

Distinguished Lawyer – Fourth District

John McGown Earns Distinguished Lawyer Award

BOISE – John McGown received the Idaho State Bar’s highest honor, the Distinguished Lawyer Award on July 16. The attorney has given a great deal of time and effort to training other tax lawyers through teaching classes and his writing.

The Distinguished Lawyer Award is given to an attorney (or attorneys) each year who has distinguished the profession through exemplary conduct and many years of dedicated service to the profession and to Idaho citizens.

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Justice Linda Copple Trout Earns Distinguished Lawyer Award

BOISE - The first woman to sit on the Idaho Supreme Court, Justice Linda Copple Trout, was honored with the Idaho State Bar’s highest honor on July 16. She was recognized for her leadership chairing the Supreme Court’s Design and Implementation Team, which is tasked with standardizing and upgrading all the state’s courts into one computer system. As a retired justice, she continues to hear cases and do mediations as a senior judge.

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Distinguished Lawyer – Sixth and Seventh Districts

Fred Hoopes Honored with Distinguished Lawyer Award

IDAHO FALLS – Fred Hoopes, an East Idaho native who spent his entire career defending those who faced serious criminal charges, was honored July 16 with the Idaho State Bar’s highest honor, the

Distinguished Lawyer Award. With his common sense and country wisdom he was a very successful advocate for truth and justice.

In one case that drew national attention, Hoopes pioneered the use of DNA evidence to exonerate a man who was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death. A partner in Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes, PLLC, Fred had previously earned the ACLU's Thurgood Marshall Liberty Award.

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Service Awards

First District -

Attorney Susan Moss Honored with State Bar's Service Award

COEUR d' ALENE – Susan Moss of Lukins and Annis, has earned the Idaho State Bar's Service Award for her extensive and generous pro-bono work helping to clarify the Affordable Care Act for Idaho's lawyers. She worked with author and insurance attorney Terry Ackerman to publish important fact about the Affordable Care Act in the months before ObamaCare was rolled out. This helped Idaho lawyers advise their clients with up-to-date accurate information. She also service on the bar's publication advisory board.

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Second District -

Attorney Deborah McCormick Earns State Bar's Service Award

MOSCOW – Honored for her volunteer work organizing the Citizens' Law Academy, serving on the Palouse Ice Rink Board of Directors and giving pro bono service to those who cannot afford a lawyer,

Deborah McCormick was given the Idaho State Bar's Service Award on July 17. She also serves on the Pro Bono Commission and is a public defender.

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Third District

Attorney Kerry Michaelson Earns State Bar's Service Award

NAMPA – A passionate advocate for the community, attorney Kerry Michaelson was honored with the Idaho State Bar's Service Award on July 17. Michaelson serves on the Idaho state Bar Pro Bono Commission, is a member of the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign Committee and is a member of both the Nampa Rotary and the Women's Business Center Advisory Council.

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Fourth District

Attorney Erika Birch Earns State Bar Service Award

BOISE – Erika Birch of Strinberg & Scholnick, LLC, the main organizer of the "Street Law Clinics" has earned the Idaho State Bar's Service Award. Birch said a scarcity of free legal representation in the area motivated her to work with the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, the University of Idaho College of Law, Concordia University School of Law and the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program to participate. Volunteers help people resolve their legal issues at Street Law Clinics, which have already served 353 people in its first year and are continuing to operate.

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Jamie Champion honored by State Bar for helping those with disabilities

BOISE - Jamie Champion, a psychologist with the VA Medical Center, has been given the Idaho State Bar's Service Award for her work ensuring the state bar exam is administered fairly to those with disabilities. A non-lawyer, she serves on the Bar's Reasonable Accommodations Committee, offering her expertise on neuropsychology.

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Judge Russell Comstock Honored with Idaho State Bar's Service Award

BOISE – Judge Russell Comstock has been at the forefront of reforming the Idaho Rules of Family Procedure, a multiple-year project that demanded a tremendous amount of time, expertise and collaboration. He was awarded the Idaho State Bar's Service Award at the bar's annual meeting Shoshone –Bannock Events Center in Fort Hall on July 17. The rules debuted in the Fourth District, and are on their way to being adopted state-wide. The changes are intended to reduce costs and provide more fairness to family law cases. He gathered suggestions and previewed the changes with the bar in a very open process.

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Peg Dougherty Earns State Bar Service Award

BOISE –Peg Dougherty was presented with the Idaho State Bar’s Service Award on July 17 for her leadership promoting women in the legal profession. Dougherty presided over rapid growth and activism by the Idaho Women Lawyers, (IWL), having served on its board since 2003 and as past president. She chaired the IWL Judicial Recruitment Committee to clarify the process for judicial selection and to encourage women to apply for open positions in the judiciary.

Her other leadership roles have included the steering committee for the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council and the Idaho Supreme Court Judicial Recruitment Committee.

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Fifth District –

Judge Mick Hodges Honored with State Bar Service Award

BURLEY- Judge Mick Hodges was honored on July 17 with the Idaho State Bar’s Service Award for his volunteer work in the community. He volunteers at a pet therapy group and serves on multiple committees such as Fifth District Pro Bono committee and Child Protection Advisory Committee.

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Sixth and Seventh

Kari Campos Earns Idaho State Bar Service Award

IDAHO FALLS- Kari Campos received the Idaho State Bar’s Service Award on July 17 for her volunteer service in the community. She has been directly involved in CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates,

for children as a pro bono attorney, guardian ad litem, and on the CASA Board of Directors. For the past five years she has served as president and other officer positions of the Seventh District Bar Association.

Boiler plate:

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