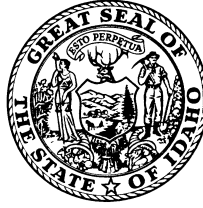


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# Press Release

## ***NEW CUSTER COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANNOUNCED***

The Seventh Judicial District Magistrates Commission has selected James Howard Barrett, Jr. as the new Custer County Magistrate Judge. Mr. Barrett will fill the vacancy left by the Honorable Charles Roos. Judge Roos has served the people of the State of Idaho, the Seventh Judicial District, and Custer County as a Magistrate Judge for over 29 years.

The Magistrates Commission Chair, Administrative District Judge Darren Simpson, announced the appointment. Judge Simpson indicated that there were four highly qualified applicants interviewed and that both he and the Magistrates Commission were confident that the people of Custer County would be well served by the appointee, James Barrett.

Mr. Barrett, a native of Madison County, Idaho, received his B.A. from Idaho State University in 1991, and was an English teacher from 1994 to 1998 and adjunct professor at Ricks College; and then completed his law degree at University of Idaho College of Law in 2000, and also received a LL.M. degree from the University of Denver in 2002. Mr. Barrett was then admitted to the Idaho State Bar and has maintained a criminal practice of law in the Seventh Judicial District since 2003; specifically as a Bingham, Fremont, and City of Rexburg prosecutor from 2003 to 2007; and from July 2007 he has been a Bonneville County Public Defender, and was appointed as the Chief Public defender in 2008.

Upon appointment, magistrates serve an 18-month probation, after which they stand for retention election in the county in which they are seated and, if retained, serve a term of four years. Mr. Barrett may be assigned cases in all ten counties in the Seventh Judicial District, but most of his time and travel as a judge will be between Custer and Bingham Counties.