



First District Lawyers Recognized for Great Works

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SUN VALLEY – Several North Idaho attorneys were honored by their colleagues at the Annual Meeting of the Idaho State Bar in Sun Valley. They were recognized for their contributions to the community, to the cause of justice and for their accomplishments in the legal profession. The list below includes basic information of several outstanding Idaho attorneys. For more information, contact the attorney directly, or Idaho State Bar Communications Director Dan Black at dblack@isb.idaho.gov or (208) 955-8866.

Joel P. Hazel was honored with the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award. Hazel is an attorney with Witherspoon Kelley in Coeur d’Alene. He served on the ISB Character and Fitness Committee from 2002 to 2008, and then the Professional Conduct Board from 2008 to 2014. He also earned the Service Award in 2010. He currently serves as an ISB-appointed member to the Idaho Judicial Council.

Courtney E. Beebe, Coeur d’Alene, earned recognition with the ISB Service Award, which goes to those who contribute to the community and the profession. She served on the ISB Character and Fitness Committee since 2011. She has also served as a Bar Exam Grader and recently completed a year’s involvement in the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers.

In the community, she is Treasurer for Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association, a non-profit dedicated to maintaining a historical community hall and farmer’s cooperative in Cougar Gulch, south of Coeur d’Alene. Nationally, she is a member of the American Bar Association National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary Committee and Judicial Division Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

The Idaho State Bar also passed the gavel to its newest commissioner, **Kent A. Higgins**, who works at Merrill & Merrill in Pocatello. He is a former state legislator, former Sixth District Bar Association President, a member of Pocatello Rotary Club, Chairmain of BYU and J. Reuben Clark Alumni Associations and a member of the BYU-I President’s Advisory Council.

Hon. Benjamin R. Simpson and **Hon. Patrick R. McFadden**, First Judicial District, were recognized for their public service as judges having retired in the previous year.

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