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Boise, ID—The Idaho Judicial Council today announced the appointment of Boise attorney David W. (Tony) Cantrill as the new executive director. Starting December 1, Cantrill will be in charge of administration of day-to-day operations of the Judicial Council. Among its duties, the Council interviews and recommends candidates to the Governor to fill district and appellate court vacancies, advises judges on ethical questions, and receives, investigates and makes recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding complaints made against judges.

Cantrill is a well-known and highly regarded lawyer who has actively practiced in Boise since 1970. Cantrill began his college studies at Idaho State University in 1960, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Government in 1966. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1970. Cantrill practiced with the firm of Derr, Derr, Walters & Cantrill for five years, with the firm of Green & Cantrill for an additional five years and then established his own firm in 1980. His present firm is Cantrill, Skinner, Lewis, Casey & Sorensen.

The ex-officio chair of the Judicial Council is Chief Justice Jim Jones. Council Vice-Chairman is J. Philip Reberger of Boise. Council members include Joel P. Hazel, a Coeur d'Alene attorney, Elizabeth S. Chavez of Lewiston, District Judge Thomas Ryan of Caldwell, Kathy Simpson of Idaho Falls, Reed W. Larsen a Pocatello attorney and Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen of Jerome.

Chief Justice Jim Jones said that the Council had interviewed six finalists for the executive director position, all of whom were well qualified.

“The Council is pleased that so many good candidates stepped forward to seek this important position,” Jones said. “It was a difficult choice because all of the candidates had good qualifications but the Council decided that Tony Cantrill best suited its needs. He is a well-established attorney and highly regarded by members of the legal community.”

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