attached is the official announcement (and registration materials) for the 2013 State Employee Golf Scramble to be held on August 24, 2013. The Scramble Committee has planned another great employee event, at River Birch GC (Star - Idaho). Team Captains should e-mail Chris Minter (cminter@sco.idaho.gov) to reserve a spot for their foursome. However, the tournament is limited to 32 teams and registration (form and payment) is required to confirm your spot.

NOTE: Any players that don't have a team, Chris Minter can help you.

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Bonner County Felony
June 4 @ 5:00 p.m.
Bonner County Courthouse, Rm. 1
Sandpoint

Bannock County Child Protection
June 5 @ 12:00 p.m.
Bannock County Courthouse
Pocatello

Bonneville County Felony
June 5 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Room
Idaho Falls

Kootenai County/Mental Health
June 6 @ 8:00 a.m.
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
Coeur d'Alene

Gem County Felony
June 6 @ 1:30 p.m.
Gem County Courthouse
Emmett

Bonneville County Misdemeanor
June 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Room
Idaho Falls

Canyon County Mental Health
June 12 @ 3:00 p.m.
Canyon County Courthouse
Caldwell

*To have graduations included in the Court
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knelson@idcourts.net*
