



Fifth District Lawyers Recognized for Great Works

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SUN VALLEY – Several Central 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.

Michael F. McCarthy, Twin Falls, was honored with the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award for his contribution to the profession and for his devotion to the legal needs of his clients. His practice is focused on advocating for low-income people especially for housing, social security disability, Medicaid, elder law and guardianship. He earned the ISB Service Award in 2009.

Laird Stone, Twin Falls, was honored with the Idaho State Bar Service Award in recognition for his work in the community and profession. He was an officer for the Fifth District Bar Association from 1983-88, including time as president, secretary and treasurer. He has also been an advocate for pro bono, having served as the Chair for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Policy Council and the Idaho Law Foundation Law Related Education Committee. Nationally, he serves on the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and statewide on the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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, Chairman of BYU and J. Reuben Clark Alumni Associations and a member of the BYU-I President’s Advisory Council.

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