



**Fourth District Bar Association
LAW DAY MEDIA ADVISORY
May 1, 2015**

BOISE - Established in 1957 by the American Bar Association, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate our legal system. Law Day programs are conducted across the country for both youth and adults and are designed to help people understand how law keeps us free and how our legal system strives to achieve justice. This year's theme is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law." In Idaho's Fourth Judicial District, this year's programs include:

- **Ask-a-Lawyer Call-in Program:**

This May 1 program is very popular in the community with over 500 callers during previous Ask-A-Lawyer events. The general public can call in on multiple phone lines to speak to an attorney about a variety of legal matters. Attorneys and callers use only first names to remain anonymous. Calls are limited to 15 minutes. The phone numbers are generously provided by Cricket. Incoming calls will be taken from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ada County Courthouse in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. The call-in numbers are:

(208) 761-6009

(208) 761-3163

(208) 761-6459

- **Court of Appeals'—Oral Argument 101:**

In conjunction with Law Day, Capital High School will be hosting the Idaho Court of Appeals for an oral argument. Students will not only observe this oral argument, but be provided with the opportunity to study summaries of the parties' briefs in their classes. Following oral argument, the students will have the unique opportunity to ask the Court of Appeals and counsel questions about the judicial process and appellate advocacy.

- **The 6.1 Challenge:**

Modeled after Idaho Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1 concerning the number of pro bono hours an attorney should handle during a year, the 6.1 Challenge represents a friendly competition to recognize and encourage pro bono service from law offices within the Fourth District. Winners will be announced in categories of solo, small and large firms, as well as corporate and government sector attorneys at the Law Day Reception.

And new this year: The 6.1 Challenge is *also* providing an opportunity for individual attorneys to verify that they have met Rule 6.1's aspirational goal of 50 pro bono hours in the past year. All lawyers signing the Rule 6.1 verification will be recognized at the Law Day celebration. More information, volunteer hour forms, and self-verification forms can be found at:

<http://www.isb.idaho.gov/ilf/ivlp/challenge.html>

http://www.isb.idaho.gov/pdf/ivlp/6.1_challenge_volunteer_hours_form.pdf

http://isb.idaho.gov/pdf/ivlp/6%201_challenge_verification_form.pdf

- **Liberty Bell Award:**

Every year, the Liberty Bell Award acknowledges outstanding community service by an individual in the local community who embodies that year's Law Day theme – the theme for Law Day 2015 is "Magna Carta: Symbol of

Freedom Under Law.” This year’s Liberty Bell Award Recipient is Dustin Robinson, the Boise Police Department’s Refugee Liaison Officer.

- **Law Day Reception:**

The Law Day Reception will take place on May 1, 2015, at 5 p.m. at the Zions Bank building in downtown Boise in the Idaho and Snake River Ball Rooms. Join us to present the 2015 Liberty Bell Award, the 6.1 Challenge Award recipients, and hear about each of the Law Day events.

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- 4) Ask-a-Lawyer: contact Catie Freeman at cfreeman@adaweb.net
- 5) Law Day Reception: contact Claire Rosston at ccrosston@hollandhart.com