



## Second District Lawyers Recognized by Idaho State Bar

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BOISE – Several attorneys were honored by their colleagues at the Annual Meeting of the Idaho State Bar recently held in Boise. They were recognized for their contributions to the communities and the legal profession. For more information, contact the attorney directly, or Idaho State Bar Communications Director Dan Black at dblack@isb.idaho.gov or (208) 955-8866.

James “Jay” Johnson was awarded the Denise O’Donnell Day Pro Bono Award for his service of over 130 hours representing a developmentally delayed client in a civil action. His client needed his interests protected and the process was very lengthy. When asked what he would tell an attorney who is considering pro bono work, Mr. Johnson replied, "Who else is going to help this person? Time to give back a little."

Karin Seubert was also honored with the Pro Bono Award. She donated more than 100 hours to represent a mother petitioning for guardianship of her 18-year-old son with severe medical needs. Asked, “What inspires you to do pro bono work and what would you tell others considering the work,” Ms. Seubert replied,

My practice has included pro bono clients from my earliest days as a lawyer. It has never been a question of whether to do pro bono work, just how to balance it responsibly with the demands of private practice. There is a great and varied need for pro bono work. That need includes opportunities for lawyers that are not litigators or whose practice areas do not include family law. For those willing to stretch and take a case outside of their practice area, your colleagues are more than willing to help and support you.

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