



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.



Announcement from Patti Tobias

I have accepted a wonderful opportunity to work with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in their Denver office. As you may know, the NCSC is the premier national organization in providing leadership, services, and solutions to the state courts. It has been my greatest honor and privilege to serve the Idaho courts, and to work with all of you. I hope that I will have the opportunity to thank each of you personally for your service and commitment to excellence and innovation. You are the best in the nation!



While much has been accomplished in the Idaho Courts, much remains to be done. Together, we will work to ensure a smooth transition in the months ahead. I will start in Denver toward the end of the summer. In my new position, I will continue to work with the Idaho courts, as well as all other state courts. I will have the best of all worlds! Thank you all for the countless kindnesses and support you have shown me. I will always cherish my time working with all of you.

Patti Tobias

In This Issue

- [Announcement from Patti Tobias](#)
- [Anna Eckhart Appointed Kootenai County Magistrate Judge](#)
- [Human Resources News](#)
- [Check for Unclaimed Property](#)
- [Delayed Distribution of Monthly Case Management Reports](#)
- [Judicial Education News](#)

Anna Eckhart Appointed Kootenai County Magistrate Judge

The Magistrate Commission of the First Judicial District has appointed Coeur d'Alene Attorney, Anna Eckhart to fill the Magistrate Judge vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Penny Friedlander, with resident chambers in Kootenai County.

Human Resources News

Applications Due for Purchase of PERSI Membership Service

Applications are due by July 1, 2014 for magistrate judges contemplating retirement between January 1 and July 31, 2015. The application is available on page 7 of the [Purchase of PERSI Manual](#) or you may contact Andrea Patterson at apatterson@idcourts.net or Peggy Dougherty at pdougherty@idcourts.net.

Judicial Policy Manual Available for Review

Based on feedback we received during the process of updating the Employee Policy Manual, a policy manual has been developed that applies specifically to judges. To review the Judicial Policy Manual, please [click here](#). We value your input and welcome your comments. Please e-mail your feedback to hr@idcourts.net by July 11, 2014 or call Human Resources with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you!

Survey to Inventory All Judges Regarding Prior PERSI Service

At the April 2014 Administrative Conference, discussion was held regarding JRF members with prior PERSI service and the ongoing issue of their eligibility to retire under PERSI. The Administrative Conference recommended that all appellate, district, and magistrate judges be surveyed to accurately identify the impacted judges before undertaking any additional steps. Please complete the brief [SURVEY](#) by July 1, 2014.

Links of Interest

- [News Articles for this week](#)
- [NCSC "In the News" this week](#)
- [NCSC's Federal Funding Report](#)
- [NCSC's Jur-E Bulletin 06-20-14](#)
- [Gavel to Gavel this week](#)
- [Brennan Center's Justice Update](#)

Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[May 22-29, 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](#) 06-20-14

Health Matters: [Wellness News](#)

Other HR resources:

[Employee Self-Service \(ESS\)](#)

[Tips for using ESS](#) as of 06-13-14

[Employee Handbook](#)

[Salary Affidavits & Travel Vouchers](#)

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

Court Committees: Agendas and Minutes

[Minutes: May 6 Juvenile Justice Advisory Team](#)

[Minutes: May 12 Media/Courts Committee](#)

[Minutes: April 17-18 Administrative Conference](#)

[Minutes: Felony Sentencing Committee 4-24-14](#)

[Minutes: Guardianship/Conservatorship 4-11-14](#)

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

[Calendar](#) as of June 13, 2014 **<-- NEW**

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](#) (updated 03-14-14)

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

Need Technical Assistance?

Email: helpdesk@idcourts.net

Online Form: www.isc.idaho.gov/helpdesk

Or Call: 208-334-3868



Human Resources News continued . . .

Dependent Eligibility Audit Underway

The Office of Group Insurance has partnered with HMS Employer Solutions to conduct a Dependent Eligibility Verification for all active participants in the health care plans offered by the State of Idaho (but not including retirees). If you participate in the State of Idaho's health care plans and have dependents enrolled, you will receive a letter the week of June 9 addressed to your home from HMS Employer Solutions asking for verification of the dependent. For more information about this verification process, please read the [MEMO](#) from the Office of Group Insurance.

Current Position Openings

[Click here](#) for a complete description of the position and application materials.

Court support technician: The Idaho Judicial Branch has a career opportunity for a Court Support Technician to provide on-going support for court software applications and assist with tier one customer support for basic technical issues. For a complete description of the position as well as application materials, please [click here](#). Application packets must be received by **Monday, June 23, 2014** by 5:00 p.m., MDT.

Employee Self-Service (ESS) TIP

Ever wonder how to print out an approved timesheet? Choose **IDAHO JUDICIAL BRANCH**, then choose **REPORTS**.



A menu will open up. Choose **ATTENDANCE**. Next click **TIMESHEETS**.

Put in the effective date of the timesheet you would like to print and click **VIEW REPORT**.



From the State Treasurer's Office Check for Unclaimed Property

More than \$120 million in unclaimed assets in Idaho are just waiting to be claimed. Annually, millions of dollars are turned over to the State of Idaho; these properties may include: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts, uncashed payroll checks, utility deposits, traveler's checks, contents from safety deposit boxes, and more. It is their mission to reunite this unclaimed property with the rightful owner. [Click here to check it out!](#)

Delayed Distribution of Monthly Case Management Reports

Due to recent turnover in Supreme Court personnel, there will be a slight delay in the distribution of monthly case management reports. June reports will not be distributed, but expect to receive July and August reports by email. Please contact Taunya Jones with any questions at 208-947-7438 or tjones@idcourts.net.

Problem-Solving Court Graduations & News

Kootenai County Felony Drug Court
June 23 @ 3:00 p.m.
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 12
Coeur d'Alene

District 3 Mental Health Court
June 25 @ 3:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room 1st Floor
Canyon County Courthouse
Caldwell

Bonneville County Felony Drug Court
June 25 @ 4:00 p.m.
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Court Room
605 N. Capitol
Idaho Falls

Franklin County Felony Drug Court
June 26 @ 5:30 p.m.
Franklin County Courthouse
Preston

Canyon County DUI Court
June 30 @ 5:30 p.m.
Canyon County Courthouse
Public Meeting Room
Caldwell

Canyon County Felony Drug Court
July 1 @ 4:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Rm
Canyon County Courthouse
Caldwell

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

Judicial Education News

2013 Idaho Rules Update and Business Practices Webinar for Judges

Date: Monday, June 30, 2014

Time: 11:00 am–12:00 pm MDT

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/382722030>

Decision Making | July 14-17, 2014 | Reno, NV | Tuition: \$995 | Conference Fee: \$245: Participants will scrutinize the factors that affect decision-making processes. After attending this course, participants will be able to describe their own decision-making styles; determine when judicial discretion is appropriate; outline issues of credibility; analyze conflicts of interest and ethical dilemmas; recognize the factors that can cause an appellate court to overturn a decision; and write and communicate decisions more clearly. For more information on registration, contact [Judge McLaughlin](#) or [Ileen Gerstenberger](#).

Idaho Court Reporters Association Conference | July 17-19 | Pocatello

Join the court reporters for their association conference to be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Pocatello, Idaho. Learn about personal security, tips and tricks from the pros for passing the CRR, and hear confessions of a Protanomolous Perspective from speaker Joshua Martin. Education credits will be provided and Sheri Nothelphim has information regarding possible assistance with reimbursement of costs for attending the conference.

Domestic Violence (JS 636): July 21-24, 2014: Reno, NV | Tuition: \$995 | Conference Fee: \$245. After this course, judges will be able to describe the dynamics of both batterers and victims; the effectiveness of batterers' programs and other treatment modalities; assess the information necessary to grant protection orders; articulate the effects of domestic violence on children; discuss full faith and credit issues regarding firearms, protection orders and interstate enforcement issues; effectively manage pretrial issues and trials; and rule on evidentiary issues. For more information on registration, contact [Judge McLaughlin](#) or [Ileen Gerstenberger](#).

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

