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Idaho State Bar Honors Idaho Supreme Court Justice Jim Jones

BOISE - At its annual meeting in July, the Idaho State Bar honored Justice Jim Jones with the Service Award especially for his tireless effort to encourage the state’s lawyers to do pro bono work.

Bar/Foundation activities: Justice Jones has served as chairman of the Idaho Pro Bono Commission since its establishment in 2008. He also acts as liaison to the Bar and Idaho Law Foundation on access to justice issues.

Community activities:

Member of Board, Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services, Twin Falls, Idaho 1975-1978. Chair in 1977-1978.

KBSU Advisory committee member, 1995-2000.

Founding Director of Idaho Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, 1983-1986.

Member of Board, Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse, Boise, Idaho, 1985-1991.

Director and Vice President of Relationships, Ore-Ida Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1986-1991.

General Counsel, Better Business Bureau, Inc. serving Southwest Idaho and Eastern Oregon 1995-2004.

Inspiration for public service: When President John F. Kennedy issued the challenge for young people to do something for their country, it resonated. At that time, I decided to get involved in public service, setting my sights on the U.S. Senate. That didn’t happen but it did lead to several public service positions.

What have you learned from your public service: An informed and active citizenry is critical to the functioning of our form of government. There are so many opportunities for people to make our communities better but we need to take the initiative. I have witnessed so many instances where a concerned citizen tackles a problem, rallies support, and overcomes it. Sitting back and griping does not work: rolling up your sleeves and getting to work does.

Personal information: I enjoy spending time with my family, reading history, studying ancient civilizations, and learning about Earth’s history.

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