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Distinguished Lawyer



D. Fredrick Hoopes

Born into a prominent farming and ranching family in Eastern Idaho, **D. Fredrick Hoopes** had an early passion for justice. Before he became a lawyer, Fred worked as an aide to U.S. Senator Frank Church, (D – Idaho), a thrill for a ranch kid, he said. He took classes at American University in Washington, D.C. and got a sense of how the law worked. After graduating with his J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law, Fred returned home to Idaho Falls to hang up his shingle.

He and his wife, Sidney, have raised two daughters, Sarah and Rachel.

In his practice, Fred said he “took anything that walked in the door, and by the luck of the draw I became a general practitioner.” Soon, he became known for criminal defense and personal injury litigation. He also gained a reputation for winning difficult cases.

In Idaho Falls, Fred quickly joined ranks with his good friend, Tim Hopkins (another Idaho Falls native), to form what would later become Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes, PLLC, one of the largest and most influential firms in eastern Idaho.

“Fred is first and foremost an exceptionally fine attorney,” Tim said. “Fred has a strong sense of justice and of what’s right.” Tim’s admiration was reciprocated – Fred mentioning Tim as his trusted, invaluable friend.

“I believe lawyers are the best friends you can have,” Fred said. “I admire other lawyers, their thought process, even in their adversarial roles.”

Tim has known Fred for many years, and the two have spent considerable time together hunting, fishing, riding and doing anything outdoors.

Looking back at their many years together, Tim recalled that Fred had a well-deserved reputation for “remarkable success serving clients.” Fred often took difficult cases and defended people from all walks of life. Naturally, he was a lawyer that many of his extended family and their friends trusted implicitly. Fred laughed about the extended family, calling them “his following.”

Tim said Fred was known as “a cowboy character,” who peppered his language with common-sense country wisdom. But contrary to the leanings of his mostly rural and conservative community, Fred proudly championed many liberal causes.

One case that drew national attention and earned him the ACLU’s Thurgood Marshall Liberty Award, was Fred’s work defending Charles Fain, a death row inmate who had been convicted of murder. Fain had spent 18 years on death row and Fred was successful at re-opening the case and having the conviction overturned. Tim said technology for DNA testing had just been developed and this case was the first DNA case in Idaho and one of the first in the country. Fred said

those difficult cases “were the best part of it,” and he and Mr. Fain loosely kept in touch. “He was so grateful,” Fred said, for representation that saved him from the executioner.

Outside of the courtroom, Fred has been well-liked and very involved in his community and the Bar. That involvement took him all over the state.

Aside from his work for the Bar, Tim said “Fred was, and is, an absolutely committed Democrat.” Fred also loved to aid environmental and conservation issues.

Fred found his work developing the Citizens Law Academy, teaching at the University of Idaho and serving as an Idaho State Bar Commissioner and President, as well as President of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, all part of a rewarding career. Having suffered a stroke and now battling Parkinson’s disease, Fred struggles to remember all of the volunteer efforts through the years. Still, he speaks clearly and remains upbeat and cheerful.

“He has had a unique, full and rewarding life,” Tim said.

- **Judicial Fairness Committee (2000-2010)**
- **ISB Professionalism Award (2005)**
- **Denise O’Donnell Day Pro Bono Award (2008)**
- **ISB Board of Commissioners and President (2000-2003)**
- **ISB CLE Committee (1990s)**
- **Idaho Trial Lawyers Association President**
- **ACLU Thurgood Marshall Liberty Award**
- **American College of Trial Lawyers**
- **American Bar Foundation Fellow**

Distinguished Lawyer



John McGown

Through his 39-year career in law, **John McGown** lost his temper only once. That single detail tells volumes about his fastidious temperament. From the start, John determined what he would need to overcome in order to be successful. Through years of methodical self-improvement, he accomplished a rare level of elder statesman. Looking back at his career, John recalls what he loves most, helping people. But he didn't know from the start what roads he would take.

After receiving his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Kentucky, John found a lot of tax disputes are settled in court. So he decided to go to law school. Wanting to live near mountains, John moved to Denver to attend the University of Colorado but still was unable to find an area of law that grabbed his attention. In law school

the classes failed to show how the law is applied. Setting a goal to feel comfortable in a court room, he served three years as a deputy district attorney, which involved a lot of trial work. It wasn't John's favorite, but at the end of the three years he had accomplished his goal.

A few months after John and his wife were married they decided to take a year and travel around the country in a fifth-wheel travel trailer. For work he used his C.P.A. background to do tax filings. He found he really enjoyed doing tax work. After the trip he decided to get his LL.M.

It wasn't until John received his LL.M. in taxation that he found his niche in the law. He had always been interested in taxes, having worked as a C.P.A. His professor, Mark Vogel, taught most of his classes and John said he was a great teacher and mentor,

piquing his interest in tax law. John had the opportunity to apply what he was learning while he was in the LL.M. program at the University of Denver by working for the Internal Revenue Service. Finding his niche in the law allowed him to build a career he really enjoys and is passionate about. He worked on some high-profile cases that allowed him to develop a good relationship with appeal officers. This experience allowed him to make the connection between academia and the real world.

One of the most important aspects of helping clients is communication. John set out to improve his speaking ability and joined Toastmasters, allowing him to become more articulate. Consequently, John enjoys giving seminars on tax law in a public setting. He has been in Toastmasters for 20 years.

John believes there are “three major life decisions you make: who you marry, whether or not you have kids, and where you live.” So, when it came down to deciding where to live, John and his wife wanted a place with access to outdoor recreation, college, and big enough to have a need for a tax practice. That led him to Idaho looking specifically in Moscow and Boise. Luckily Hawley Troxell in Boise had an opening for a tax lawyer.

A career at Hawley Troxell is a bit of a family affair. John said he had the privilege of working closely with three of the founding members, Jesse Hawley, Bob Troxell, and Jack Hawley. Although he didn't have the opportunity to meet Paul Ennis, he was able to meet and get to know Paul's wife and children and was able to assist Paul's wife with some estate planning. Through this experience, John feels like he was able to get to know Paul through his family. Loyalty is an important aspect of John's career at Hawley Troxell. In any firm there can be a lot of friction

between the employee and employer. John said a person can either whine, quit or be constructive. John said he tries to make the work environment better.

During his career, there has been only one instance when he lost his patience with the other side (and never a client). John and a long term client were on the phone with the adverse party who was making threats. John was sick of hearing these threats and briefly blew up at him. While the client was shocked by never having seen John lose his temper, it was effective in eventually resolving the case.

Even though John was busy as an of counsel tax attorney, he never missed one of his children's events because of work. He made his family a priority, always making sure he was able to support them in various activities. When thinking back on the times when his girls were young, John would sometimes bring them to the office on the weekends and put a movie on for them while he finished up some work. He recalls one Sunday in particular that the youngest was a little bored at his work and decided it would be a good idea to pull the fire alarm. Quickly, John called the fire department and told them what had happened, but they still had to come and check out the building. John smiles and says, “She got a lecture for that.”

John is very pleased that someone in the tax profession was able to get this award and tax lawyers are being recognized. He says, “There are so many great tax lawyers in the State that this award could have gone to.” Tax attorneys are a great group and they have the opportunity to share and mentor each other.

- **Certified Estate Planning Specialist (2010 to present)**
- **Volunteer Mediator- ISB Fee Arbitration (2003 to present)**
- **Member of Pioneer Toastmasters (1990-2011); President (1991)**
- **Received Certified Public Accountant designation (1975)**
- **Frequent CLE Presenter - locally, statewide, and nationally**
- **Former Chairperson of the ISB Taxation, Probate, & Trust Law Section**
- **Visiting Faculty - University of Idaho College of Law**

Distinguished Lawyer



Justice Linda Copple Trout

Justice Linda Copple Trout didn't set out to make history as the first woman on the Idaho Supreme Court. "That wasn't why I did it," she said. "It was the honor of serving on the State's highest court."

Receiving the Distinguished Lawyer Award is only the latest in a career loaded with accomplishment, honors and distinction. Those achievements belie Justice Trout's relaxed and humble demeanor. These days she is content to work as a senior judge on the Idaho Supreme Court, doing mediations and chairing the Design and Implementation Team, which has the herculean task of standardizing and upgrading all of the state's courts into one computer system. "Right now it's the perfect mix," she said, "I have time to do the things I like to do."

But the legal scene didn't always look like this. When Linda entered the University of Idaho College of Law in 1974, there were about 20 women in her class. "Of course, there were a few law students who were not

accepting of women," but that was rare, she said. The country was struggling with the challenge of women's rights, but that was not Linda's main concern in choosing law as a profession. Coming from a family where education was stressed, but not imposed, she knew she wanted a career as a professional.

After law school she worked in private practice for Clark Feeny and Trout in Lewiston. At the time, she was one of only two female lawyers in Lewiston. "It would have been nice if there were even five or 10," she said, but "I felt well accepted in the legal community. Again there were a few, but not many who were not accepting."

While still in Lewiston, Linda became a Magistrate Judge and also worked as Trial Court Administrator. In 1990 she was elected as a District Court Judge. After a little more than a year later, she was appointed by Gov. Cecil Andrus to the Idaho Supreme Court. "I loved being a trial judge," she said, "But what are the chances that this opportunity to be on the Supreme Court will come around again?"

“Governor Andrus said ‘it is high time we had a woman on the Court,’” Justice Trout recalled, so she took the plunge and applied to the judicial selection committee. Once on the Court, the other Justices were cordial and pleasant. “I can’t say enough about how comfortable they made me feel. I was one of the Justices.”

One month after her appointment, the Justices took their annual trip to Eastern Idaho to hold court in Idaho Falls and Pocatello. They made a ritual stop at the Eastern Idaho Fair, and “that sounded odd to me,” she said. “Here we were – five men and one woman – all over-dressed, me in heels, walking through the fair. I was the newest Justice and I got to pick the food. It gives you an opportunity to get to know each other, talk about your family. This is what they always did.”

Justice Trout found more than mere camaraderie. She was elected by her fellow Justices to serve as Chief Justice for two consecutive terms from 1997 to 2004. She said she especially enjoyed the collaboration between the Justices, sharing opinions in an open and rigorous intellectual environment.

Looking back on her time on the state’s highest court, Justice Trout said dealing with the first appeals from the Snake River Basin Adjudication process was one of the big challenges. Also challenging were death penalty cases and others where she simply had to rule on the law and put her personal views aside. “You always have to do that as a judge,” she said.

Then there were a series of lawsuits asking the Court to enforce a constitutional provision that says the state must provide equal educational opportunities across the state.

Justice Trout said, “we really struggled with the issue. It was so important to Idaho children but it was a moving target” because the Legislature had continued to address parts of the issue while the lawsuits were working their way through the appeals process. She said while only a few of the cases will gain a lot of public attention, all are important. She retired from the court in 2007 and continues to serve as a senior judge for the Supreme Court, trial courts, pro tem judge and as a settlement judge.

Looking at her past influences Justice Trout credits her father, who was a doctor, and emphasized the importance of getting an education. She was also inspired by Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, whom she met while already on the bench. “It was so wonderful. She has helped so many. To the extent I can have an impact on women lawyers, I would like to do so.”

Justice Trout regularly speaks to women law students and shares her story to hopefully inspire the next generation of women lawyers.

Justice Trout is an emeritus member of the American Inns of Court and served two terms on the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council. She has previously served on the Boards of Directors of the Lewiston City Library, Northwest Children’s Home, Lewiston YWCA, Conference of Chief Justices, and National Association of Women Judges. She served on several statewide administrative, judicial and Bar committees and has taught courses at the University of Idaho College of Law in family law. She also served two terms on the United States Court’s Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, to which she was appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

- **University of Idaho Alumni Hall of Fame (2014)**
- **Sheldon A. Vincenti Award for Exemplary Service to the University of Idaho College of Law (2011)**
- **Distinguished Service Award, National Center for State Courts (2005)**
- **Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Award of Distinction (2001)**
- **Girl Scouts Women of Today and Tomorrow (2000)**
- **Honorary Recipient of Doctor of Laws from the College of Idaho (1999)**
- **Boise High School Hall of Fame (1997)**

Service Awards



Erika Birch

*Strindberg & Scholnick, LLC
(Boise)*

Erika Birch has the ambition to see what is possible, a talent she put into action with the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) in creating Street Law Clinics. She said the scarcity of free legal representation in Boise motivated her to address the problem. “I thought I might be able to model something on a clinic I had volunteered at while practicing in Utah.”

The Street Law Clinic was quickly adopted and supported by the leadership of ITLA, which garnered additional support from Concordia University School of Law, University of Idaho College of Law, and Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program. “We worked together for about nine months planning the clinic,” Erika said. The first clinic was in October of 2012 and the City of Boise hosted it at the library.

Erika gave special thanks to those who helped create the clinic: Barbara Jordan (ITLA Executive Director), Quinn Perry (ITLA Street Law Coordinator), Jodi Nafzger (Director of Experiential Learning, Concordia), Jane Gordon (then, 3L at University of Idaho), Kira Pfisterer (ITLA Board Member/Boise Attorney) and Mary Hobson (IVLP Director).

ITLA added a specialized family law clinic that began serving people in October 2013. The clinics served 173 people in 2013 and have already served over 180 people in 2014. Sometimes a good idea can go a long way.

During the past five years **Kari Campos** has served as President and other officer positions with the Seventh District Bar Association. She is also a member of the governing council of the Idaho State Bar Business and Corporate Law Section. Notably, Kari has served as a CASA pro bono attorney for many years and recently became a CASA guardian ad litem volunteer. She was also appointed to the CASA Board of Directors. Kari is active in other legal and community associations including having served as president of the Eastern Idaho Estate Planning Council and on the Board of Directors for Southeastern Idaho Big Brothers Big Sisters..

“I have always been drawn to volunteer in my community,” she said, “and since becoming an attorney, also do service work for the Bar. I want to be a part of something bigger than myself and am inspired by others who graciously and tirelessly give their time and efforts to a cause that inspires them.”

Kari said she also wants to be a role model to her three daughters and instill the importance of helping others and contributing to the community. Doing service and volunteer work “has allowed me to stay connected to my community and build relationships with my colleagues,” Kari said. “It has afforded me the opportunity to see great people do great things and to be a part of those great things. I have learned that as diverse as we all are, we all have just as much in common.”



Kari Campos
(Idaho Falls)



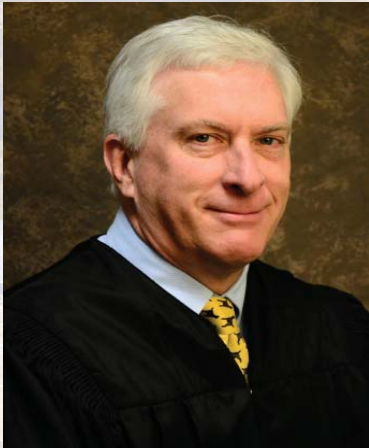
Jamie Champion

*Veterans Affairs Medical Center
(Boise, Non-Lawyer)*

Jamie Champion has worked with the Idaho State Bar Reasonable Accommodations Committee, which ensures the bar exam is administered fairly to all, including those who have disabilities. She says, “My ability to help them has been enhanced by the thoughtful comments/lessons provided by my colleagues on the committee.”

“This was a wonderful experience for me,” Jamie said. “It allowed me to share my expertise in neuropsychology with the committee and also helped me to have greater understanding of the law surrounding reasonable accommodations. Thank you so much for this opportunity!”





Hon. Russell Comstock
*Ada County Magistrate Court
(Boise)*

The **Hon. Russell Comstock** has always been willing to participate in CLE programs of interest to family law practitioners. Some of those programs have included presentations and articles on family law practice, ethics, pro bono service and recent developments in Idaho law (e.g., “Headline News”, etc.).

More recently, he helped develop the Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure in the Fourth Judicial District, which were recently adopted by the Idaho Supreme Court. Judge Comstock has spoken frequently about those rules as the state prepares for their implementation next year.

Judge Comstock also serves on the Idaho Volunteer Lawyer’s Policy Council and Fourth Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, and mentors a law student at Concordia Law School.

“I have been inspired by many judges, lawyers and other professionals who have dedicated their careers to the improvement of the justice system in family law cases,” Judge Comstock said. While too numerous to list, he said he especially appreciated serving with those on the Children and Families in the Court Committee. “Thanks to their efforts, family law justice system in Idaho has come a long way in the last 20 years.” Judge Comstock said his involvement in these activities has taught him humility and a bigger picture of family law.

“Although I sometimes think I know a lot about family law, I am constantly reminded each time I participate in these various CLE programs that, indeed, I do not know as much I think I do,” he

said. “Family law – and child custody in particular – is constantly evolving. Questions from thoughtful attorneys keep me rethinking and reevaluating what I do and how I do it. Hopefully, it makes me a better judge.”

“With few exceptions, I have learned that family law practitioners continue to be committed, caring and generous professionals who provide valuable services to their clients. Hourly rates have soared since I last practiced law and I think that the public and judicial system have a right to set high expectations of competence and skill from lawyers who are charging nearly \$200 per hour or more. Judges, I think, have a responsibility to participate in continuing legal education to maintain and improve that level of competence. I also see more and more attorneys donating legal services to the indigent. Overall, I am very proud of the integrity and quality of the family law bar and the services they provide.”

As Past President of Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL), and having served on its board since 2003, **Peg Dougherty** has seen the organization’s membership grow from 80 to more than 150. There are also new chapters in the eastern and northern regions of the state. The IWL’s mission is to advance diversity through the promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women in the legal profession.

Peg chaired the IWL Judicial Recruitment Committee and worked to de-mystify the process of the judicial selection process and encouraged women to apply for open seats. “The gender inequity on the bench continues but we have seen an increase in the number of women applying for positions.”

She has also been a passionate volunteer for mentoring and leadership. Peg was a mentor through IWL’s mentorship program, and for the past three (3) years she served on the steering committee for the Idaho State Bar Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL).

“I was lucky enough to be part of the start-up of IALL and have contributed time, experience and ability to the development of the curriculum along with the other steering committee members,” she said.

Since 2012 Peg served on the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council, just as the law school developed plans for its Boise campus, which includes second-year students.

Peg also served on the Idaho Supreme Court Judicial Recruitment Committee, participated as a mentor in the U of I College of Law Women’s Law Caucus program, and participated as a mentor in the U of I College of Law Orientation on Professionalism for first-year law students.

“My primary motivation is to do all I can to make it easier for women who enter the legal profession after me,” Peg said.

The newly admitted are enthusiastic about learning and participating in Idaho’s legal system, Peg said. “There is also a growing enthusiasm on the part of women and men alike in Idaho’s legal profession to address the inequities and stereotypes that tend to hold women back,” she said. “Diligence and vigilance are required to implement changes aimed at retaining and promoting women into leadership roles.”



Peg Dougherty
*Office of the Attorney General
(Boise)*

Service Awards



Hon. Mick Hodges
Cassia County Magistrate Court
(Burley)

In his community, **Judge Mick Hodges** serves as a lay minister and volunteers as a chaplain at the hospital. He also volunteers with a pet therapy group that visits nursing homes and the local hospital. He is a member of Kiwanis, serves on the District Health and Welfare Behavior Health Board and on the Fifth District Pro Bono Committee.

For the Bar, he helped with the initial organization of the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers as a member of the original Steering Committee, and is Past President of the Fifth District Bar Association. He serves on the Child Protection Advisory Committee, the Access to Language Committee and on Idaho's Pro Bono Commission. Judge Hodges was recognized as a Pro Bono award recipient in 2003.

"Volunteer service seems to have been a family tradition," Judge Hodges said, adding, "My mom and dad always were involved in community service and the kids tagged along – mine too."

"I feel better when I am able to help someone," Judge Hodges said. "I am also regularly reminded what a wonderful place the state of Idaho is to live and to practice law."

Deborah McCormick is well known for her longtime involvement in the Second District Bar Association – having served as an officer for the past 5 years (3 terms as President, 2 terms as Vice President). She is currently the Second District representative to the State Pro Bono Commission and serves on her local pro bono committee. She helped organize the Citizens' Law Academy and served on the Palouse Ice Rink Board of Directors (having stepped down earlier this year).

She said of her current role, "As a public defender, I am often in the position of providing additional, non-contracted, legal services to my clients who have no other means of obtaining legal advice."

At the University of Idaho College of Law she has judged mediation competition, sat with a panel of attorneys at new admittee day, and spoken to law clinic classes. She has also volunteered to grade bar exams.

"I've always had a soft spot for the underdog and those struggling with difficult circumstances in their lives," Deb said. "The most rewarding parts of my job are the social work aspects. In addition to providing good legal counsel, my goal is for each of my clients to know that someone does care about what happens to them. I love practicing criminal defense, and I especially love being a public defender."

Deb said her experiences have helped her not judge others too harshly. "I've been very fortunate and am very thankful that I did not end up where my clients have," she said. "Some of that is due to good judgment, but some is also due to luck."



Deborah McCormick
McCormick Law Office
(Moscow)



Kerry Michaelson
Michaelson Mediation & Law
(Nampa)

Most Canyon County attorneys know **Kerry Michaelson** from her work with the Third District Bar (Past President). But she also serves on the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Commission and is a current member of the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign Committee. She is also a member of Nampa Rotary and the Women's Business Center Advisory Council.

Kerry credits the example of other attorneys who donate their skills and time to help people who need it, including her father, Nampa attorney Terry Michaelson.

Kerry put it succinctly: "The need for pro bono legal services can seem overwhelming here in Idaho, where so many people live in poverty and cannot afford access to attorneys. It seems like such an uphill battle at times. What I admire about so many members of the State Bar is that, when asked, they step up to address the problem."





Susan Moss
Lukins & Annis, PS
(Coeur d'Alene)

Since 2012, **Susan Moss** has volunteered as a member of *The Advocate's* Editorial Advisory Board, whose members are tasked with working with authors on revisions. Earlier this year Susan dedicated many hours to a series of complex articles about the Affordable Care Act that the Idaho State Bar made available on its website. The requirements of the ACA were changing almost daily, which posed a special challenge. "I ended up learning a lot about the Act," Susan said, and subsequently has taken a strong interest in increasing the number of Idaho residents who are insured.

"When I learned of the existence of the Editorial Advisory Board a few years ago, I eagerly applied and have very much enjoyed serving on the Board since then," she said.

"The members of the Idaho State Bar have such varied interests and expertise," Susan said. "In working closely with many Idaho attorneys through my work on the Editorial Advisory Board, I have also come to appreciate their collegiality and dedication to advancing the understanding of the practice of law in Idaho."

Giving back to the community is important to **Tonya Westenskow**, and she found several volunteer opportunities to do just that. She works with the Boise Public Library Foundation and the Library Board as a trustee. A non-lawyer award recipient, Tonya works with the Idaho Law Foundation's Law Related Education Committee and the Interest Rate Comparability Committee. "While I have worked with IOLTA accounts in my banking career," she said, "I have enjoyed seeing where the funds are distributed and how they impact our community for the better."

Tonya serves as a loan executive for the United Way of Treasure Valley, and volunteers in several capacities at the Idaho Botanical Garden. Most recently she served as the Co-Ambassador Chair at the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

"I believe strongly that we should give back more to our community than we take, and I am proud to say my employer, Bank of the Cascades, supports this philosophy," Tonya said. The bank hosts a nonprofit education breakfast event twice a year for the nonprofit community, and Tonya said, "I am always touched by the amazing and truly unselfish work that occurs within these organizations. I am continuously inspired by the people and the services provided by the nonprofit organizations. It is important to me to support their inspirational work."

Tonya said her work with nonprofit organizations taught her that for a vibrant community, "we each have to realize that we are the stewards that are tasked with propelling our community and strengthening our vision. It begins and ends with each and every one of us."



Tonya Westenskow
Bank of the Cascades
(Meridian)

The Advocate Awards

Best Article

Submitted by **Jason Prince**, this article examines the fine line between bribery and "informal" payments that businesses pay overseas to get licensed, or approved for regular business activity – "*Global Anti-Corruption Compliance Programs and the Challenge of Facilitating Payments.*"

Published in June, 2013, Jason's article manages to explore a complex topic with clear, insightful analysis that interests lawyers practicing in any area of law. Written with a smooth confidence of the subject matter, the piece reveals all the intrigue and thrill of an international corporate spy mystery. Jason has been an active member in the International Law Section.

Best Cover Photo

Monte Stiles, a talented photographer who has won accolades around the state for his work, has been named this year's *Advocate* award for "*Frozen Stream*" an abstract photo of a stream near Boise published in the March/April 2014 issue (showcased on the cover of the Awards Program).

The angle, composition and lighting managed to capture delicate streaks of dark blue, yellow and orange. The ice on top of the water reflects the same colors through a thin prism, rendering more solid tones. Monte won the ISB Professionalism Award in 2010. He is retired from the DEA and continues his work educating children about the dangers of drugs.

Best Issue Sponsor

The **Professionalism & Ethics Section** sponsored this year's Best Issue, published in September 2013. This issue included articles that address ethical topics directly affecting every Bar member. Mark J. Fucile wrote about outsourcing legal work; Larry C. Hunter and Bradley G. Andrews addressed what every lawyer should know about electronic communications; Jodi Nafzger wrote about keeping pace with technology; and Angela Schaefer Kaufmann wrote about the Attorneys for Civic Education Committee.

Together, the articles present clear and concise advice on topics that immediately face Bar members and could impact the way we do our work.

Outstanding Young Lawyer

Anyone who graduated top of her law class and served as Executive Editor for the *Idaho Law Review* could be considered a rising star. **Jana Gómez**, who recently moved from Boise back to her hometown of Lewiston, continues to shine. Not quite five years out of law school, Jana has built the foundation of her career around service to the public, working for four years as a Deputy Prosecutor for Ada County in the Civil Division and now as the civil Deputy Prosecutor for Latah County. She also felt privileged clerking for the late and Hon. Thomas G. Nelson at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

While dedicated to her career and clients, Jana also manages to keep her focus on her family. She and her husband, Omar, are happily busy raising their 4-year-old daughter, Mia, participating in community events, and enjoying the beautiful outdoors of Idaho. Jana believes that maintaining a healthy work-life balance allows her to excel both as an attorney and a mom.

After joining the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Jana sought out ways to become more involved with the legal community while also reaching out to those of underrepresented populations. The Diversity Section of the Idaho State Bar was a natural fit. At her first meeting, Jana volunteered to participate in the newly formed "Love the Law" subcommittee, a pipeline program that reaches out to Idaho high school, college, and university students from diverse and underrepresented populations and encourages those students to consider pursuing a career in law. Before long, Jana became the Chair of Love the Law program.



Jana Gomez
Latah County Prosecutor's
(Moscow)

Since 2011, hundreds of Idaho students have participated in Love the Law programs and discovered the possibility of attending law school. Through Love the Law, students in both southern and northern Idaho have observed Idaho Supreme Court and Court of Appeals oral arguments, toured law schools, participated in mock law school classes, interacted with the Justices of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, witnessed a law and motion day in Ada County, intermingled with current law students and Idaho judges and justices, and dined with Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, among other activities. Within the next year, Love the Law plans to begin offering scholarships to help defray the costs of taking the LSAT and applying for law school.

Jana readily acknowledges that her work with Love the Law would not have been possible without the approval of her employers, both at Ada County and Latah County. "My employers have recognized the value of the Love the Law program and encouraged my participation," she said. "Without their support, I would not have been able to be so dedicated to the program and its participants."

In the end, Jana says that she would like to be remembered as a respectable lawyer but, more importantly, as a wonderful mom.

Family Law Section - Award of Distinction



Tore Beal-Gwartney
Cosho Humphrey LLP
(Boise)

Tore Beal-Gwartney was the unanimous choice of the nominating committee for the annual Family Law Section Award of Distinction, begun by the Section 25 years ago this summer to honor a person associated with the Idaho legal community whose interest and efforts have made outstanding progress in family law for the citizens of Idaho.

Tore is a partner in the Boise law firm of Cosho Humphrey, LLP. Her practice focuses on family law. She has been a member of the Family Law Section Council beginning in 1999, and served from 2002-2008 as Section Chair. She received her undergraduate degree from Boise State University and her J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law. She is an active lecturer for the Idaho State Bar and has represented the Section as a presenter at many sessions of the Family Law Council of Community Property States, a national group of family law practitioners whose interest lies in community property law. She is also a member of the Alternative Dispute Section, as well as Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section, of the Idaho State Bar. She currently serves on the Forms Committee and the Children and Families in the Court Committee for the Idaho Supreme Court.

Tore is an active member of the Boise community and serves with distinction on a number of non-profit organization boards. She is on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Governor's Cup to raise money for Idaho students to attend college and trade schools. In addition, she has served on the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, the Idaho Futures Foundation, the Spurwing Country Club Board, the Treasure Valley Estate Planning Council, Idaho Chapter of the International Association of Financial Planners, and on Governor-Elect Kempthorne's transition team during the fall of 1998. She has been a member of the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council since 2009.

The Family Law Section is honored to have her as a member and to be the recipient of her leadership and volunteerism.

Section of the Year Award

The **Business & Corporate Law Section** capitalized on forward-thinking leadership and an enthusiastic and engaged membership to create outstanding programming and conduct community service worthy of being called “Section of the Year.”

Notably, the Section launched a Professional Development Series, a program of assisting junior to mid-level transactional attorneys to develop business savvy and sound leadership skills in a collegial environment. Led by Professor Wendy Gerwick Couture and Michelle Gustavson, the inaugural class of 14 participants included a wide variety of practitioners and started meeting in January, 2014. The format included a roundtable effort to explore problems and issues in a cooperative environment. The Section plans to offer the series on a bi-annual basis.

The Section also developed a three-part drafting series, which were CLEs focused on “The Life of a Deal” and helped participants through the process of an asset purchase. These activities were based on responses to a survey the Section did in 2012, which indicated members wanted more practical, hands-on drafting trainings particularly with the stages of an acquisition.

The group also produced five other CLEs, which were broadcast at two additional satellite locations, Idaho Falls and Coeur d’Alene. Section CLEs brought in national experts in the field of contract drafting and negotiation. During the 2013 Annual CLE, Ken Adams presented “Drafting Clearer Contracts” in both Coeur d’Alene and Boise. The keynote speaker for the 2014 Annual CLE was Charles Fox, a former partner with Skadden Arps in New York, and now a leading provider of practical, hands-on, interactive trainings for transactional attorneys.

The Section continues to give generously to the community with donations and to pro bono efforts. It donated to the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, the Professionalism & Ethics Section, the Young Lawyers Section, the Idaho Women Lawyers, and the Volunteer Lawyers for Emerging Business (VLEB). Section members also provide pro bono services to VLEB and Idaho Nonprofit Center.

The Governing Council includes Brian T. Hansen as Chairperson, Claire C. Rosston as Vice Chairperson, and Sarah M. Reed as Secretary-Treasurer. The Past Chairperson is D. Michelle Gustavson.

2014 Retiring Judges



Hon. Penny Friedlander
First Judicial District



Hon. R. Ted Israel
Fifth Judicial District



Hon. Carl B. Kerrick
Second Judicial District



Hon. Terry R. McDaniel
Fourth Judicial District



Hon. Jon J. Shindurling
Seventh Judicial District



Hon. Barry E. Watson
First Judicial District



Hon. Michael E. Wetherell
Fourth Judicial District



Hon. Ronald J. Wilper
Fourth Judicial District

Professionalism Awards



Stephen McCrea
(Coeur d'Alene)

FIRST DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your practice:

The success of our profession depends on the mutual respect among members of the Bar and judges. Attorneys must be strong advocates for clients but the process must be respected above all. The principles most important are honesty, civility and courtesy. If a case is prepared properly by both attorneys the system can work efficiently.

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

My inspiration has been my family and the many judges and attorneys with whom I have had the privilege to work. In the process I have learned that lack of communication leads to misunderstanding and lawsuits; courtroom battles should be left in the courtroom and that earning the trust of a client is an enormous responsibility. In order to do so attorneys must be not just legal advisors, but educators and counselors whose actions affect the well-being of our clients.



Manderson Miles, Jr.
Knowlton & Miles, PLLC
(Lewiston)

SECOND DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your practice:

Listen, respect, and reflect before speaking. I find oral communication to be crucial in helping to understand the opposing view point and having them understand me.

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

I have enjoyed working with and against such good lawyers. I have really learned a lot by becoming an effective listener and adopting good ideas from other good lawyers.

What have you learned through the process?

Through this process, I have learned that not only can I gain from my own education and life experience but also from each and every client, opposing party and other attorneys along the way.



Charles Kroll
Burton & Kroll
(Weiser)

THIRD DISTRICT

Although Mr. Kroll was traveling out of the country earlier this summer and unable to answer questions before the deadline, longtime colleague ISB Past President William Wellman helped fill in the blanks.

Professional attributes:

Chuck has a grasp of the larger picture of community relations. Weiser is a small crossroads community on the edge of the Hells Canyon recreation area. Chuck is fair and reasonable in case evaluation and negotiating as any prosecuting attorney could be. He is rarely affected by the common posturing and positioning of the opposing attorney.

Lessons Along the Way:

Chuck has lived a very healthy life that appears to have little stress and anxiety. While it must be there at some level his approach to the practice of law has not added to the common stressors that attorneys customarily confront.

Inspirations:

Ira Burton - law partner and mentor for more than 25 years before Ira passed in 2003.



Brad Andrews
Idaho State Bar
(Boise)

FOURTH DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your practice:

Respect. Listen and reflect before speaking.

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

I had the privilege of working with and against some of the best lawyers in Idaho and other states. At the outset, every great lawyer treated me and other young lawyers with professionalism, courtesy and respect. That did not change as I practiced longer. When I clerked for Judge Harold Ryan I had the opportunity to work with and observe great lawyers every day. The Judge treated everyone that appeared in his court professionally. Likewise, the good lawyers treated their opponents and the court professionally. All of these traits were easy to model and incorporate into my practice.

What have you learned in the process?

Professionalism is an easy two-way street that continually pays rewards. Treat people with respect and courtesy and they will treat you the same way.



J. Charles Blanton
Retired
(Boise)

FOURTH DISTRICT

A man of many talents, interests and considerable charisma, J. Charles Blanton (Chuck) could be called a true Renaissance man. Chuck served in the Navy, was a smoke jumper for the U.S. Forest Service, starred in multiple films and, of course, distinguished himself as an attentive attorney.

Chuck graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1951 and has been an active member of the Bar for 62 years. Like many retired or semi-retired attorneys, he keeps his license active. Chuck lives in Boise, McCall and in the winter months, Arizona. Naturally, he is difficult to catch by phone or email.

His practice emphasized probate and trust law, as well as estate planning. With his late wife, Gladys, he has four children. While he spent his career serving on numerous boards and commissions, Chuck now has time for more leisurely pursuits. When he was honored for his 60 years as an attorney, Chuck said he enjoys his time with family, oil painting, tennis and writing poetry.



Robyn Brody
Brody Law Office PLLC
(Rupert)

FIFTH DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your practice:

My goal is to make sure that every client who walks in my door is better off when they walk out and I close my file. To meet this goal I try to be timely, diligent and thorough in the work that I do and maintain clear communication with my client and opposing council. I try to remember that giving people a voice in the legal system is imperative, but lending a listening ear from time to time is key to managing my relationship with the client.

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

I grew up practicing law with John Hepworth, John Lezamiz and John Hohnhorst. There are no better teachers.

What have you learned in the process?

Practicing law is difficult because of all of the competing demands on a lawyer's time and energy. I try to always play by the rules and pick battles very carefully and in a way that does not injure personal relationships. I am blessed to practice in the Fifth District where I know plenty of seemingly intractable conflicts are resolved after a long dinner with opposing counsel.



Thomas Dial
May Rammel & Thompson
(Pocatello)

SIXTH DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your practice:

Ability, honesty, integrity, courtesy and civility while continuing to advocate for the client.

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

Role models were provided to me as a young man by family, then later as a young lawyer by attorneys I practiced with and against and by the trial judges I litigated before - all inspired me, "to do the right thing," then taught by example what "the right thing" was. This award really belongs to all of them, not me.

What have you learned in the process?

When you give someone your promise, keep it. If you don't know the answer to a client's legal issue, find it. It is the obligation of every lawyer to exhibit good professional manners not only in court but also in their communities and office. It is also the lawyer's obligation to give something back to their community and profession, by donating services and time to improve their community, their profession and the disadvantaged. My Grandfather would tell me "remember who you are." I suppose what he said to me sums it up for each of us.



Stephen Martin
Martin & Eskelson, PLLC
(Idaho Falls)

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Professional attributes you find most beneficial in your own practice:

Diligence – get the work done – get it done thoroughly; communicate with clients often and thoroughly listen to clients even when they are inaccurate as to their description of facts or circumstances. They are telling you something about themselves which will help you be useful to them. Remember you are a servant-first to the law, second to your clients; it is more important to protect your reputation for integrity than it is to be successful for your client

What inspired you to ascribe to these principles or characteristics?

My mentors: Bill Holden. Terry Crapo, Vern Kidwell, and Fred Hahn.

What have you learned in the process?

It is crucial to be of use to others. Remember that you are a servant: First to God, second to the law, third to your clients.

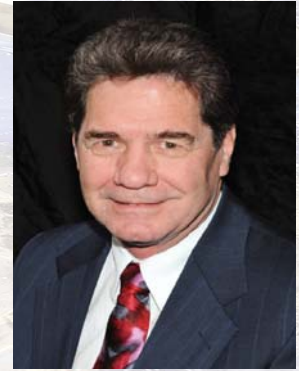
Denise O'Donnell Day



Sean Walsh
Anderson, Palmer,
George & Walsh, PLLC
(1st District - Coeur d'Alene)

Sean Walsh and **Dennis Reuter** teamed up to take a high-conflict divorce that helped a survivor of domestic abuse gain full custody of her two children. The two North Idaho attorneys donated about 100 hours on the case.

The client, "Linda," was abused by her husband for several years until finally she decided to move out. Her husband retaliated with threatening phone calls and harassment. Linda was eventually able to obtain a civil protection order against him and she filed for divorce pro se. That's when the legal battle began. The couple had two teenage boys and the husband sought a temporary order granting him custody. Luckily for Linda, Sean Walsh agreed to step in and represent her in what proved to be a high-conflict divorce, custody and support case. Aided by his colleague, Dennis Reuter, Sean Walsh took the case through trial and was able to secure sole legal and physical custody of the children for Linda as well as alimony support and child support.



Dennis Reuter
Anderson, Palmer,
George & Walsh, PLLC
(1st District - Coeur d'Alene)



Jonathan Halley donated about 100 hours to help resolve a federal case. Mr. Hally agreed to his appointment as pro bono counsel for a client on two matters as part of the Federal Court's Pro Bono Program "Settlement Week" project, known as "Resolution Roundup." He participated in a two-day settlement conference and then continued negotiations on the client's behalf for the next nine months until a satisfactory conclusion was reached.



Jonathan Hally
Clark & Feeney, LLP
(2nd District - Lewiston)

Deborah Gates accepted a pro bono case that allowed a domestic violence victim, "Angela," make the journey from denial to empowerment. Ms. Gates helped Angela regain her dignity and get on with her life.

Angela and the man who would become her husband, "Rick," met in grade school and were later reunited through Classmates.com. Angela described things as good between them unless he was drinking too much. A year after they were married, Rick got drunk and attempted to strangle her. She was able to escape and phone police. He was later arrested and after he violated a No Contact Order he was ultimately convicted of felony domestic battery.

As is often the case with domestic violence victims, Angela was still in denial about the violence during part of her husband's prison term. By the time she came to realize that he had put her life in jeopardy and the marriage needed to end, he was released from custody and Angela was afraid and unsure how to proceed.

Fortunately, Ms. Gates agreed to represent Angela and help her move forward with her life. The case was contested but Angela, through Ms. Gates' efforts (which included a substantial number of hours), prevailed at trial.



Deborah Gates
Gulstrom Henson & Roark
(3rd District - Nampa)

Pro Bono Awards



Douglas Leavitt
(4th District- Boise)

Douglas Leavitt is a self-described new attorney, who assisted with three pro bono cases, one of which was complex and overall, the three amounted to a donation of more than 100 hours of time.

The first case was a divorce and custody for his client, “Nicki,” who had three children with “Branden.” When Branden found out that Nicki was pregnant with their first child, he wanted nothing to do with a baby and encouraged her to terminate the pregnancy. Throughout the rest of their relationship Branden was often absent for long periods of time. When present he was psychologically abusive to Nicki and not supportive of the children. After Branden was finally convicted of a domestic abuse-related charge he left for Alaska for several months. He rarely contacted the children during his absences.

Nicki filed for divorce but Branden hired counsel and told the court he wanted 50/50 custody, even though he had not seen his children in six months. This was the point at which Mr. Leavitt stepped in and helped Nicki through a contested court proceeding to achieve custody and support for her children. Mr. Leavitt’s two additional cases involved representing another domestic violence victim in a divorce and custody (this one, mercifully uncontested) and assisting a low income man with another family law situation.

Mr. Leavitt said he was “extremely grateful” for the recognition and he was “humbled” in his young career to be recognized.

Anthony Pantera IV is the kind of attorney who is especially appreciated by the Idaho Volunteer Lawyer’s Program because he is willing to take on difficult family law matters and see them through. He closed two cases this year, putting in volunteer hours well above the “aspirational” goal contained in Rule 6.1.

Mr. Pantera represented a refugee woman in a contested hearing for a civil protection order. The woman did not speak English and Mr. Pantera was required to work with an interpreter in the Kirundi language. The client reported a frightening pattern of threats and abuse from the father of her child. However, acting on her own without counsel, she was unable to persuade the court to enter even a temporary ex parte order. Mr. Pantera then stepped in and was able to negotiate an agreement that protected the client and her child without litigation.

Contested custody cases can often present challenges, but the facts that “Leanne” and “Bob” presented were unusually complex. Bob had received a favorable custody order for their 7-year-old, by default. Leanne, without benefit of counsel, attempted unsuccessfully to have the default set aside. Meanwhile, Bob lived in another county, which made shared custody and appropriate

scheduling difficult — the parents and child were spending hours each week in cars transferring the boy from one parent to the other.

Leanne wanted that situation altered and believed Bob was both emotionally and physically abusive to the boy—a position supported by Bob’s conviction on a misdemeanor injury to a child charge. Mr. Pantera generously agreed to assist her through this difficult process. However, Leanne had her own issues that weighed against her achieving her goal of obtaining primary custody in her modification case. Nevertheless, Mr. Pantera’s efforts represent the best of professionalism among pro bono volunteers whose focus is on advocating for those who need legal assistance.



Anthony Pantera IV
Moore Smith
Buxton & Turcke
(4th District - Boise)



Krista Thiry
Bevis, Thiry & Schindele
(4th District - Boise)

Krista Thiry was able to help a young woman break free of a controlling and abusive husband. With more than 100 hours of pro bono work, she helped the woman and her child find physical safety and a legal remedy that provided the long-term stability they need.

The case involved a multi-cultural family. “Elias” came to the United States from North Africa, and met and married “Maia” in 2006. Almost from the beginning Elias was controlling and physically abusive. Maia quickly became pregnant. Elias insisted she quit her job and stay home and care for the child. He put her on a very restricted budget and continued emotionally abusing her. When Maia asked for a divorce, Elias agreed but insisted that she become the sole support for the child. He promptly stopped paying the rent as soon as they agreed to divorce.

After visits with his father, the child would return and call Maia the same derogatory names Elias called her. Maia wanted to pursue the divorce but was very intimidated and worried that Elias would take their child to his home country and never return.

Ms. Thiry stepped forward to represent Maia in the divorce and secure protection for the child. After donating nearly 100 hours, she was able to negotiate a satisfactory resolution of the case that allowed Maia and the child to move on with their lives.

Denise O'Donnell Day



Nicholas Warden
Fisher, Rainey & Hudson
(4th District - Boise)

Nicholas Warden had literally just been sworn in as a new member of the Idaho State Bar when he agreed to represent a homeowner in a foreclosure. The homeowner had obtained a loan from a private lender who had been flexible in dealing with him on the loan. Unfortunately, the lender died and her heirs proved uncooperative. The trustee's sale was scheduled for a little more than a month away when Mr. Warden stepped up.

With the help of an experienced attorney mentor, Mr. Warden was able to prepare a mortgage defense, avoid the trustee's sale and negotiate a result that satisfied the homeowner. Mr. Warden's willingness to step in to help, and his dedication in seeing this project through, exemplify his professionalism. In addition, this case demonstrates one of the values of pro bono service, which is to gain experience and work with mentors who can help develop the volunteer's skills.

Tracy Dunlap helped get guardian appointments for three teenagers whose mother was not able to care for them. The story began when "Jessie" had helped her sister (who was struggling with mental health issues) in raising her sisters' three children over several years. In January 2013, Jessie found herself with the three teenage children living in her home and her sister confined to a mental health hospital. The children's father lived in another part of the state, rarely saw the children and had expressed no intention of taking care of them.

Prior to their mother's hospitalization, the situation in the children's home was so unhealthy that the oldest teen had called Child Protection Services herself to report her mother's "erratic behavior." CPS felt the children would be safe with their aunt and encouraged her to seek guardianship. Ms. Dunlap generously volunteered to represent Jessie and her husband in petitioning for guardianship, knowing that the children's mother could choose to contest. That turned out to be the case. However, through Ms. Dunlap's efforts, Jessie and her husband were eventually appointed guardians after a series of hearings (including contested evidentiary issues) and months of negotiation.



Tracy Dunlap
Hogue & Dunlap, LLP
(5th District - Hailey)



Jennifer Haemmerle
Haemmerle & Haemmerle
(5th District - Hailey)

Jennifer Haemmerle volunteered to represent three children in hearings aimed to provide the best support for the children. Guardianships require that the protected person(s) have their own counsel to assure that their best interests are being served in the legal proceedings. In the case brought by Jessie and her husband, Ms. Haemmerle volunteered to represent the three children. Her professionalism and dedication to this task is evidenced by the substantial number of hours she spent representing the children in the hearings and negotiations that resulted in the establishment of the guardianship. In addition, she has left her file open to act on behalf of the children in reviewing the annual reports that will be prepared by the guardians.



Pro Bono Awards



Tyler Olson
Daines, Thomas & Smith
(6th District - Preston)

Tyler Olson closed two pro bono family law cases this year, assisting in Oneida and Franklin Counties. In the first of these cases, Mr. Olson represented a low-income mother in obtaining guardianship of her developmentally-delayed son who was turning 18 so that she could continue to make decisions regarding the young man's care. He had struggled with mental health issues and aggression through the years and had a substantial juvenile record. He was finally getting some of the help he needed in a group home facility (which had the ability to control his anger issues).

However, the mother was concerned her son would not make good choices and would lose the care he was receiving if he did not have a guardian. Mr. Olson's efforts on behalf of the petitioner resulted in the mother obtaining guardianship and securing the safety of the young man.

Mr. Olson's second pro bono case involved advising and counseling a victim of domestic violence whose husband had recently been convicted and sentenced to drug court. His efforts helped the mother secure her safety and stability for her two children in a divorce and custody proceeding.



Chad Campos was nominated by the Seventh District CASA program. Mr. Campos has been taking CASA cases for the past 13 years and has served numerous children within the Seventh Judicial District area.

"Chad has been a great asset to the program and consistently takes cases when asked," the nomination states. It says "Chad is compassionate and takes CASA cases because he cares and wants to make a difference in the lives of the abused and neglected children we serve. We commend him and thank him for what he has given to children."



Chad Campos
Campos Law
(7th District - Idaho Falls)



Marcia Murdoch
Breck Barton & Associates
(7th District - Rexburg)

Marcia Murdoch came to the aid of a divorced father whose children were in a potentially dangerous living situation with his ex-wife. Ms. Murdoch helped the dad obtain custody.

"Jeremy" and his ex-wife, "Julie," had four children. When they divorced several years ago, Julie received primary custody, although Jeremy received regular visitation. After a modification of the decree, Jeremy received primary custody of the two older children who were not doing well with Julie. Jeremy then learned that Julie's new boyfriend was abusing the two younger children. He reported the situation to Child Protection Services and the younger children were placed with Jeremy who was encouraged to file to modify the custody order to secure primary custody for all of the children.

Julie, however, indicated that she would not agree to such a change (she also refused to leave her new boyfriend). Due to a learning disability, Jeremy was not prepared to represent himself in a contested modification. Marcia Murdoch generously volunteered to represent Jeremy in obtaining custody.

50-Year Attorneys

50-Year Attorneys

- Admitted in 1964 -

J. Robert Alexander (Twin Falls)

Bob joined the practice of law because it “serves the public, my clients and the greater good. I have found that law gives me the ability to help others.” After graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law, he received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1997, Service Award in 2000, and Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2009. Bob has served as an Idaho Law Foundation Director, President of the American Board of Trial Advocates and President of the Idaho Association of Defense Counsel. He credits his wife, Sonia, as being the greatest influence in his life with her dedication to himself and the law, as well as his partners - both past and present - who have mentored and influenced his career. Bob enjoys fishing with his brothers, golfing and hunting. He and Sonia have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Robert P. Brown (Lewiston)

Bob received his Bachelors and LL.B. from the University of Idaho. During his career, he had two great mentors and role models: Verner R. “Red” Clements and Reed Clements. Bob started at Clements and Clements as an associate after graduation. The firm is now Clements, Brown, and McNichols, P.A, and he continues to practice general law. In Bob’s spare time, he enjoys golf, skiing, reading, and traveling. He and his wife, Marge, have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Merlyn W. Clark (Boise)

Merlyn received his undergraduate and J.D. from the University of Idaho. He is an experienced arbitrator and certified professional mediator, as well as a member of the American College of Civil Trail Mediators. Merlyn has been the recipient of the Award of Legal Merit presented by the University of Idaho College of Law in 1988 and the Idaho state Bar Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2001. He served as President of the Idaho Law Foundation, Commissioner of the Idaho State Bar Board, and an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University School of Law and the University of Idaho College of Law. He has been the instructor of evidence and civil procedure for the Idaho State Judiciary at the annual New Judges Orientation and the Annual Judicial Conference since 1992. Merlyn is

a senior partner with Hawley Troxell and has been there since 1979, specializing in complex civil litigation involving real property, contract and commercial law, business entities, and employment law. He has argued more than 25 cases to the Idaho Supreme Court. He offers this advice to young attorneys: “Protect your integrity.” When not working, he enjoys fishing and running. He and his wife, Sandy, have six children, one of whom (Susan Clark) is an attorney in Boise.

John A. Doerr (Twin Falls)

John’s father was an attorney and strongly discouraged him from becoming one as well. While pursuing a medical degree, an explosion in the chem lab helped him decide to follow law instead. John received his J.D. from the University of North Dakota in 1958. His father was the biggest influence in his life and taught him how to work hard. John practiced law with his father for five years before moving to Idaho. He has been to the Idaho Supreme Court many times and looks back on those experiences with great joy. John enjoys fishing, traveling, hunting, skiing, gardening, and is a pilot. He and his wife, Rosemarie, have been all over the world, but their favorite place is Costa Rica. Together they are blessed with four children and 12 grandchildren.

J. Kent Jolley (Rexburg)

Kent received his undergraduate and J.D. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. One of the biggest influences in his career was Ray W. Rigby, a Rexburg attorney who he succeeded as prosecuting attorney. A great career accomplishment of Kent’s was being “able to help many people inundated with problems and see them survive.” His advice to young lawyers: “Don’t get discouraged when the going gets tough. Expect it. Work hard and focus on high ethical standards. Maintain your integrity at any cost.” Kent had the opportunity to serve his church in a full time administrative capacity for 13 years without pay - seven of which were spent in Brazil. In his spare time, he enjoys real estate development, ranching, oil exploration, studying history, fishing, and golf. Kent acknowledges his wife, Jill, as always giving him the encouragement needed to get through the tough times. They are the parents of seven children, 20 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Hon. Wayne L. Kidwell (Boise)

Justice Kidwell was born in Council. He became interested in law when a high school girlfriend gave him the life story of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He received his undergraduate degree in pre-law and his J.D. from the University of Idaho. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army (Commissioned in the Military police corps with active duty in New Jersey and Korea). When interning for Senator Len Jordan, Justice Kidwell wrote a lengthy brief arguing the ‘states rights.’ He has no idea if his brief helped; however, the bill was passed and is now known as the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Justice Kidwell is currently a retired Senior Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court and sits pro-tem on 1-2 cases each month. He has served as Idaho Attorney General, Idaho Supreme Court Justice, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney, Idaho State Senator, Attorney General of the Marshal Islands, and U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General. Justice Kidwell’s main hobby is photography, and his images have been published in books and magazines, as well as printed and sold. A couple are currently hanging in the lobby of the Idaho Supreme Court. He also enjoys astronomy and microscopy. He and his wife, Shari Linn, have two sons.

Seymour A. Kolman (Green Valley, AZ)

The son of immigrants, Sy was born and raised in New York. After receiving his B.S. in Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey, he joined the United States Army serving at Fort Dix. During his time in the army, he served as a law clerk and applied to the University of Idaho College of Law. While completing law school, he had the opportunity to work for the Idaho Supreme Court under Chief Justice E.T. Knudson and Justices Joseph McFadden, Henry McQuade, E.B. Smith, and C.J. Taylor. To this day, this experience remains one of the highlights of his legal career. Through the course of his career, Sy has worked as a sole practitioner, elected prosecuting attorney, and a judge in Arizona. He has also had the opportunity to teach undergraduate law courses through the Maricopa County Community College and as an adjunct professor for graduate students at Gold-

en Gate University and Troy University. He also taught post graduate courses at Fort Huachunca and Luke, Williams and Davis-Monthan and Holloman Air Force Bases. In his spare time, Sy enjoys playing cards, reading, swimming, watching ball games and horse races. He and his wife, Donnamay, have four children, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Roger D. Ling (Rupert)

Before Roger started college, he spent six years farming and two years in the U.S. Army. When starting school, he felt like a law degree would give him the most options and be helpful in any profession or occupation he would choose. Roger received his J.D. from Willamette University and specialized in general practice and water law. One of the biggest influences in his life is his grandfather, Robert E. Ling, who was a hardworking, honest and forgiving man. Roger has found during his career “much can be learned by listening and watching, instead of talking or proceeding blindly.” He enjoys gardening, golfing, fishing, and hunting. He sees one of his greatest accomplishments as marrying his wife, Judy, and raising four children and eight grandchildren.

Hon. D. Duff McKee (Boise)

Born in Kellogg, Judge McKee spent a lot of his early childhood in Lewiston, later moving to Spokane where he was raised. He received his undergraduate in accounting, and J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law where he was the recipient of the Wm. Borah Award for Academic Excellence. Judge McKee is a retired State Court District Judge with 48 years of experience in the law and 27 years in judicial work and ADR proceedings. He currently serves part-time as a Senior District Judge and is in private practice. Judge McKee is a member of the *Idaho Law Review* and has mediated an excess of 1,800 civil cases from 1985-2011, with 80% of his professional time devoted to private ADR assignments. He is a prolific author and lecturer, having written articles on law and legal history. He and his wife, Judy, live in Boise.

Ronald P. Rainey (Caldwell)

Ron graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and became the quintessential country lawyer. Practicing general law has kept him busy for the past 50 years.

In Ron's spare time he enjoys fishing and duck and pheasant hunting. He and his wife, Emily, have two children - Scott and Stephanie.

Gary C. Randall, (Spokane, WA)

Raised in Wallace, Idaho, Gary received an undergraduate degree and his J.D. from the University of Idaho. He spent five years as a trial lawyer for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington D.C. and Seattle, WA. After three years at Principal, Lukins, Seelye, & Randall in Spokane, Gary spent about 30 years as a professor at Gonzaga University's School of Law, teaching tax and community property classes. Currently, Gary is of council at Workland & Witherpoon, PLLC in Spokane. His specialties are business and commercial law, estate planning and probate, and taxation. Gary is an academic member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He was the first editor of the *Idaho Law Review* and has written various law review articles. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Spokane.

John A. Rosholt (Twin Falls)

John wanted to be a contributing member of the community, which led him to the University of Idaho where he received his bachelor's degree in Political Science. After graduation, John served two years in the U.S. Army, then returned to obtain his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law. A big influence in his career was Raymond Patton Parry, who helped John find his niche in natural resource law. John's ambitious and tireless lumberjack father was a big influence, supporting him in his schooling and in life. A piece of advice John would tell young lawyers is “to be vigilant and protect your license by being ethical.” He says one of the biggest hurdles he had was “realizing that lawyers worked on Friday afternoons instead of drinking beer.” John has received the Idaho State Bar Distinguished Lawyer Award, University of Idaho's Faculty Award of Legal Merit, and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. In 2013, he was inducted into University of Idaho's Alumni Hall of Fame. In John's spare time, he enjoys golfing and woodworking. He and his wife, Karen, have three children, all of whom have graduated from University of Idaho, and three grandchildren.

Glen G. Utzman, Moscow

Glen received his undergraduate degree from Washington State University, his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law, and an LL.M. from New York University. He chose to become a lawyer because he has a strong interest in taxation. Glen is an Associate Professor of Accounting at the University of Idaho, teaching courses in taxation, estate planning, elder planning and taxation, business law and taxation, and property law. He has been involved in solo practice of the areas he teaches. One of Glen's biggest professional accomplishments has been 50 years in the business. He has received the First Interstate Bank Student Excellence Award in the College of Business and Economics for Excellence in Teaching, and the Alumni Association Awards for Excellence in teaching. Glen enjoys Timothy hay farming, construction, and restoring old cars. He and his wife, Gloria, have been married for 55 years and are the parents of three children (his son, G. Howard Utzman, is a tax lawyer) and eight grandchildren.

Weldon S. Wood (Redwood City, CA)

Weldon received a B.A. from Northwest Nazarene University and a J.D. from Willamette University. He has been a member of both the Idaho and California Bars since 1964. While growing up he admired lawyers, but it wasn't until he took a law course called “Scientific Proof” that he knew he wanted to become a trial lawyer. Between his second and third year of law school, Jess Hawley told him about the Idaho Supreme Court needing clerks for the summer and he was accepted to clerk for Justice Joseph McFadden. He founded a well-respected law firm in Silicon Valley, where he practiced for 38 years. A piece of advice Weldon would give to young lawyers is, “Follow the Golden Rule when dealing with everyone. When you are in doubt as to how to react to another person, you should react in a way that makes a friend, not an enemy.” Among other great accomplishments, he has written a history of his paternal family and has almost completed one on his maternal family. He enjoys playing tennis, fly fishing, and traveling. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married 40 years and are the parents of two daughters.

60 and 65-Year Attorneys

60-Year Attorneys - Admitted in 1954 -

Richard J.T. Anderson (Boise)

Growing up in a home where his father was a lawyer, Richard has been exposed to law since he was a child. After graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law, he went to work as a general practice lawyer. Richards's father taught him a lot about being a lawyer and had a great influence on his career. Through the years, he has noticed lawyers are becoming more specialized. His advice to young lawyers would be to find the area of law you like and become the best specialist in your field. In his spare time, Richard enjoys golfing and reading. He and his wife, Joanne, have been married for 62 years and have a large family of four children, 22 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

William T. Goodman (Rupert)

Bill's father was one of the biggest influences in his life. Describing his father as "old school," Bill says if he told you to do something, you did it. While growing up, his father and grandfather were morticians and he knew he didn't want to follow the same path. He decided to go into law and received his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law. One of the biggest influences in his career was Judge Sherman Bellwood, whom Bill worked for starting in 1954. Eventually, the two became law partners. One of Bill's professional accomplishments is the ability to help people whenever possible. Bill has noticed the law profession changing over the years. "New lawyers want to work in a firm or public service, instead of starting their own practice." In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, hunting, and fishing. Bill was married 61 years to his wife, Norma, who passed away

in December 2013. They are the parents of three children - his son, Alan, is also an attorney.

Thomas J. Jones III (Boise)

Being a lawyer is in T.J.'s blood. In 1891, T.J.'s grandfather started the firm Jones & Jones in Silver City, handling mostly mining and environmental law. His father and uncle were also attorneys in the family firm. Growing up around lawyers and with the help of his father's encouragement, T.J. decided he would become a lawyer too. Receiving his undergraduate degree from Notre Dame and his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law, he was ready to join the family firm practicing general law. His grandfather's firm was moved to Boise where it still operates today. In his spare time, T.J. is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys fishing, hunting, skiing, golfing, whitewater rafting, and spending time with his sons. He has been married to his wife, Joann, for over 60 years. They have five sons and three grandchildren.

Harry B. Turner (Twin Falls)

Losing his eyesight at a young age, Harry was determined to lead a normal life. While growing up he liked to argue and debate, sparking his father and teachers to recommend he become a lawyer. After five years, Harry received his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law, all without the use of braille or a guide dog. His close friends read his law school lessons to him and he passed the bar exam on the first try. Two years later, he was elected to the Idaho State Legislature serving for eight years, then a part-time Federal Magistrate for ten years. He practiced general law as a sole practitioner and received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2004. The biggest influence in his ca-

reer was his dad for always being supportive. He considers one of his professional accomplishments to be when he won his first case in the Idaho Supreme Court. His advice to young lawyers is "to listen, respect one's elders, realize that many times members of the office staff may know as much (or more) than you do about a particular issue, and pay attention to advice from judges and experienced members of the Bar." Harry enjoys waterskiing, snow skiing, kayaking, cross country skiing, swimming and life with his spouse, Gerry.

65-Year Attorney - Admitted in 1949 -

Richard B. Eismann (Nampa)

Dick knew he wanted to be a lawyer at the age of 15. He looked at it as a profession that could take you in many directions and present many challenges. Dick was influenced by his parents and siblings, who provided encouragement and recognition in his early years. He received his undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of Oregon. One of the things he most enjoys is the feeling of being able to help someone with a significant problem. He would advise young lawyers to "pick the geographical area in which you want to live, start practicing in that area and carefully prepare for each legal task you undertake." In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and boating. Dick and his wife, Geraldine, are the parents of six children, including Idaho attorney Debra Eismann and Idaho Supreme Court Justice Daniel Eismann.. They also have eight grandchildren. He is most pleased in life by seeing his children and grandchildren progress with their accomplishments.

