

## **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

*Zeyen v. Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25*

Docket No. 46193

In this appeal, the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a Bannock County district court's decision denying Zeyen's motion for class certification and motion for leave to amend the pleadings. Mike Zeyen sought declaratory relief and damages from Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 on behalf of all students currently enrolled in School District 25 and their guardians. Zeyen alleged that School District 25's practice of charging certain fees to students and their parents violated Article IX, section 1, of the Idaho Constitution and sought relief under Idaho's Constitutionally Based Educational Claims Act. After discovery, Zeyen moved to certify the class. Zeyen also moved to amend his complaint to add an unlawful-takings claim under both the Idaho and U.S. constitutions. The district court denied Zeyen's first motion for lack of standing. The district court also denied his motion to amend as prejudicial to School District 25 and brought with undue delay. The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed, determining that the district court did not err in denying the motion for class certification because Zeyen was unable to show that the relief he sought was available under the Educational Claims Act. The Supreme Court also determined that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying Zeyen's motion to amend because it applied the correct legal standard and weighed the appropriate factors.