In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: ORDER REGARDING CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT PLANS) **ORDER**

WHEREAS, at its Oral Conference on December 17, 2014, the Court considered the recommendations of the October 2014 Administrative Conference relating to Caseflow Management Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

1. Statewide Caseflow Management Plan

The *Statewide Caseflow Management Plan for the Idaho District Courts* developed by the Advancing Justice Committee is adopted, subject to future amendment.

The statewide plan helps ensure fair and timely case resolution by:

- Preventing unnecessary delay in case processing.
- Ensuring that each case receives individual attention proportional to need in order to ensure a just result in each case.
- Promoting judicial leadership and instituting continuous court oversight over the progression of cases from filing to disposition.
- Creating consistency and predictability for users of the court system.
- Setting reasonable and mutually understood expectations for judges, litigants, the Bar, and the public.
- Ensuring that judges, court clerks, and trial court administrators have consistent, meaningful case management information to inform their efforts.
- Assisting judicial districts in developing, implementing, and sustaining district caseflow management plans.

2. Development of individual caseflow management plans by each judicial district

The Statewide Caseflow Management Plan also establishes a set of expectations and a general framework within which each judicial district shall develop individual caseflow management plans. Each judicial district is required to develop plans for the following case types:

- felony
- misdemeanor
- civil
- family law
- juvenile
- child protection

Templates for these plans are to be developed by the Advancing Justice Committee in consultation with subject matter experts in each of the respective areas. The district plans shall follow the template provided and shall comply with the spirit and expectations of the statewide plan.

3. District Caseflow Management Plans to be adopted by local court rule

Each district caseflow management plan governing the case types delineated above shall be adopted by local rule, subject to approval and publication by the Supreme Court, in accordance with IRCP (1)(c) or ICR (2), prior to their effective date.

4. Protocol for submission and approval by the Supreme Court, including subsequent amendments

a. The ADJ or TCA of each district shall submit each of their proposed district plans and local rules, to Taunya Jones, reporter for the Advancing Justice Committee, by a specified time and date.
b. The Advancing Justice Committee will review the district plans and compare them to the statewide plan. If there are variances in a particular plan, the Committee will advise the district and seek their input or amendment to their plan.
c. Following a reasonable opportunity by the districts to address any noted variances, the Committee will then submit the local rule and plan to the Supreme Court with a recommendation about approval.
d. The Supreme Court will then determine the appropriate course of action to be taken.

5. Implementation of District Caseflow Management Plans following approval of respective the local rule and plan

The following implementation recommendations developed by the Advancing Justice Committee are adopted:

- Use outreach to educate and engage judges, attorneys, clerks, and other stakeholders such as Dept. of Correction, the Sheriff's Office, Misdemeanor Probation, and Dept. of Health and Welfare on the use of, and compliance with, the plans.
- Establish regular meeting between judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and other Stakeholders to discuss and address caseflow management issues.
- Review other local rules of the judicial district to ensure consistency with district caseflow management plans.
- Revisit your district's caseflow management plans at least annually as a team to ensure compliance, address implementation challenges, and consider revisions that might strengthen the plans.
- Modify your district's caseflow management plans and local rule adopting the plans to accommodate statutory or rule changes. For example, the felony plans may be impacted by the implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.
- Solicit advice and suggestions from other districts that have confronted similar caseflow management challenges.
- Seek approval by the Supreme Court of any amendments to the local rule adopting a plan.

DATED this 9th of February, 2015.

By Order of the Supreme Court

R. Burdick

Roger S. Burdick, Chief Justice

ATTEST: Stephen Kenyon
Steve Kenyon, Clerk

I, Stephen W. Kenyon, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order entered in the above entitled cause and now on record in my office.
WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Court 2/11/15

STEPHEN W. KENYON
Clerk

By: Kimber Grove Deputy