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Idaho Supreme Court Issues 2015 Annual Report

Idaho sees innovation in court technology and continues to be recognized as a national leader

Boise, ID – The Idaho Supreme Court released the fiscal year 2015 annual report of the Idaho Judiciary. The full report is available on the Court’s website, <http://www.isc.idaho.gov/annual2015>.

In the report, Chief Justice Jim Jones highlights innovation and change in a number of areas throughout the courts in order to foster public trust, increase access and continue to provide Idahoans with fair and timely justice.

In June, Twin Falls County became the first in the state to launch iCourt, Idaho’s new electronic case management and e-filing system. The new technology replaces the current case management system, Idaho Statewide Trial Court Automated System, and the court’s data repository. The iCourt Portal will allow the public and court users to search for cases, parties and hearings and make payments online.

“Idaho will benefit greatly from iCourt,” said Chief Justice Jones. “Once the system is launched in every county, it will offer improved access to court records, better information exchange between judicial partners and increase efficiencies within the judicial system. This is a big change for Idaho’s judicial system and we appreciate all the support we’ve received from our partners across the state.”

Tyler Technologies, the court’s partner on this project, has successfully worked on similar projects with 21 states across the country. iCourt is set to launch in Ada County near the end of summer and over the next few years every county will be on the new system.

There are 68 problem-solving courts throughout Idaho. These courts continue to be an example for similar initiatives throughout the nation. For the second time, the Bonneville County Mental Health Court was selected as a nationally recognized mental health court learning site by the Council of State Governments Justice Center. Jurisdictions across the country that are interested in starting a mental health court travel to Idaho Falls to visit and learn from the multidisciplinary team. The Bannock County Juvenile Drug Court was recognized as a learning collaborative site with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and will soon be another mentor site for courts across the U.S.

Efforts continue to expand court assistance services across Idaho so everyone can have equal and meaningful access to the courts no matter where they live. Court assistance officers help direct self-represented litigants to court resources and forms, review their documents and ensure they understand their rights and responsibilities while navigating the court system. During the 2015 fiscal year, they helped more than 51,000 individuals. A new full-time court assistance officer position was created to serve Elmore, Valley and Boise Counties in the Fourth Judicial District.

The Idaho Judiciary remains committed to identifying new and innovative ways to continue to improve service to Idahoans moving forward.

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