

DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF IDAHO

Jon J. Shindurling  
Administrative Judge  
FOR  
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CUSTER, FREMONT, JEFFERSON, LEMHI,  
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## PRESS RELEASE

Seventh Judicial District Magistrate Judge Earl Blower announced that after nearly 21 years on the bench, he will retire on January 3, 2012.

Judge Blower was appointed by the Seventh Judicial District Magistrate Commission on December 7, 1990 and took office January 14, 1991. Bonneville County voters retained Judge Blower in five successive elections; his last election was in 2008.

The Idaho Supreme Court has approved Judge Blower for Senior Judge status, meaning he may continue to hear cases throughout the state on a part-time basis.

Due to statewide budgeting problems, some judicial vacancies have gone unfilled recently, but the pressing caseload in Bonneville County's courts requires that the search for Judge Blower's replacement commence immediately. Administrative Judge Jon J. Shindurling will convene the Seventh Judicial Magistrate Commission in October to interview applicants and select an attorney to replace Judge Blower. The new appointee will assume office in January.

Prior to Judge Blower's appointment to the bench, he was in private practice with the firm of Petersen, Moss, Olsen, Meacham & Carr in Idaho Falls. He received his law degree from the University of Utah in 1979.

During Judge Blower's tenure as Magistrate Judge, he held court in multiple counties in the Seventh Judicial District, hearing many different types of cases. In recent years, he has specialized in family law and has presided over as many as a thousand such cases annually.

Judge Blower currently serves on the Idaho Supreme Court's Civil Rules Committee and Appellate Rules Committee.