



Boise-area Lawyers Celebrate with Community Events National Law Day is May 1, 2014

Boise area attorneys love Law Day, an opportunity to answer legal questions for free, celebrate the hundreds of hours of work done pro bono and engage students about our legal system.

Law Day is a national celebration to help people understand the importance of laws and how they strive to achieve justice. In Idaho's Fourth Judicial District, which includes much of the Treasure Valley, this year's programs include:

- **Ask-a-Lawyer Call-in Program:**

On Thursday, May 1, a team of volunteer attorneys will answer hundreds of phone calls from the public asking about legal issues. This service project is very popular in the community with hundreds of callers utilizing past Ask-A-Lawyer events. The general public can call in on three phone lines to speak to an attorney about a variety of legal matters. Attorneys and callers use only first names to remain anonymous. Calls are limited to 15 minutes. The phone numbers are: **(208) 703-7109, (208) 703-0868, and (208) 703-8613**. Calls will be taken from 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. If an attorney can't answer the question immediately, a message will be taken and the call will be returned within a few days.

- **Court of Appeal's—Oral Argument 101:**

On May 1, Capital High School in Boise will host the Idaho Court of Appeals on a case dealing with whether a juvenile can be shackled in court in a proceeding not before a jury. The school's students will not only observe this oral argument, but also will study summaries of the parties' briefs. Following oral argument, the students will have the unique opportunity to ask the Idaho Court of Appeals and counsel for the litigants questions about the judicial process and appellate advocacy.

- **Other Law Day-Related Events:**

- **The 6.1 Challenge:** Modeled after Idaho Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1 concerning the number of pro bono hours an attorney should handle during a year, this year's *6.1 Challenge* represents a friendly competition to recognize and encourage pro bono and public service from law offices within the Fourth District. Winners will be announced in categories of solo, small and large firms, as well as corporate and government sector attorneys, at the Law Day Reception, held on May 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Berryhill Restaurant's Plan B Lounge in downtown Boise.
- **Liberty Bell Award:** Every year, the Liberty Bell Award acknowledges outstanding community service by an individual in the local community who embodies that year's Law Day theme – the theme for Law Day 2014 is “AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW: WHY EVERY VOTE MATTERS.” This year's Liberty Bell Award Recipient: Idaho Secretary of State, Ben Ysursa. Mr. Ysursa will be recognized at the Law Day Reception, held on May 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Berryhill Restaurant's Plan B Lounge in downtown Boise.
- **Law Day School Outreach Program:** Conducted in the classrooms during April and May, attorneys are matched with teachers in elementary through high school in Fourth District schools. The attorneys speak in classes about legal careers and law-related topics.

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