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RE: Access to Justice Idaho Campaign 2016

Dear Ms. Reed:

The continued success of the Access to Justice Idaho campaign would not have been possible without your organization's generous donations. Thank you for your gifts of \$1,000 in 2014 and \$1,000 in 2015. We ask that you again consider supporting this important work with your donation to the 2016 Campaign. If you already donated to this year's campaign, thank you for your contribution!

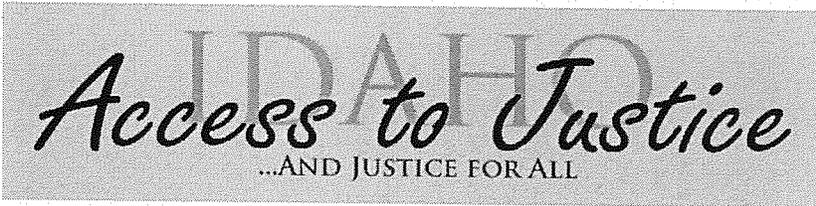
Since its inauguration in 2014, the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign has raised over \$500,000.00. This funding has allowed Idaho Legal Aid Services, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, and DisAbility Rights Idaho to help family members secure guardianship of children and vulnerable adults, assist victims of domestic violence with divorce and custody proceedings, and provide representation for people with chronic mental illness and developmental disabilities. This year our goal is to raise \$250,000 to maintain these critical legal services.

If you would like to learn more about the impact your donation will have, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your multiple donations and your commitment to ensuring access to justice for Idaho's low income and disabled residents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles A. Homer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Charles A. Homer
2016 Chair
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July 7, 2016

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Dear Fourth District Bar Member,

We are contacting you to request your support for an exciting campaign that is of particular importance to those of us in the legal community.

In 2016, *Idaho Legal Aid Services*, the *Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program*, and *DisAbility Rights Idaho* kicked off their third annual *Access to Justice Idaho* campaign. The goal of *Access to Justice Idaho* is to provide civil legal services to low-income Idahoans by raising funds from Idaho's legal community, businesses, and others who understand the essential role of the judicial system in the lives of so many.

In the first two years of the campaign, *Access to Justice Idaho* has raised more than \$350,000. In 2014 and 2015, *Access to Justice Idaho* funds provided 5,226 people with services that brought safety and stability to their lives. *Access to Justice* funding helps family members secure guardianship of children and vulnerable adults, assists victims of domestic violence with divorce and custody proceedings, and provides representation for people with chronic mental illness and developmental disabilities. This year our goal is to raise \$250,000 to maintain these important services.

Idaho is one of two states in the country that does not provide state funding for civil legal services for people who desperately need it. Federal and grant funding have diminished, but services are in more demand than ever. In an effort to increase the safety and health of all Idahoans, we are asking every Idaho attorney to donate \$200 to this important initiative. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of vulnerable Idahoans who would otherwise have no access to legal services. Please review the attached information to see the significant impact *Access to Justice Idaho* has had in your judicial district.

If you have already donated, thank you for your contribution! If you have not yet given, please consider supporting this work with your tax deductible donation to the *Access to Justice Campaign* by sending your payment to the Idaho Law Foundation or by visiting <http://www.razoo.com/story/Access-To-Justice-Idaho>. We thank you.

Sincerely,

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Services to Fourth Judicial District

Idaho Legal Aid Services, the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and DisAbility Rights Idaho served 2,032 people in the Fourth Judicial District with the following problems from January 1st through December 31st, 2015:

Family: 479 cases. These include divorce and custody cases with domestic violence, protection orders and guardianships for incapacitated adults (the majority who suffer from Alzheimer's or dementia).

Income Maintenance: 32 cases. These are primarily to obtain Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSDI) for persons with disabilities.

Health: 120 cases. The majority are to assist seniors to obtain Medicaid long-term care. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare refers most of these clients to ILAS for preparation of legal documents (such as a Miller Trust or Marriage Settlement Agreement) for them to qualify for Medicaid long term care.

Consumer: 173 cases. Common cases include consumer scams, identity theft and help protecting exempt assets.

Housing: 388 cases. This includes wrongful foreclosures, mobile home issues, security deposits, wrongful evictions and public housing.

Other: 344 cases. This includes cases concerning advanced directives (such as living wills and powers of attorneys), wills, juvenile issues, and others.

Disability Rights Idaho: 496 clients. The top three services concerned denial of financial benefits/entitlements, Medicaid issues and other benefits.

These statistics represent real people with real problems who need help. Here are a few comments from recent clients from across Idaho:

Thank you for giving me a priceless gift in 2015—my safety and freedom.

No matter what, we were treated with dignity.

My case was an uphill battle without hope but because the attorney knew her stuff, was honest, utilized all facts of the case regarding abuses experienced, and truly cared about her job and clients, our family won!

My situation was very unique. I felt like I finally found an attorney that was able to understand my situation and take it seriously. Thank you...you have helped more than you know.

Donations can be made to: Access to Justice Idaho, Idaho Law Foundation PO Box 895 Boise, ID 83701-0895