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Eastern Idaho Attorneys Chalk Up Pro Bono Hours

POCATELLO – A friendly competition between attorneys in three of Eastern Idaho’s Judicial Districts tallied more 648 hours of public service this summer. Attorneys across Idaho regularly do a variety of pro bono service work for people who cannot afford to pay for legal services. This year, at the suggestion of area judges and the Pro Bono Commission, the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh District attorneys were asked to tally their pro bono hours and report them to the District Bar Associations. The Sixth District won the competition.

The event was concluded with a golf tournament in Pocatello, at which U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Randy Smith gave a continuing legal education seminar. Sixth District Bar Association President David Gardner said he wasn’t exactly sure who won the golf tournament, but that the judges’ team would likely be declared the winner.

Here are the details by District:

The Fifth District (south central Idaho) had 158 hours from nine attorneys. Judge Mick Hodges of Burley encouraged the district participation in the competition, which ran between May 1 and September 1.

The Sixth District (southeast Idaho) bested their neighbors with 245 hours. Judge Rick Carnaroli of Pocatello encouraged participation, according to Mr. Gardner. He added that one attorney, Gary Dance of Moffatt Thomas, was doing 40 hours of pro bono each week in the Ukraine and that those hours were not counted. But since they could, the Sixth District has won the competition.

The Seventh District (northeast Idaho) accumulated 245 hours with seven individual attorneys, as well as all attorneys of the Idaho Falls office of Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes. The firm’s attorneys did 185 hours of pro bono work on their own. Judge Michelle Mallard of Idaho Falls encouraged the pro bono participation.

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