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### Counties

Ada

### Judicial Districts

Fourth

### Compensation & Expenses

\$135 per hour. \$50 per hour for travel time plus current IRS mileage rate. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs.

### Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

### Years of Law Practice

15

### Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)

SLRA Evaluator, Idaho State Bar; Utah State Bar; Washington State Bar, and American Bar Assn

### Education and Training

J.D. - University of Idaho (1995); B.S. - University of Idaho (1992)

### Experience and Specialties

- Civil litigation (plaintiff and defendant); insurance defense; construction defect; products liability and agricultural law.
- Participated in several mediations representing both plaintiff and defendant. Served as SLRA evaluator.
- Numerous trials in state court over past 15 years, representing plaintiff and defendants in both jury and court trials.

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### **Counties**

Kootenai

### **Judicial Districts**

First

### **Compensation & Expenses**

No charge for travel time in Kootenai and Bonner Counties. I will charge \$75 an hour for my travel time to Bonner, Benewah and Shoshone Counties. Reasonable expenses for mileage, food, photocopying are included in both my hourly rate and travel time expense.

### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

I will accept appointment on a pro bono basis subject to the evaluation occurring in Kootenay County, Idaho, and the parties' agreeing to limit the evaluation to one half-day or four (4) hours of evaluator time.

### **Years of Law Practice**

18

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho State Bar, Washington State Bar, Kootenai County Bar Assn. (Past President 1997-1999)

### **Education and Training**

J.D. - University of Idaho College of Law (1997); B.S. - University of Idaho (1989); Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution.

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Law Clerk for First District Judge James Judd, Ret'd 1997-1999; Associate Ramsden & Lyons LLP with focus on personal injury defense, real estate, real estate development and general civil litigation, 1999-2006; partner with Ramsden Lyons, added construction law and construction defect and defense work 2006-2015; partner with Ramsden, Marfice, Ealy & Harris, LLP with areas of practice in construction law and general civil litigation. Recently obtained civil mediation certification.
- Has represented parties in several arbitrations since 2000, primarily dealing with disputed construction contracts. However, recently represented franchisor in disputed franchise contract. Participated in numerous arbitrations since 2000.
- Tried several civil cases beginning in 2000. Trial experience includes both jury and bench trials regarding personal injury, real estate, contract and construction law matters.
- Recently completed 40-hour certification and training course with Northwest Institute for Dispute



Resolution through the University of Idaho and previous experience volunteering as mediator during Law Week mediations organized as part of the Kootenai County Bar Assn.

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### Counties

Ada

### Judicial Districts

Fourth

### Compensation & Expenses

\$165 per hour. Travel time of \$100 per hours outside of 3rd and 4th districts. Reimbursement for actual costs time and expenses.

### Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Not at this time.

### Years of Law Practice

27 overall, 20 years in Idaho.

### Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)

Idaho, California and Washington State Bars; Defense Research Institute; Idaho Association of Defense Counsel; Federal Bar Association.

### Education and Training

University of Washington, School of Law; San Diego Inns of Court; Gonzaga University (B.A. history); Northwest Institute of Dispute Resolution.

### Experience and Specialties

- 27 years of civil litigation, including cases in the sub specialties of medical/professional malpractice; personal injury; civil rights; and governmental entities.
- 27 years of civil litigation, and mediation representing a party, primarily defendants.
- 27 years of civil litigation, including cases in the sub specialties of medical/professional malpractice, personal inuury, civil rights, and governmental entities.
- In addition to the above, I have served as a hearing officer for the Idaho Occupational Licensing



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### Counties

Kootenai

### Judicial Districts

First

### Compensation & Expenses

\$200 per hour, travel time at \$100 per hour.

### Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes, if conducted at office in Coeur d'Alene

### Years of Law Practice

33

### Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)

American College of Trial Lawyers

### Education and Training

Georgia University School of Law

### Experience and Specialties

- Civil Litigation, mediation
- Over 20 years as mediator and arbitrator
- Extensive criminal and civil litigation experience in state and federal courts

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### **Counties**

Ada

### **Judicial Districts**

Fourth

### **Compensation & Expenses**

\$195 per hour. no travel time charge in Ada County; Canyon or Elmore Counties charge is one-half hourly rate, will accommodate to hold mediations in my office to keep travel expenses down. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

No.

### **Years of Law Practice**

28

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho State Bar; ISB Sections: tax, probate and trusts, family law; Nat'l Assn of Elder Law Attorneys; Nat'l Guardianship Assoc; Idaho Guardian & Fiduciary Assoc.

### **Education and Training**

J.D. - Gonzaga University School of Law (1985); B.S./B.A. - Eastern Montana College (1982). Continuing legal education.

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Elder law; guardianship and conservatorships, trust and estate administration; litigation
- Mediation of family law matters; representation of parties in arbitration; mediation; Chairman, Bureau of Occ. Lic.; prelitigation screening panel for nursing home neg.
- Insurance defense in various cases including personal injury; medical malpractice; contract litigation (plaintiff and defendant); construction law; estate litigation; contested guardianship and conservatorships.
- I have served as evaluator in several cases.

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### **Counties**

Bonner

### **Judicial Districts**

First

### **Compensation & Expenses**

Standard hourly charge, standard charge for travel as needed, reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs.

### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

Yes, based upon review of circumstances.

### **Years of Law Practice**

Since 1996.

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho State bar, Idaho Trial Lawyers Assn.

### **Education and Training**

J.D. - University of Idaho, College of Law (1996)

### **Experience and Specialties**

- General litigation practice
- Mediaation, arbitration, AAA; SLRA
- General practice with numerous cases
- Small firm practice.

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### **Counties**





Ada

### **Judicial Districts**

Fourth

### **Compensation & Expenses**

\$200 per hour; no travel charge within 20 miles, thereafter 34 cents per mile; out-of-pocket costs to be reimbursed

### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

Two per year

### **Years of Law Practice**

38

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho Statte Courts; U.S. District Court for Idaho; U.S. Court of Military Appeals; U.S. Claiims Court; 9th Clrcuit Court of Appeals; U.S. SUPreme Court; Assn of Trial Lawyers; Martindale & Hubble A+ rating

### **Education and Training**

Current CLE's; Law Week Scholastic Award, University of Idaho.

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Civil litigtaion and bankruptcy
- Mediated in civil litigation
- Numerous jury and court trials
- Contracted with Department of Health & Welfare as specially appointed attorney general - family law support matters

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### **Counties**

Bannock

### **Judicial Districts**



Sixth

### **Compensation & Expenses**

\$150.00 per hour; travel at same hourly rate; reimbursement for mileage and all out-of-pocket costs

### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

No.

### **Years of Law Practice**

17

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho State Bar; Sixth Judicial District Bar Assn; Idaho Assn of Defense Counsel; DRI; Inns of Court

### **Education and Training**

J.D. - University of Idaho, School of Law (1996); B.A. - University of Idaho (1993); Clerked for Hon. Peter D. McDermott and Hon. N. Randy Smith.

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Commercial litigation; employment and labor law; health care law; insurance defense; professional malpractice; medical malpractice.
- Attended approximately 40 mediations.
- Handled civil cases for the past 14 years involving commercial, personal injury, medical malpractice and professional malpractice cases. Co-chaired approximately 10 cases to trial.

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### **Counties**

Bannock

### **Judicial Districts**

Sixth

### **Compensation & Expenses**

\$150 per hour; travel at same rate; reimbursement for mileage and out-of-pocket



### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

No.

### **Years of Law Practice**

18

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

American Bar Assn; Idaho Assn of Defense Counsel; Idaho State Bar; Sixth District Bar Assn; Supreme Court Utah and Idaho; U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; U.S. District Courts for Idaho and Utah; Utah State Bar

### **Education and Training**

J.D. - Seattle Univ School of Law (1995); B.S. Brigham Young Vniversity (1992). Completed two-year clerkship with 8th Judicial District Judges Winmill and N. Randy Smith. As law clerk researched and drafted court opinions, advised the court on the matter of law, prepared jury instructions, attended trials and hearings.

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Commercial litigation; health care law; insurance defense; workers' compensation
- Have successfully mediated cases in Idaho and Utah pertaining to all areas of practice.
- Maintain a broad-based litigation practice in both state and federal courts defending various clients in jury trials and workers' compensation hearings.
- Presided as evaluator over claims brought under the Idaho Small Lawsuit Resolution Act.

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### **Counties**

Ada

### **Judicial Districts**

Fourth

### **Compensation & Expenses**

\$200 per hour plus normal travel rate one way and reimbursement for all out-of-pocket expenses.



### **Willingness to Accept Pro Bono**

No.

### **Years of Law Practice**

49

### **Professional Affiliations\* (\*See legend below)**

Idaho State Bar; Utah State Bar; Federal Bar; ABA Alternative Dispute Section; Utah and Idaho Alternative Dispute

### **Education and Training**

J.D. ; L.L.B. B.S. and M.S. (1964)

### **Experience and Specialties**

- Commercial litigation, ADR
- 2200 Mediations; 150 arbitrations
- Civil litigation - 49 years
- Extensive mediation CLE's, federal, state and municipal mediation/arbitrations

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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

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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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