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Legislative News: Week 12 and Sine Die



After the Legislative News went to print last Friday, March 24, 2017, the House passed SB 1201 on a vote of 63-3-4. SB 1201 is the trailer bill to appropriate the monies necessary to pay the Judges' salary increases in the total amount of \$707,800 a year and will require on-going appropriations from the general fund. SB 1108 is this year's judicial pay bill which would amend I.C. §59-502. The Governor signed SB 1108 into law on March 27 and the Court's appropriations bill SB 1160 into law on March 28. As of this writing, there has been no action by the Governor on SB 1201.

The Court's four defects in the law bills this session were all signed into law by the Governor on March 27. These are:

- SB 1023 amending I.C. §49-2706 (relating to funeral processions);
- SB 1024 correcting errors in the definition of a "protective order" in I.C. §16-1602(34);
- SB 1025 amending I.C. §1-907 (relating to administrative judges); and
- SB 1026 amending I.C. §19-2604 (relating to the amendment of criminal judgments).

Readers can check on the Governor's action on all bills by visiting this site: <https://gov.idaho.gov/mediacenter/Bills/2017.html>

On the Radar.....

June 2017: Legislative Road Show by Sara Thomas and others to the seven Judicial Districts to discuss the recent legislative session and other matters of interest.

January 8, 2018: the 2nd Regular Session of the 64th Legislature will open. The beginning date of the Legislature each year is set by statute; see Idaho Code §67-404. This statute provides the session begins on the Monday closest to the 9th of January.

January 17, 2018: the Chief Justice will deliver the State of the Judiciary to the Idaho Legislature.

Thank You for reading and if you have any questions, comments or suggestions on how to make this article more useful, please pass them back this way.

[Click here for the rest of this week's Legislative News](#)

Memorial Ceremony held March 23, 2017

The Supreme Court's Annual Memorial Ceremony was held Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 10:00 am MDT in the Supreme Court courtroom, 451 W. State Street, Boise. The ceremony honored the following deceased judges and attorneys in 2016:

JUDGES:	Hon. John H. Bengtson	
	Hon. Richard G. Magnuson	
ATTORNEYS:	Steven L. Herndon*	Jon G. Warren*
	Gary Scott Reedy	Gerald W. Olson
	D.C. Carr	G. Michael Lee
	Robert L. Kalenda	James Bernard Lynch
	Timothy Daniel Scott	Thomas Bernard High
	Benjamin Calvin Rice	Thomas Freeman Wobker

*notified of death *after* 2016 Memorial Service, held March 31, 2016.

Summary of ISC / COA Published Opinions

[March 17-23, 2017](#)

[March 3-17, 2017](#)

Court Rule Amendments

[Click here](#) to check on recent Idaho Court Rule amendments, including:

[Current Rule on Electronic Filing and Service](#)

[In re: Amendments to IAR 33, effective 9-8-16](#)

Protocol for Circulating Proposed Court Rules and Rule Amendments

[Click here for the Protocol](#) (01-20-17)

Court Committees: Agendas and Minutes

Minutes: [Education Committee 12-16](#)

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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.

Questions or Feedback about Court Business Processes? **NEW**



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[Incident Report Form](#)



Memorial Ceremony held March 23, 2017—continued

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ATTORNEYS:	<i>Denton P. Andrews</i>	<i>Leslie Richard Weatherhead</i>
	<i>Charles Milton Dodson</i>	<i>Wesley Gene Wilhite</i>
	<i>D. Fredrick Hoopes</i>	<i>Jack Bartlett Furey</i>
	<i>Nicholas Michael Beermann</i>	<i>Gary Wade Barr</i>
	<i>Peter Michael Desler</i>	<i>Jennifer G. King</i>
	<i>Paul Luis Jauregui</i>	

2017 New Judge Orientation Held in Boise

This year's New Judge Orientation included six new judges, one district judge and five magistrates. It was a very diverse and impressive group of individuals who will bring promise of great service to the judiciary and the people of Idaho. The group was treated to an engaging and knowledgeable faculty and the evaluations were glowing. Pictured from left to right: Judge Michael McLaughlin, Judicial Education Advisor; Judge Mayli Walsh, Magistrate Judge, Kootenai County, 1st District; Judge Michael Lojek, Magistrate Judge, Ada County, 4th District; Judge Theodore Fleming, Magistrate Judge, Elmore County, 4th District; Chief Justice Roger Burdick, Idaho Supreme Court; Judge Victoria Olds, Magistrate Judge, Lewis County, 2nd District; Judge Barbara Duggan, Magistrate Judge, Shoshone County, 1st District; Judge Nancy Baskin, District Judge, 4th District and Judge Debra Heise, Judicial Education Advisor.



Rule Amendments and Administrative Orders

- ◆ [Adoption of Resolution in Ada County Effective June 1, 2017](#)
- ◆ [Order Amending Local Rules of the Fourth Judicial District](#)
- ◆ [Amendments to the Idaho State "Bar Examination Grading Standards & Procedures"](#)
- ◆ [Order Adopting and Amending Id Court Admin Rules 5.1 and 75 and amendment of Rule 7](#)
- ◆ [Order Amending Sections of Idaho Bar Commission Rules](#)

Current Position Openings

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

Statewide Language Access Manager:

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a Statewide Language Access Manager. The Statewide Language Access Manager is responsible for the statewide coordination of language access services throughout the Idaho Courts. Administrative responsibilities include staffing the Court's standing committee on language access, managing the court interpreter training and testing program, assisting counties with the coordination of services, and carrying out the requirements of the statewide language access plan. This position is also responsible for providing in-person and remote interpretation and translation services to courts statewide. Application materials must be received by *Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, at 5:00 pm MDT*.

Court Reporter—Fifth Judicial District:

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity available for a Court Reporter for District Judge Michael Crabtree in Cassia County. The Court Reporter will provide verbatim reporting and transcribing of court proceedings, hearings and conferences. The position is located in Burley, Idaho. *The position is open until filled.*

HR / Finance Links of Interest

[HR Recruitment Report](#) 03-24-17
[EEO Utilization Report](#) 10-16-15
[Employee Self-Service \(ESS\)](#)
[Tips for using ESS](#)
[Phone Directory: Admin. Office of the Courts](#)
[Judges Policy Manual](#) 08-19-15
[Employee Policy Manual](#) (Effec. 07-01-14)
[Salary Affidavits & Travel Vouchers](#)
[We're Here to Serve You!](#)
[Wellness News \[Health Matters\]](#)

Your Corner . . .

Note: "Your Corner" pages are an archive of articles of interest to a particular group. Once a story has been in the E-News, it will be saved in a group's page, as appropriate.

[Judges](#) (updated 03-17-17)
[Elected/Deputy Clerks](#) (updated 3-17-17)
[Court Reporters](#) (updated 11-09-16)

Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to the Civil Rules of Procedure

The Civil Rules Advisory Committee met on March 10, 2017, and recommended amendments to Rules 3, 15(a) and 41(e). These proposals, along with explanations, can be found on the court's website at <https://isc.idaho.gov/main/rules-for-public-comment>. Please send comments to Cathy Derden at cderden@idcourts.net by Monday, April 17, 2017.

Comments Sought on Proposed New Rules to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 54 [CLICK HERE](#)**Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure [CLICK HERE](#)****Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to Idaho Child Support Guidelines, IRFLP 126 and Proposed Amendment to IRFLP Rule 126.G.4 [CLICK HERE](#)****Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to the Idaho Juvenile Rules [CLICK HERE](#)****Comments Sought on Proposed Amendments to Idaho Criminal Rule 33.3 and Idaho Court Administrative Rule 75 [CLICK HERE](#)**

Please send comments to Deena Layne at dlayne@idcourts.net by Monday, April 7, 2017.

Register Today – 2017 Idaho Magistrate Judges Conference

Don't forget to register for the 2017 Magistrate Judges Conference, scheduled for May 8-10, 2017, at the Best Western Plus University Inn, located at 1516 Pullman Road in Moscow, Idaho. The conference will begin Monday, May 8th with breakfast at 7:30 am and will adjourn at Noon on Wednesday, May 10th to allow for your travel home. You will not want to miss this year's stellar line up of topics and faculty which will include . . .

- ◆ Neuroscience and the Law with Dr. Francis Shen, Associate Professor of Law, University of Minnesota;
- ◆ Judicial Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants with Cynthia Gray, Director, Center for Judicial Ethics, NCSC;
- ◆ Military Issues in Family Law Cases with Major Stephen Stokes, Idaho National Guard;
- ◆ Juvenile Justice and Best Practices with Judge Steven Teske, Chief Judge of Juvenile Court, Clayton County, Georgia;
- ◆ The Use of Technology in Stalking with Elaina Roberts, Legal Director, National Center for Victims of Crime;
- ◆ Pretrial Justice-Idaho Developments with Judge James Cawthon, Magistrate Judge, Ada County;
- ◆ Effective Tools to Resolve Impossible Custody Cases with Judge Russell Comstock, Senior Judge;
- ◆ Department of Juvenile Corrections Update with Sharon Harrigfeld, Executive Director
- ◆ Civil Case Law Update with Michael Henderson, Legal Counsel, Idaho Supreme Court and Deena Layne, Deputy Legal Counsel, Idaho Supreme Court.

We are offering an *optional PERSI retirement workshop* on Sunday, May 7th from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Best Western Plus University Inn (conference hotel). This workshop is open to anyone who would like to attend, but is geared toward those within 3 to 5 years of retirement. Please indicate your interest in participating in this workshop by checking the box on the online registration form.

Register today! [CLICK HERE](#) for the online registration form. If you have questions, please feel free to contact our office at (208)947-7417 or our Administrative Assistant, Kim at kwoods@idcourts.net. Thank you – we look forward to seeing you in May!

Problem-Solving Court Graduations

Latah County Mental Health
Latah County Mental Health
Latah County Courthouse
April 3 @ 5:00 p.m., Moscow

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

Clearwater County Felony Drug Court
Clearwater County Courthouse, Rm. 1
April 4 @ 3:00 p.m., Orofino

District 5 Veterans Treatment Court
College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium
April 4 @ 6:30 p.m., Twin Falls

District 7 Veterans Treatment Court
Bonneville County Courthouse
April 4 @ 3:30 p.m., Idaho Falls

Bonneville County Felony Drug Court
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Courtroom
April 5 @ 4:00 p.m., Idaho Falls

Upper Valley Felony Drug Court
(Madison, Jefferson, Fremont)
Madison County Courthouse, 2nd Fl.
April 5 @ 8:00 a.m., Rexburg

Bonneville County Misd./DUI Court
Bonneville County Courthouse
Centennial Courtroom
April 6 @ 4:00 p.m., Idaho Falls

Twin Fall County DUI Court
County West P&Z Conference Room
April 10 @ 7:30 a.m., Twin Falls

Kootenai County DUI Court
Kootenai County Courthouse, Rm. 8
April 11 @ 6:00 p.m., Coeur d'Alene

Nez Perce County DUI Court
Nez Perce County Courthouse
April 12 @ 4:30 p.m., Lewiston

Bannock County Veterans Treatment Court
Bannock County Courthouse, Rm. 115
April 12 @ 5:00 p.m., Pocatello

Oneida County Felony Drug Court
Oneida County Courthouse
April 13 @ 6:00 p.m., Malad

Elmore County Felony Drug Court
Elmore County Courthouse
Main Courtroom, 2nd Fl.
April 17 @ 4:00 p.m., Mountain Home

To have your graduations listed, please submit the dates in your monthly utilization survey which is due by the 10th of each month.

Human Resources News

Legislative Parking

Just a reminder, Legislative parking will still be enforced through Tuesday April 4th. Even if the spaces are empty, we will not be able to park in those spaces until they have been released.

Planning for the Future: Ideal College Savings Program News:

Idaho Increases Tax Deduction for Idaho Families and Individuals Saving for College → [Click Here for press release](#)

Welcome, New employee!

Janie Potter is the new Executive Assistant for Administrative Director of the Courts, Sara Thomas. She comes to the Idaho Courts from the Idaho State Board of Education, and has a diverse background in business administration in both the public and private arenas. She is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene University and is an animal lover with an especially soft spot for dogs. Janie is an avid fan of the outdoors. She loves Idaho and its seasons, and has lived here nearly all her life (formerly from Pennsylvania). She is married, and she and her husband enjoy the company of their dogs in outdoor activities such as jet-boating Idaho's whitewater, fishing, camping, hiking, hunting, power sports, gardening, and cooking. Be advised she may experiment on her co-workers from time to time with a new recipe. She is excited and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the team at the Idaho Courts! *Welcome Janie!*



SENIOR JUDGE MANUAL "DRAFT" AVAILABLE

Currently, there are three separate Senior Judge Manuals (Senior Judge Manual, Plan B Rules, and Purchase of PERSI Service Manual). The manuals were created as each plan was approved by the Legislature. The Human Resources Division has been working on combining these manuals relating to senior judge service into one manual for ease of use by senior judges, judges considering applying for senior judge status, and those working with senior judges. In addition to combining the three policy manuals, we have updated policies and procedures to provide greater clarity where policy and procedure has been vague or nonexistent and to address concerns that have come up over the years. We value your feedback and hope you will take time to review the draft manual. If you have feedback you would like to share, please e-mail your comments to hr@idcourts.net by March 31, 2017. [Click here to review the DRAFT Senior Judge Policy Manual.](#)

March PERSI News to Use → [Click here for the March Newsletter](#)

Wellness News: Health Matters

Mom was right — you are what you eat! It's National Nutrition Month. Tune in to your tummy!

- [Mom was right](#)
- [Dietary Guidelines](#)
- [Know Your Limit for Added Sugar](#)
- [Nutrition Facts Label](#)
- [Prebiotics and Probiotics](#)
- [Kids Eat Right](#)
- [More...](#)

iCourt Project Update



Wave 1 Activities

Clerks from Canyon and Owyhee counties will participate in a data review workshop next week in Canyon County. The workshop will provide the clerks with a first look at the data converted from ISTARs into Odyssey to help identify any issues with the conversion. The Tyler Tech implementation team has converted the first push of data from ISTARs into a refreshed Odyssey environment for all 12 counties in Wave 1 to review.

Wave 2 Activities

Resources from the iCourt Project team, ISC and Tyler Technologies will travel to the counties in Districts 1 and 2 (Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, and Shoshone) in late April to provide an on-site demonstration of the Idaho Odyssey product. The Odyssey demonstration will introduce judges and staff in those counties to the new Idaho iCourt technology, as well as provide a forum to address questions and answers related to the project.

Focused work continues on improving forms and document security. Policy decisions will be sent to committees for review prior to process implementation.

Updates from your Language Access Office

We have had very exciting and busy couple of weeks! Interpreter oral certification exams were administered on March 9 & 10. We are very happy to report that Gabriella Lago became an Idaho Certified Interpreter for the Spanish language. Gabriella's contact information will soon be added to the Certified Interpreter Roster online.

On March 24th we participated in a mock immigration merits hearing part of a collaboration project between law students at Concordia Law University and interpreter students from Boise State University. Law professors and immigration attorneys who organized the mock hearing were, Nicole Derden, Angela Richards, and Angela Levesque. Professor, Fatima Cornwall, from the Department of World Languages at Boise State University provided the linguistic services for the project. More information about this outstanding project will be available in future e-news.



On Saturday, March 25th, the Idaho Supreme Court hosted the first Ethics Review & Written Exam Preparation Course. This training is part of the redesigned Court Interpreter Training & Certification Program. The all-day program was facilitated by Boise State University Professor, Fatima Cornwall. Twenty certification-candidates worked diligently to improve their skills and understanding of the profession. Additionally, everyone was delighted and encouraged by welcoming comments offered by Justice Brody. Earlier in her career, Justice Brody worked closely with translators and interpreters. As such, she understands the pressures interpreters face when working in court. During her remarks, Justice Brody reminded participants how important ethical behavior is- even under the most pressing of circumstances.

On March 27th, Canyon County hired Grace Arroyo as their new staff interpreter. Grace became certified as a Spanish interpreter in 2003 and has many years of experience working for the Idaho courts. Everyone in Canyon County is excited to have her- congratulations Grace!

Lastly, recruitment is open for the Statewide Language Access Manager position. Additional information on this outstanding career opportunity is available at <https://isc.idaho.gov/careers>. Recruitment period closes April 12, 2017.