



Idaho State Judiciary: *Court E-News*

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Legislative News – Week # 3

Late last week, Fourth District Judge Sam Hoagland issued a decision dismissing a lawsuit against the state involving the public defense system in Idaho which had been brought by the ACLU. This week, the ACLU of Idaho filed a notice of appeal from that dismissal. The Legislature's Public Defense Interim Committee continues to work toward proposed legislation to deal with some of the issues raised in the litigation. The most recent meeting was held the afternoon of January 28. Legislation is expected to be forthcoming from this group; however, as of this writing, a final draft has not emerged.



The District Judges were in Boise January 25 through 27 for their annual District Judges educational seminar. On January 25, the District Judges appeared at the capital to watch their seven Administrative District Judges make a presentation to the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee. On January 27, the Administrative District Judges made the same presentation to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. At the conclusion of the presentations, Senator Lodge, as Chair of the Committee, specifically thanked all of the judges in Idaho who handle problem-solving courts "because of all of the successes they have demonstrated." In both chambers, Committee members asked questions of some of the presenters, and the programs were well delivered and received.

[Click here to continue reading this week's Legislative News](#)

Fifth Judicial District Conducts Jury Commissioner Training

Shelli Tubbs, Trial Court Administrator, reports that training was held today in Twin Falls County for all the jury commissioners of the Fifth Judicial District. It was a very interactive and informative networking session. She also noted that in the photo above, "They are all smiling big as though they've just received their juror summons in the mail."



Annual Darrington Lecture on Law and Government Planned

- ◆ Monday, February 8, 2016
- ◆ [Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center](#), 514 W. Jefferson Street, Boise
- ◆ 4:00 pm MST Reception and Building Tours
- ◆ 5:00 pm MST Lecture
- ◆ Speaker: Hon. Rebecca Love Kourlis, former Justice for the Colorado Supreme Court and current Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System
- ◆ Topic: "Building the Just, Speedy, and Inexpensive Civil Courts of Tomorrow: Why We Cannot Afford to Fail"

Questions: 208-364-4074 [Click here for more about the Lecture series.](#)

Judicial & Administrative Calendar

2016-17 Calendar

as of January 29, 2016

NOTE: Due to security concerns, locations are not posted on the Website calendar.

Protocol for Circulating Proposed Court Rules and Rule Amendments

[Click here for the Protocol](#) (01-09-15)

Court Committees ~~ Agendas and Minutes

[Minutes: Criminal Rules Advisory Meeting 1-8-16](#)

[Minutes: Administrative Conference October 2015](#)

[Minutes: Felony Sentencing Committee 9-22-15](#)

[Minutes: CFCC Committee 9-23-15](#)

[Minutes: Drug Court and Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee / 10-02-15](#)

JRI Gap Analysis on Needs of Probationers and Parolees Submitted to the Legislature

Pursuant to Idaho Code 20-216(2), the Idaho Department of Correction and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare are required to submit an annual report describing gaps in funding to address the needs of moderate and high risk probationers and parolees. This report considers both criminogenic needs and behavioral health. [Click here](#) for the report submitted for this year.

Presentence Investigation Fee Update

Idaho Code 19-2516 provides for a fee to be paid by the defendant when the court orders a presentence investigation in an amount determined by the Department of Correction. Effective February 1, 2016, the Idaho Department of Correction determined that the presentencing investigation fee should be set at zero as part of an effort to address the financial obligations placed on offenders and their ability to pay other costs, such as restitution.

Updates Needed for Guardianship-Conservatorship Clerks

If there has been a change to the clerk in your county responsible for processing guardianship and conservatorship cases, please contact Nanci Thaemert at nthaemert@idcourts.net or 208-947-7458 to update contact information. Both conservatorship financial review and the online guardianship and conservatorship training certificates rely on accurate email addresses to run smoothly. If you have stopped receiving the online training certificates, or have never received them, please let Nanci know as soon as possible.

Comments Sought on Proposed Rule Amendments

Comments sought on proposed amendments to the Criminal Rules related to discovery and withdrawal of counsel. The proposals can be found at <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/main/rules-for-public-comment>. Comments may be sent to [Cathy Derden](#) by February 12, 2016.

Newly Formatted Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and Idaho Rules for Small Claims Actions

In 2014, the Idaho Supreme Court appointed an ad hoc committee to review the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure. The committee consists of Senior Magistrate David Day (Chair), Cathy Derden (Idaho Supreme Court Staff Attorney), Fourth District Judge Steven Hippler, Canyon County Magistrate Jayme Sullivan, William Gigray (White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, PA), and Jennifer Brizee (Powers Tolman Farley, PLLC).

The objectives of this committee, as stated by the Idaho Supreme Court, were to: simplify, clarify and modernize the language in the rules; reorganize the rules into a sequence based on the timeline of a civil case; limit each rule to a single topic; create a consistent format for the rules; create a useful

table of contents; identify obsolete rules for deletion; and forward to the Civil Rules Advisory Committee any recommendations for substantive changes in the rules. Additional goals of the committee were to use a numbering system that allowed for insertion of new rules in the appropriate location and to keep rule numbers of significant rules the same as in the current rules to the extent possible. The work of the Committee is now done and the proposed newly formatted rules are posted on the court's website at <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/main/rules-for-public-comment>. Comments may be sent to [Cathy Derden](#) by February 12, 2016.

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Email: helpdesk@idcourts.net

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

Or Call: 208-334-3868



Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[January 15-21, 2016](#)

Court Protective Services

Corporal Jon Vance

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JVance@idcourts.net

[Incident Report Form](#)



Current Position Openings

For a complete description of all positions available, as well as application materials, please [click here](#).

Court Reporter / Canyon County: The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a Court Reporter in the Third Judicial District. The position is located in Caldwell, Idaho. The Court Reporter may be required to travel to different counties throughout the judicial district. **The position is open until filled.**

District Family Court Services Manager — 7th Judicial District: The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a District Family Court Services Manager in the 7th Judicial District. The position is responsible for promoting 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 Idaho Falls. Application materials must be received **by Wednesday, February 3, 2016 by 5:00 p.m., MST.**

Law Clerk/Staff Attorney for Judge Bevan: There is a career opportunity for a Law Clerk / Staff Attorney for District Judge Bevan in the Fifth Judicial District. **The position closes March 31, 2016; or open until filled.**



Decrease in Mileage Rate Announced

Effective January 1, 2016, the mileage rate has decreased from .555 to .54 cents per mile.

Updated travel vouchers are available on the Court's website at:

Call (208) 334-2248 regarding any questions or any further assistance you may need.

Human Resources News

State of Idaho Form W-2

The 2015 W-2s were delivered to the Statehouse Mail Room January 20. It is anticipated that employees should begin receiving their paper W-2 forms sometime this week. If you have not received your W-2 by February 1, please call the State Controller's Office at 208-334-2394. DSP staff will go through all returned W-2 forms on a daily basis and return the forms with updated addresses back in the mail as quickly as possible.

A Reminder on Returned W-2 Forms

If you have changed your address and it is on file with the US Postal Service, your W-2 will be automatically forwarded by the post office. The only W-2s that will be returned to the State Controller's Office will be those marked as Undeliverable. If a W-2 is returned, the address will be checked against the SCO system. If the address on the system has been updated, the State Controller's Office will put the W-2 back in the mail to be delivered to the new address. If the address on the system has not been updated, the State Controller's Office will hold the W-2 until the employee contacts us.

Instructions for Requesting a Duplicate Form W-2

The State Controller's Office will not start processing duplicate Form W-2 requests for 2015 until after February 1, 2016. Employees requesting a duplicate W-2 will be assessed a \$5.00 fee per reprinted form. To request a duplicate Form W-2 please follow the instructions on the State Controller's website – [click here](#).

WELLNESS / Tidbits from the current Health Matters Newsletter

- ♦ The new 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans are out!
- ♦ Depression, stress, and suicide prevention are important topics, especially during the gloomy winter months; check out the resources under [Mental Health](#).
- ♦ Employees are encourage to know their sources when doing web research on health issues; credibility is key!

Classes currently offered through the Capitol Mall Group Fitness program

Space is limited in all classes; contact Jennifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov if you'd like to join or get on a waiting list.

PILATES	Monday/Thursday 12:00 - 12:50	\$16/ month	Contact - Jennifer Pike jen-nifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	14 people on waiting list
PILATES	Tuesday/Thursday 1:00 - 1:50	\$16/ month	Contact - Jennifer Pike jen-nifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	1 person on waiting list
YOGA	Tuesday 12:00 - 12:50	\$8/ month	Contact - Kymm Benson kymm.benson@oer.idaho.gov	14 people on waiting list
BELLY DANCING	Wednesday 12:10 - 12:45	\$8/ month	Contact - Jennifer Pike jen-nifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	*Several openings NOW!
MUSCLE	Wednesday 1:00 - 1:50	\$10/ month	Contact - Jennifer Pike jen-nifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	0 people on waiting list
GENTLE YOGA	Friday 1:00 - 1:50	\$8/ month	Contact - Jennifer Pike jen-nifer.pike@adm.idaho.gov	4 people on waiting list

HR / Finance Links of Interest

[HR Recruitment Report](#) 01-29-16

[EEOP Utilization Report](#) 10-16-15

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

[Tips for using ESS](#)

[Phones Directory: Admin. Office of the Courts](#)

[Judges Policy Manual](#) 08-19-15

[Employee Policy Manual](#) (Effective 07-01-14)

[Salary Affidavits & Travel Vouchers](#)

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

[Wellness News \[Health Matters\]](#)

Training & Education Corner

[Click here](#) for the Judicial Education SharePoint site for all upcoming and archived training for Judges.

[Click here](#) for all upcoming and archive training for Clerks & Court reporters

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](#) (updated 09-19-14)

[Elected/Deputy Clerks](#) (updated 11-13-15)

[Court Reporters](#) (updated 01-18-16)

Problem-Solving Court Graduations

Ada County DUI Court
Ada County Courthouse
Commissioner's Hearing Rm. 1st Floor
February 3 @ 5:30 p.m., Boise

Kootenai County Mental Health Court
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
February 4 @ 8:00 a.m., Coeur d'Alene

Bonneville County Misd./DUI Drug Court
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Courtroom
February 4 @ 4:00 p.m., Idaho Falls

Lemhi County Felony Drug Court
Lemhi County Courthouse
February 8 @ 4:00 p.m., Salmon

Kootenai County DUI
Kootenai County Courthouse
February 9 @ 6:00 p.m., Coeur d'Alene

Bonneville County Felony Drug Court
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Courtroom
February 10 @ 4:00 p.m., Idaho Falls

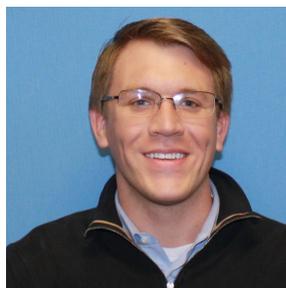
To have graduations included in the Court E-News, email Keri at knelson@idcourts.net.

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Welcome, New Employees!



Patti Knox is the new Senior IT Applications Manager selected to lead the IT newly aligned Judicial Applications Team, to include Court Applications, On-line Services and Information Design, and Integrations, Reports and Development. Patti is a highly experienced applications leader with 20 years of IT management experience in delivering and supporting various business applications. She has experience in leading organizations through challenging technology efforts and application transformation projects. Patti is an experienced team leader, having led large and small teams comprised of both subject matter experts and technology professionals. Her experience includes application deployment and support initiatives in various aspects such as medical records and content viewers, human resources, learning management, personnel on-boarding tools and processes, and enterprise Security applications. *Welcome, Patti!*



Lars Lundberg has been hired as the new Law Clerk for Justice Warren Jones. In the 1930s, his great-grandpa and sons traveled from the dust-ravaged plains of Nebraska to the Sacramento Valley, where they started the first company to produce and market organic rice in the US. While Lars spent summers farming organic rice with his family, he developed a deep respect for the value of water and his ambition to practice water law. Additionally, participating in board, leadership, and strategic planning meetings cultivated his appreciation for corporate counsel and his drive to pursue a career in business law. Lars graduated with honors from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2015, where he was an associate editor of the Gonzaga Journal of International Law; spent the summer of 2014 studying comparative environmental, business associations, and antitrust law in China; and worked for Gonzaga's Business Law Clinic. While he is especially interested in business and water law, he is eager to gain experience in all fields. *Welcome, Lars!*



Jaime Matier has been hired as the new Law Clerk for Justice Daniel Eismann. She is a passionate knitter, native Boisean, and graduate of Boise State University. She is currently finishing her last semester of law school at the University of Idaho and looking forward to remaining in the area after graduation. Her favorite person in the world is her dog, Stella, followed closely by her husband. In her spare time, she enjoys running, making tutus, and dominating at competitive trivia. *Welcome, Jaime!*