

Update on the Ada County Family Court Rules Pilot Project

From Judge Dennard: *Hello All – I think most of you are aware that the Court approved, with some enthusiasm I might add, a pilot project in Ada County to evaluate the use of a separate set of rules of procedure which deal only with family law cases. The rules were developed by Judges Day and Comstock, with the participate of local family law attorneys including Stan Welsh and Jim Bevis, over a course of several years. The Children and Families in the Courts Committee also was enthusiastic in their support of this pilot project.*

The use of these rules began in Ada County January 1 of this year, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of these rules will be required after a one year period. The evaluation will be conducted by one of the AOC's Research and Evaluation Specialists.

Since many of you have expressed interest in the project, I thought I would provide you this brief update, and a link where you can look at the rules, the forms which have been developed for use in the rules, and the history of changes which have been made to the rules since the pilot began. The Supreme Court Website has a special page which contains all of this information. You can navigate to this page from the Home Page of the Court's website, using the Court Rules drop down menu, then selecting Court Rules, Guidelines, then Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure, or just click on <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/irflp> to take you directly to this page.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have, or have Imelda Ramirez, who is providing Judges Day and Comstock administrative support, respond as well.

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