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Counties

Kootenai

Judicial Districts

First

Compensation & Expenses

\$225 per hour; travel time at one-half hourly rate; out-of-pocket costs and expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes, only in cases where amount in controversy is under \$10,000

Years of Law Practice

28

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Colorado State Bar; Fee Aribtrator; Coeur d'Alene Estate Planning Council

Education and Training

Attorney; Certified Public Accountant; Masters of Law in Taxation

Experience and Specialties

- Practice is mainly a business practice emphasizing commercial transactions, complex bankruptcies and tax matters, as well as estate planning.
- Acted as private civil litigator for 10+ years. Have acted as Idaho State Bar Fee Aribtrator for 10+ years. Conducted several private mediations over 27 years.
- 27 yearsof litigation - do not do jury trials.
- Heavy experience with complicated bankruptcies and commercial transactions.

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Counties

Ada

Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$185 per hour, no charge for travel within Ada County, outside Ada County at hourly rate of \$185

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

Years of Law Practice

42

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Utah State Bar; Washington State Bar; Oregon State Bar; ITLA

Education and Training

B.A. - University of Idaho (1968); J.D. 0 University of Idaho (1970); Adjunct law professor University of Idaho (1994)

Experience and Specialties

- Civil litigation, insurance defense, auto, aviation, products liability, construction defect, professional malpractice.
- Served as mediator, arbitrator and SLRA evaluator in approximately 75 cases.
- Handled thousands of cases over 42 years and over 400 trials.
- 42 years of handling civil litigation.

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Counties

Ada

Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$160 per hour, \$75/hour for travel outside of Ada County plus IRS mileage reimbursement rate.
Reimbursement for out of pocket expenses incurred.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes. Considered on case-by-case basis. Prior contact to determine availability and need to be pro bono.

Years of Law Practice

24

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar - Litigation Section; Idaho Trial Lawyers Assn; Idaho Women Lawyers; Idaho State Bar
Animal Law Section.

Education and Training

J.D. - J. Reuben Clark Law School; B.A. Boise State University; civil mediation training with IMA

Experience and Specialties

- Civil litigation and general practice including personal injury, employment, business, estate planning, probate, guardianships and adoptions.
- Participated in ADR proceedings since the early 1990's as attorney for litigants. Obtained civil and family law mediator training.
- First 10 years of practice primarily in insurance defense (commercial, bad faith, products liability and personal injury). Since 2000 have prosecuted and defended civil cases in the above areas.
- Admitted to Utah Bar 1989 and Idaho in 1991. Since then have engaged in civil law and litigation practice including disputes in insurance claims, personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, employment business, construction, real property, contracts, probate, licensing and family law.

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Counties

Ada
Bannock
Bingham
Blaine
Boise
Bonneville
Canyon
Elmore
Gooding
Twin Falls
Valley

Judicial Districts

Third
Fourth
Fifth

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour. No charge for travel time to and from evaluation.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

Years of Law Practice

14

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Arizona State Bar; United States District Court; Idaho Supreme Court

Education and Training

Westminster College of Salt Lake City (B.A.); Arizona State Univ. (M.A.); Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (Arizona State University); National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Deposition Skills course.

Experience and Specialties

- Professional liability defense; complex commercial litigation; design and construction disputes; real property; landlord-tenant; personal injury.
- Participated in numerous mediations, arbitrations and small lawsuit resolution act hearings.
- Discovery; motion practice; trial practice (bench and jury); appeals; preliminary injunction hearings.
- Adjunct professor at Boise State University (Philosophy Department); Ada County Planning & Zoning Commission.



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Counties

Kootenai

Judicial Districts

First

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour; travel time at \$75 per hour with mileage at rate set by State of Idaho, plus reimbursement of actual cost of meals, lodging, transportation

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes, two cases per year. I will also accept cases on sliding fee scale for parties below federal poverty level.

Years of Law Practice

33

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Federal Bar Assn; ABA; ITLA; Inns of Court

Education and Training

B.A. - University of Kansas (1973); J.D. - Boston University School of Law (1976); National Judicial College (1993)

Experience and Specialties

- Dispute resolution, commercial, personal injury and other civil litigations in state and federal courts.
- 27 years as a mediator and arbitrator. 10 years as a SLRA civil case evaluator
- Have represented plaintiffs and defendants in a broad range of civil cases in all 7 of Idaho's judicial districts and also in California.
- Acted as district judge, first and fourth districts (1996-1998); magistrate judge in Clearwater County (1992-1999) and law professor at University of Idaho (1999-2013)



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Counties

Kootenai

Judicial Districts

First

Compensation & Expenses

\$100 per hour. No charge for travel in Kootenai County, \$75 flat rate for Boundary, Bonner, Shoshone, Latah, Nez Perce, or Clearwater counties.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

On civil personal injury matters only.

Years of Law Practice

14

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Washington State Bar Assn - Board of Bar Examiners, E.D. Washington, District of Idaho

Education and Training

B.A. Arizona State Univ (1993); J.D. Gonzaga University School of Law (1998 - magna cum laude)

Experience and Specialties

- Personal injury and insurance law.
- I have not served as mediator. I have been an appointed arbitrator on approximately 10 cases in Washington. As a litigant, I arbitrate or mediate between 25 - 35 cases per year for the past 10 years.
- Tried approximately 38 jury trials in personal injury matters in the past 16 years.
- I have litigated both plaintiff and defense cases on all types of personal injury disputes.

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Counties

Ada

Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour, no charge for travel time under 90 miles; reimbursement for travel costs and expenses, mileage at federal rate after 90 miles.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Not at this time

Years of Law Practice

18

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Idaho Trial Lawyers Association

Education and Training

Hillsdale College (B.A. 1993); Pepperdine Law School (J.D.1996); Trial Lawyers College (2008); numerous CLE's.

Experience and Specialties

- Real estate, condemnation, inverse condemnation; general civil litigation
- I have participated in mediations several times per year for 18 years, most of which resulted in settlements.
- I have tried several cases in Ada County to a jury, as well as cases in Canyon County, Latah County and Twin Falls County. I have also tried several bench trials.

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Counties

Ada

Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$200 per hour, travel outside of Treasure Valley at \$50 per hour, reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No.

Years of Law Practice

21

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; California State Bar; Idaho Mediation Assn; American Arbitration Assn; World Intellectual Property Organization Mediation and Arbitration Panels; Idaho Supreme Court Mediation Panel

Education and Training

J.D. (cum laude) - The College of William & Mary; hundreds of hours of continuing education, mediation training and arbitration training; adjunct professor of law at university level since 1980; active practitioner of law since 1982.

Experience and Specialties

- All levels of civil litigation, including but not limited to personal injury, construction, commercial matters, employment, domestic matters, contract, insurance, sales and leases, corporate/partnership/business entity disputes, real estate, negligence, estate matters and general business and personnel matters.
- Certified and active arbitrator since 1985. Certified and active mediator since 1990. Coconducted over 2,000 contested alternative dispute resolution hearings.
- Litigated civil cases since 1972
- Also served as court appointed referee, discovery master and private judge since 1986.

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Counties

Benewah

Judicial Districts

First

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour. Travel time at \$50 per hour, plus out-of-pocket costs and expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes, if co-counsel also waives fee

Years of Law Practice

25

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

John P. Gran Bench Bar Forum; Inns of Court; U.S.D.C. for District of Idaho; U.S.Sup.Ct.; CDA Tribal Courts; Shoshone Bannock Tribal Court; Idaho State Bar; West Virginia State Bar; Wyoming State Bar; Idaho Code Commission

Education and Training

BS - Univ of West Virginia (1976); MS - Univ of West Virginia (1978); J.D. Univ. of West Virginia (1988)

Experience and Specialties

- General civil litigation, real property, contract disputes, tort law, municipal law, complex civil litigation, estates
- Involved in mediation in numerous civil cases over the past 25 yrs. Served as evaluator since 2004.
- Civil litigation primarily in state district court.

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Counties

Ada



Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$140 per hour. No charge for travel.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

Years of Law Practice

16 years in Idaho and 3 years in Utah

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar, Utah State Bar, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association.

Education and Training

Utah State University (B.A.) 1995; Washburn University (J.D.) 1999

Experience and Specialties

- Civil litigation, emphasis on insurance defense 1999-2012. Personal injury, 2012 to present.
- Served as mediator in 3 civil cases, participated as counsel in hundreds of mediations and over 75 SLRA cases.
- Lead counsel in 40+ jury trials in Idaho, over 75 SLRA cases. Hundreds of depositions and mediations for civil cases.
- 16 years of plaintiff and defense cases involving damages for personal injury and conflict claims.

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Professional Affiliations Legend of Abbreviations

AAA = American Arbitration Association

ABA = American Bar Association

AAHCA = American Academy of Health Care Attorneys



ABTA = American Board of Trial Advocates

ACR = Association for Conflict Resolution (a merged organization of Academy of Family Mediators-AFM, Conflict Resolution Education Network -CREnet, and Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution -SPIDR)

ACTL = American College of Trial Lawyers

AELC = American Employment Law Council

CA = Courthouse Alternatives, Inc.

CPM = Certified Professional Mediator by the Idaho Mediation Association

CRCI = Conflict Resolution Center, Inc.

IADC = Idaho Association of Defense Counsel

ILF = Idaho Law Foundation

IMA = Idaho Mediation Association

Inns = Inns of Court

ISB = Idaho State Bar

ISC = Idaho Supreme Court

ITLA = Idaho Trial Lawyers Association

IVL = Idaho Volunteer Lawyers

U.S.C.A. = United States Court of Appeals

U.S.D.C. = United States District Court

U.S.S.Ct. = United States Supreme Court

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