



**Fourth District Bar Association
LAW DAY
April 28, 2016**

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 “Miranda: More Than Words.” In Idaho’s Fourth Judicial District, this year’s programs include:

• **Ask-a-Lawyer Call-in Program: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

This April 29, 2016 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. Incoming calls will be taken from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ada County Courthouse in the Commissioners’ Public Hearing Room. **ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to take incoming calls (something law clerks can do) and call the public back with answers to their legal questions. Call in numbers are 208-488-1034 and 208-488-1239.

• **Law Day Reception & Access to Justice Idaho Campaign Official Kickoff:**

This Thursday, April 28, 2016 event is hosted by the Fourth District Bar Association. Doors will open at 4:30 pm for a 30-minute CLE by Gabriel McCarthy on Miranda rights. Free appetizers and drinks will be available at 5 pm. The program honoring the 6.1 Challenge and Liberty Bell award recipients and launching the 2016 Access to Justice Idaho Campaign Annual Fund Drive will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm. Everybody is welcome! Join us to earn CLE credit, recognize the winners of the 6.1 Challenge and Liberty Bell, and celebrate the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign! The reception and kickoff party will be held at the Zions Bank building in downtown Boise in the Idaho and Snake River Ball Rooms.

• **4th DBA 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, this year’s *6.1 Challenge* represents a friendly competition to recognize and encourage pro bono service from law offices within the Fourth District. Applications were due April 1, 2016. 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.

As with last 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 individuals that meet the 50 hour goal should sign and return the verification form, regardless of whether their law office enters the 6.1 Challenge competition. All lawyers signing the Rule 6.1 verification will be recognized at the Law Day celebration.

Award recipients will be acknowledged at the Law Day Reception and in *The Advocate*.

• **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 2016 is “Miranda: More Than Words,” The 2015 Liberty Bell Award recipient will be named at the Law Day Reception.

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- **Court of Appeal's—Oral Argument 101:**

In conjunction with Law Day, Borah High School will be hosting the Idaho Court of Appeals for an oral argument on May 6, 2016. 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. *State v. McNutt*

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