



# Idaho State Judiciary E-News

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## [Update on Judicial Openings](#)

>> The following are candidates for District Judge of the Third Judicial District:

- ◆ Raymond G. Deford, Jr., a lawyer in private practice in Nampa
- ◆ Robert L. Jackson, a lawyer in private practice in Boise
- ◆ Christopher S. Nye, a lawyer in private practice in Nampa
- ◆ Christopher N. Topmiller, a Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Canyon County, Nampa

>> The 2013 Legislature has added a **new District Judge position in the Fourth Judicial District**, to begin on October 1, 2013. The salary of a District Judge is \$114,300.00. The Judicial Council is now accepting applications for the position of District Judge of the Fourth Judicial District with chambers in Ada County, Idaho. Application forms are available on the Judicial Council website at [www.judicialcouncil.idaho.gov](http://www.judicialcouncil.idaho.gov), and **must be received by the Judicial Council no later than 5:00 pm JUNE 26, 2013**. The Council is currently planning to meet in Boise on September 11, 2013, for interviews and selection of the nominees.

## [The use of “charitable” contributions in resolving criminal and infraction cases](#)

In 2007, concerns arose regarding the procedure in some areas of having defendants make charitable contributions to county or private organizations as part of an agreement in which a criminal or infraction charge was dismissed. In response, Chief Justice Gerald F. Schroeder wrote a memo, addressed to all district judges and magistrate judges, reminding them of the legal and ethical hazards of such arrangements, and pointing out that payments by defendants should be assessed and distributed only as provided in state law. [Click here](#) for the memo and the materials that were distributed with it. We are providing this material not in response to any recurrence of the type of situation that prompted the memo, but because this memo was the subject of some recent discussion, and we believe it would be helpful for all judges to have convenient access to this memo and to be reminded of the concerns that it addresses.

## [ICJC releases Public Defense recommendations](#)

The Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, which created a Public Defense Subcommittee to research and analyze the delivery of indigent defense in Idaho, has released its [recommendations](#) and the researcher's [final report](#) to the subcommittee. In addition, [click here](#) to read the subcommittee's letter to co-chairs Senator Dean Mortimer and Representative Darrell Bolz.

## [Proposed criminal rule amendments available for review](#)

[Proposed amendments to the Criminal Rules](#) by the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee are available for review. Comments and suggestions may be sent to Cathy Derden at [cderden@idcourts.net](mailto:cderden@idcourts.net) and must be received by Friday, June 14, 2013.

## Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[May 24 - June 5, 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

- [April 12 Guardianship/Conservatorship minutes](#)
- [May 16, 2013 Drug Court & Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee 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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## Archived E-News [SC/COA]

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## News from the Finance Office

- ◆ Everyone is encouraged to submit all bills and travel to the Finance Office **by June 14<sup>th</sup>** in order to be paid in this fiscal year.
- ◆ The new Finance Office email address is: [financeoffice@idcourts.net](mailto:financeoffice@idcourts.net).

## Marie Scott, Bonner County Clerk, announces retirement

Marie Scott, longtime Clerk of the District Court, ex-officio auditor and recorder for Bonner County, has announced her retirement for July 1, 2013.

A retirement celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, June 27 from 2:00—4:00 pm PDT at the Panhandle State Bank in Sandpoint. [Click here](#) to read about Marie Scott.



## 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](#) from Justice Eismann.

## 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

### Kim Halbig-Sparks announces she's relocating

Kim Halbig-Sparks, Deputy Legal Counsel, will be leaving us in September to move back to Arizona. [Click here](#) to read her resignation letter. She will certainly be missed in the Judiciary, but we wish her all the luck and success in the future!

### Recruitment For Deputy Legal Counsel

The Idaho Judiciary has a career opportunity for Deputy Legal Counsel to perform highly responsible legal work. [Click here](#) for the complete description of the position and the employment application. Application packets must be received by **Thursday, July 11, 2013 by 5:00 pm MDT**.

## Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

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

Ada County Veterans Treatment  
June 19 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Ada County Courthouse  
Commissioners Hearing Room, 1st Fl.  
Boise

Nez Perce Felony  
June 20 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Nez Perce County Courthouse  
Lewiston

Canyon County Misd/DUI  
June 26 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Canyon County Courthouse  
Caldwell

Ada County Mental Health  
June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Ada County Courthouse  
Commissioner's Hearing Rm., 1st Fl.  
Boise

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*To have graduations included in the Court  
E-News, email the information to  
[cbarnes@idcourts.net](mailto:cbarnes@idcourts.net)*

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## Human Resources News continued . . .

### Contribution Rates to Increase July 1, 2013

The Contribution rates for PERSI and the Judges' Retirement Fund will increase as follows on July 1, 2013:

Category	Employee Contribution 2012	Employee Contribution 2013	Employer Contribution 2012	Employer Contribution 2013
General	6.23%	6.79%	10.39%	11.32%
Public Safety	7.69%	8.36%	10.73%	11.66%
Firefighters	7.69%	8.36%	27.97%	28.9%
JRF	7.69%	9.0%	8.97%	10.5%

### Applications Due for Purchase of PERSI Membership Service

Applications are due by July 1, 2013 for those magistrate judges contemplating retirement between January 1 and July 31, 2014. The application is available on page 7 of the Purchase of PERSI Manual or you may contact Andrea Patterson at [apatterson@idcourts.net](mailto:apatterson@idcourts.net) or Peggy Dougherty at [pdougherty@idcourts.net](mailto:pdougherty@idcourts.net).

### Wellness Tip

At orientation programs for new judges and their spouses or guests in Indiana, panelists recommend taking two-week vacations rather than two one-week vacations. Two full weeks can make a big difference in offsetting the pressures of judicial service for judges and their households. New energy seems to result from taking a break that long from demanding routines. [Click here](#) to read full article.

### Health Matters

June's focus is on men's health issues, getting a good night's sleep, and staying healthy in recreational water. Check out the brief video clips on [How's Your Sleep?](#) This month's [Success Story](#) is particularly motivating - don't miss it.