



**225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights**  
September 16, 2016  
Event Summary





## EVENT SUMMARY

**Event Title:** 225th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights Symposia “Civics in Action”

**Date & Time:** September 16, 2016 – 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Location:** Washington Group Plaza Auditorium, 720 Park Boulevard, Boise, Idaho

**Number of Students:** 48 (Approximately – 50 students and chaperones were signed up to attend the event. It is possible that the two individuals who were not on the sign-in sheet were chaperones who were present, but did not sign in).

**Participating Schools:** Boise, Kuna, Capital, & Middleton

### Summary of Events:

For its Fall 2016 event, Love the Law! invited students to attend the Idaho State Bar Diversity Section’s 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bill of Rights Symposia “Civics in Action” CLE held on September 16, 2016 in Boise, Idaho. The goal was to provide a day long discussion of the Bill of Rights and its relevance to Idaho lawyers, judges, and citizens today.

The event (also held in Moscow, Idaho on Thursday, September 15, 2016), began with a welcome by Love the Law! committee member, private attorney, and event organizer, Linda Pall. Those in attendance then learned about cases involving the Bill of Rights in Idaho, as discussed by Stephen Pevar, National Staff Council for the American Civil Liberties Union. Following that discussion was a presentation on accessing Bill of Rights documents by the Honorable Ronald Bush, Chief Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho, and Michael Greenlee from Concordia University School of Law. Attendees were then treated to presentations by Idaho Supreme Court candidates Robyn Brody and Curtis McKenzie. Next, the students were invited to attend a luncheon for the speakers while listening to presentations by the Attorneys for Civic Education and a special presentation to former Love the Law Co-Chair, Lucy Juarez, honoring Love the Law!’s 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The afternoon session of the event featured presentations on the First Amendment and Citizens United Case by Sarah Haan, Professor at the University of Idaho School of Law, and Linda Pall, private attorney, and two panel discussions. The first panel discussion, on the 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment Right to Assistance of Council and the Status of Public Defense Reform in Idaho, moderated by the Honorable Candy Dale of the District of Idaho, featured Christine England, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Idaho, Kimberly Simmons, Idaho State Public Defense Commission, Jason Williamson, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, and Robin Crisler. The final panel discussion of the day on the intersection of ethics in law and journalism was moderated by former

University of Idaho School of Law Dean Don Burnett, and featured the Honorable Stephen Trott of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, Boise Mayor Dave Bieter, attorney Merlyn Clerk of Hawley Troxell, Kootenai County Prosecutor Barry McHugh, attorney Michael Bartlett of Nevin, Benjamin, McKay & Bartlett, LLP, and Spokesman Review columnist Betsy Russell.

**Student Profiles:** Unfortunately, no event evaluations were turned in at this event, so we are unable to report on student profiles.

**Costs Associated with Event:**

Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses:

Expense	Amount
BizPrint (copying costs)	\$69.81
Total	<b>\$69.81</b>

Additionally, Parsons, Behle and Latimer provided folders in which to place handouts. Each student received a Love the Law! pen and was offered a Love the Law! drawstring backpack as well as the Idaho Law Foundation's "Turning 18 in Idaho" pamphlet. The Idaho State Bar and Diversity Section allowed for the students and chaperones to attend the event and luncheon for free.

**Student Feedback:** No event evaluations were turned in at this event, so we are unable to provide student feedback. LTL members did speak with attendees throughout the event and were provided with the following feedback from student chaperones:

1. If lunch is provided for future events, students and chaperones would prefer is a vegetarian option is provided.
2. More student interaction/involvement for the next event.
3. Offer professional development credits for teachers to be able to earn for attending such events (similar to a CLE credit for attorneys).