

Judge Bevan Named to Idaho Supreme Court

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(BOISE) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter appointed **Fifth District Judge G. Richard Bevan** of Twin Falls today to succeed retiring Justice Daniel Eismann on the five-member Idaho Supreme Court.

Bevan was among four candidates for the position submitted to the Governor by the Idaho Judicial Council. Also interviewed were Second District Judge John Stegner of Moscow, Seventh District Judge Greg Moeller of Rexburg, and attorney Rebecca Rainey of Boise. Eismann retires from the high court August 31.

“I am honored and humbled to be chosen as Idaho’s next Supreme Court justice,” Bevan said. “I appreciate the confidence placed in me throughout this process. I pledge to act with all the power that I possess to be a faithful servant of the United States and Idaho constitutions, to the rule of law and to the people of the state of Idaho.”

Serving a third three-year term as administrative judge for the Fifth Judicial District, Bevan has been on the bench since his appointment by then-Governor Dirk Kempthorne in 2003. He previously was a shareholder in the Twin Falls law firm Hollifield & Bevan, PA, and was Twin Falls County prosecutor for one term.

The Twin Falls native received his bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and his law degree from BYU’s J. Reuben Clark Law School. Bevan was instrumental in establishing and presiding over the Fifth Judicial District’s Mental Health Court for felony defendants with severe, persistent mental illness. He also presides over a Veterans’ Treatment Court, established in 2015 to hear cases involving veterans with service-related drug, alcohol or mental health challenges.

“Judge Bevan’s judicial demeanor, his sound and well-reasoned decisions, and his impressive knowledge and understanding of the legal issues that are most consequential to the citizens he serves on the bench recommend him highly for the Supreme Court,” Governor Otter said. “He has consistently tackled tough, socially significant issues with an open mind and a determination to find solutions that protect both the community and the individuals who appear before him.”

Bevan and his wife Pamela have five grown children.

