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**Justice, Judge & Director of Court Management Honored for Service to Idaho
Legacy Award Presented for the First Time**

Boise, ID – During Idaho’s annual judicial conference, the legal community recognized three individuals who have gone above and beyond to ensure all Idahoans have access to fair and efficient justice. The Honorable Justice Jesse Walters was presented with the George G. Granata, Jr. Professionalism Award, the Douglas D. Kramer Award was given to the director of the court management division, Janica Bisharat, and, for the first time ever, the Idaho Magistrate Judges Association presented the Legacy Award to Judge Gaylen Box.

Each year, the Granata Award is given to a trial judge who exemplifies the professionalism the late Judge George Granata became known for during his 20 years of judicial service. Justice Walters is the 16th recipient of this prestigious award.

Justice Walters was first appointed to the bench in 1977, less than 15 years after receiving his law degree from the University of Idaho. In 1981, he became one of the first three members of the Idaho Court of Appeals and in 1997, he was appointed as the 50th Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. During his career, he has participated in 1,300 appellate opinions. Justice Walters continues to serve Idahoans as a senior judge and justice for both the Idaho Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court.

Janica Bisharat touches every facet of court administration in Idaho. She was presented the Kramer Award for her work in educating judges, clerks and the citizens of Idaho. Bisharat graduated from Boise State University with a degree in criminal justice administration from Boise State University and went on to the University of Utah to earn a master’s degree in public administration. During her 21-year tenure in court administration, Bisharat has served on several national committees and influenced court administration throughout the country, with a significant impact in both Utah and Idaho.

The Kramer Award is named in honor of the late District Judge Douglas Kramer. Bisharat is the 29th recipient of this prestigious award.

Former Sixth Judicial District Magistrate Judge Gaylen Box is the first winner of the Legacy Award. The award was created by Idaho Magistrate Judges Association to recognize a judge’s dedicated and noteworthy service to community, colleagues, and citizens.

Although he retired in January 2013, Judge Box still serves Idahoans as a senior judge and recently has dedicated a significant amount of time to help the court update and standardize its business processes and court forms. Throughout his career, Judge Box mentored new judges as they worked to understand their new role in the courtroom and served on many statewide judicial committees and organizations. Judge Box graduated from the University of Idaho School of Law in 1978.

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