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Local Lawyers Recognized for Pro Bono work

POCATELLO – Last year 750 Idaho attorneys reported volunteering 14,000 hours of free legal work for 2,100 low-income persons. A handful of those attorneys have been singled out by the Idaho State Bar for the Denise O’Donnell Day Pro Bono Award. Award winners were selected for their extraordinary time and effort to resolve legal issues for low-income clients.

Kenneth E. Lyon was recognized for his work on three different bankruptcy cases in 2014. The cases took 23 hours and helped all three debtors navigate the difficult waters of bankruptcy court. All three were able to gain a fresh start with the help of his representation. Mr. Lyon has done 51 cases for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, which has brought relief for those who would otherwise have gone without legal help. He was selected for the “Lifetime Achievement Award” by the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Shane T. Reichert, of Kumm & Reichert, PLLC, maintains a busy criminal defense practice but still finds time to represent children as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. He takes more than one case at a time and has earned rave reviews from families he has helped over the years.

Stratton P. Laggis, of Kumm & Reichert, PLLC, jumped right into pro bono after graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2013. He has represented several individuals through the CASA program, where he has been commended for his thorough investigations and reports.

Bryce C. Lloyd, of Blaser Olesen & Lloyd, Chartered, in Blackfoot took a difficult and complex custody case representing a father. Five years ago Child Protection Services removed the child from her mother’s home and the court awarded custody to the father. Then the mother demanded full custody. The case involved allegations of sexual abuse of the minor and criminal charges against the mother. Through extensive work he was able to assist his client in retaining custody.

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