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Counties

Ada

Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour, travel at 1/2 hourly rate, reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes, one or two per year.

Years of Law Practice

12

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Defense Research Institute; Idaho Assn of Defense Counsel

Education and Training

Experience and Specialties

- Over 10 years of litigation practice, including personal injury, product liability, premises liability, medical malpractice, dram shop liability, employment law, commercial litigation and insurance coverage and defense.
- Participated in hundreds of mediations and SLRA hearings and past experience as SLRA evaluator.
- Over 10 years of trying cases, including first chair jury trials.

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Counties

Bannock

Judicial Districts

Sixth

Compensation & Expenses

\$150 per hour; travel tiime at \$150 per hour plus mileage and out-of-pocket costs reimbursement.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No.

Years of Law Practice

25

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Education and Training

J.D. - J. Reuben Clark School of Law

Experience and Specialties

- Litigation for 25 years, mostly insurance defense but also significant number of plaintiff cases. Focus on insurance coverage, both from plaintiff perspective and insurers.
- Mediate and settle almost all of my cases. Have been SLRA evaluator in 2 cases.
- Hundreds of cases, mostof which settled. 15 to 20 jury trials and 10 court trials.

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Counties

Bonneville



Judicial Districts

Seventh

Compensation & Expenses

\$200 per hour; travel at \$200 per hour plus long distance mileage and reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes; sliding scale or periodic payment for slightly indigent; no fee for indigent.

Years of Law Practice

40

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Idaho Trial Lawyers Assn; Inns of Court; American Bar Assn; ABF; ACTL; IACDL; ILF; and NACDL

Education and Training

J.D. - Texas Tech University; B.S. - Brigham Young University; American University; General Civil Mediation Course at University of Idaho

Experience and Specialties

- Torts and criminal law
- Mediated substantial number of cases, mostly medical malpractice.
- Have tried approx 50 civil cases and 50 criminal cases
- Adjunct Professor for Trial Advocacy Program at University of Idaho, College of Law

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Judicial Districts

Fourth



Compensation & Expenses

\$225 per hour. Charge for travel time to and from mediation dependent on circumstances but will make it easy and economical for participants.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes

Years of Law Practice

26

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

ITLA; Inns of Court; IDJI Committee; Evidence Committee, AAJ.

Education and Training

JD University of Idaho

Experience and Specialties

- All types of civil litigation
- Have served as mediator on numerous civil litigation matters (estimate - 30 or more)
- 26 plus years of doing litigation work exclusively - trials, hearings, appeals
- Serve on Evidence and Idaho Jury Instructions Committees; have given numerous seminars on civil litigation topics; member of American Inns of Court

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Sixth

Compensation & Expenses

\$100 per hour, plus 50 cents per mile and out-of-pocket expenses



Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No, fee is already discounted.

Years of Law Practice

34

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar

Education and Training

J.D. - University of Idaho (1979); B.S. - University of Utah (1976)

Experience and Specialties

- General civil litigation, personal injury, debtor and creditor relations. No divorce or criminal law.
- Several SLRA cases as evaluator. Participated in SLRA proceedings and mediations in many cases.
- Hundreds of cases, court and jury trials, appeals.

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Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

Flat fee of \$600 for very simple mediations and flat fee of \$1,000 for more extensive mediations

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Yes when exceptional need demonstrated.

Years of Law Practice

20



Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; ITLA - Governmental Relations Co-Chair

Education and Training

J.D. - Jay Reuben Clark Law School; B.A. Utah State University (1993)

Experience and Specialties

- Plaintiff litigation
- Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution; acted as mediator in several cases; mediated many cases to resolution; dozens of mediations as participant.
- Jury trials bench trials, extensive motion practice.
- Certified as Civil Trial Specialist by ITLA>

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Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$180 per hour (as of April 2015), plus half the hourly rate for travel time, in addition to mileage at the IRS rate (or airfare). Reimbursement for travel and meals.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

Years of Law Practice

30

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; admitted U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Idaho Mediation Assn; Bar Register of Prominent Lawyers; The Best Lawyers in America; Mountain States Super Lawyers (construction); Claim & Litigation Management Alliance; Litigation Counsel of America



(fellow); International Academy of Construction Lawyers (fellow); National Assn of Distinguished Counsel, Nation's Top One Percent (selected); Martindale-Hubbel AV rated.

Education and Training

A.B. Indiana University, 1977 (Phi Beta Kappa); M.A. University of North Carolina, 1982; J.D. University of Oregon, 1985 (Order of the Coif); 40-hour Basic and Co-Parenting Focus mediation training (Idaho Mediation Assn, February, 2015).

Experience and Specialties

- Two year clerkship with Justice Stephen Bistline, Idaho Supreme Court. Twenty-nine years of practice in areas including personal injury, construction defect, insurance coverage, product liability, premises liability, professional liability, employment claims, discrimination claims and fire losses.
- Participated in several hundred mediations and several SLRA proceedings. Conducting mediations starting March 2015
- 30 years as a litigator

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Judicial Districts

Fourth

Compensation & Expenses

\$180 per hour as of April 2015. Travel to and from at half the hourly rate and mileage at the IRS rate, or airfare reimbursement. Reimbursement for travel and meals if applicable.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No

Years of Law Practice

30

Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)



Idaho State Bar; Admitted to U.S. District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Idaho Mediation Assn; Bar Register of Prominent Lawyers; The Best Lawyers in America; Mountain States Super Lawyers (construction); Claims & Litigation Mnagement Alliance; Litigation Counsel of America (fellow); International Academy of Construction Lawyers (fellow); National Association of Distinguished Counsel, Nation;s Top One Percent (selected); Martindale-Hubbard AV rated.

Education and Training

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- 30 years as a litigator.

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Counties

Bannock

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Sixth

Compensation & Expenses

\$125 per hour, plus mileage at federal rate and out-of-pocket expenses

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

No.

Years of Law Practice

29



Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar; Sixth District Bar Assn; Idaho Assn of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Idaho Trial Lawyers Assn.

Education and Training

J.D. - University of Idaho (1984); B.A. - Concordia College (1973). Completed both civil and criminal mediation training from Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution; Advanced Mediation Training at Pepperdine Law School

Experience and Specialties

- Criminal defense, commercial litigation and family law.
- Acted as mediator since approx 1980. Originally trained by Harbor View Med Center in Seattle, WA for neighborhood and civil dispute resolution. Continued mediation training after law school. Served as mediator and arbitrator on federal court panels. Done extensive mediation work for Idaho State Bar. On Idaho's small Lawsuit Resolution since its inception.
- Dozens of criminal trials, most of which are felony trials. Limited jury trial experience and extensive court civil trial experience, including significant experience in federal bankruptcy courts.

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Compensation & Expenses

\$200 per hour, travel time will be negotiated on case-by-case basis; mileage and out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursement.

Willingness to Accept Pro Bono

Limited to 4 cases per year

Years of Law Practice

28



Professional Affiliations* (*See legend below)

Idaho State Bar, former Commissioner and President; Sixth District Bar President in 1990

Education and Training

J.D. - University of Idaho (1985); B.A. - BYU (1982)

Experience and Specialties

- Have tried 70 - 80 cases and over 100 court trials for both plaintiff and defendant. Personal injury, business, employment, ADA, railroad as well as criminal and domestic cases.
- Have been a mediator for the past 7 years doing 8 to 10 mediations per year.
- Have tried cases in state and federal courts as well as tribal courts in the Fort Hall and Coeur d'Alene Reservations
- Extensive background in civil litigation from both plaintiff and defense perspective.

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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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