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## Idaho State Bar Honors Hon. Rick Carnaroli

BOISE - At its annual meeting in July, the Idaho State Bar honored Magistrate Judge Rick Carnaroli of Pocatello its Service Award. Judge Carnaroli has served as a judge since 2004 and presided over the newly formed Veterans Court for the Sixth Judicial District.

**What volunteer Bar/ Foundation activities have you engaged in?** Former Idaho State Bar Commissioner, Current Pro Bono Commission Member, volunteer with Lawyers in the Classroom, bar exam grader, presenter for Citizen’s Law Academy, presenter for Annual Review of Ethics Decisions class, Judge for Mock Trial Competition

**What volunteer community activities have engaged in?** Long ago I was involved in Gate City Youth Soccer, Bannock Boys Baseball and Campfire as both a youth coach and board member.

**What inspired you to get involved in public service?** I don’t know if I was inspired to get involved in public service. It just happened. Initially, I started getting involved in public service to get to know more people in my community. This was when I first started with the law firm of Green, Service Gasser & Kerl. I moved to Pocatello in 1985 from another Oregon and I had not really engaged in much for community service at that point in my life. I got hooked. I volunteered my time for a lot of different groups and activities and really gained a lot of friends and derived a lot of personal satisfaction from those experiences. I became an easy touch for people to approach when they were looking for volunteers. In my early years with the Bar, I first started grading bar exams and did pro bono work for Court Appointed Special Advocate.

**What have you learned from your public service?** People are truly grateful for what we give of our time and that in return for the few things I have done, good things just seem to keep coming my way. It’s Karma! I will always be thankful for the experiences I’ve enjoyed and the many friendships I have made that came through volunteering a little bit of time and effort in service to others.

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**Personal information you would like to share such as family, hobbies, etc.?** Currently, I am enjoying an empty nest with my fiancé Drema and our five dogs in the mountains east of Pocatello as we continue to work on our fixer-upper home. In addition to on-going remodeling, most of which we do ourselves and yard work, we like to hike and snow shoe. My son Kyle is a finance graduate of Trinity University and is residing and working in San Antonio, Texas; my daughter Krista is in Pocatello working fulltime and about to start at Idaho State University in the fall; Drema's son Damon is a sous-chef in Denver; and her daughter Ciara, a junior at University of Colorado at Denver with plans to attend law school after graduation.