



2015 Awards Program

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Distinguished Lawyer

Kenneth L. Pedersen

After 42 years of practicing law, Ken Pedersen said numerous influences have led to a satisfying career. Of course, no simple list can sum up decades of work. What remains for Ken are high points, low points and a general feeling of appreciation for the profession and those who have helped along the way. “I met some of the greatest lawyers and the greatest clients,” he said, “real salt of the earth people.”

Ken distinguished his practice by helping people who otherwise suffered at the hands of carelessness. He made a good living at it, securing several large settlements. But how did Ken find his niche doing general negligence, medical malpractice, product liability and insurance bad faith?

In 1979, Ken decided to represent a Burley family after their child became paralyzed upon receiving the Pertussis vaccine. Ken challenged the drug company — a huge gamble.

“I had a theory,” he said, that came from an enormous stack of company documents. Along the evidentiary trail he found “something of a hot document,” he said, showing that the company’s doctor pointed out that while there had been persistent complaints about the vaccine’s serious side effects, the company continued to produce and distribute the inferior product — all despite the fact that there was a safer alternative. Pedersen won the case at trial in 1984 and pressed on through appeals. Finally, after eight years total, the Ninth Circuit affirmed and the U.S. Supreme Court passed on the defendant’s petition for writ of certiorari. “It was my first large verdict,” Ken said, and it led to other similar cases. “An important part of that verdict,” he said, was that the company made the vaccine safer. “That was truly satisfying.”

He has represented several plaintiffs in mass tort



cases that took him all over the country, which was a strain. He learned that the verdict “is only half way there.” Of course the defendants have little to lose with an appeal. Persistence and patience were helpful allies along the way.

Ken admits he’s made a good income. “Your economic interests are perfectly aligned with your clients’.” His litigation skills, Ken said, were influenced by luminaries in the profession, especially those he’s worked with in the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, (ITLA) namely Gerry Spence and Harry Philo. Ken serves on ITLA’s Board of Governors and served as president from 1983-84. “ITLA has been very helpful to my practice,” Pedersen said.

There have been many other influences that have made Ken the attorney he wanted to be. “My Mormon upbringing gave me respect for truth,” he says, and even though now he does not follow the faith, he said he respects its guiding values. As a new lawyer he developed his own guiding principles at the firm of Parsons, Smith in Burley: Never misrepresent a case, but respect legal reasoning and precedent.

“[Ken] truly epitomizes the great strength of character that all attorneys should aspire to. I have never seen him waiver in the slightest on an issue of honesty, loyalty or trust. He has been an amazing mentor.”

- Jarom A. Whitehead, Ken’s law partner

“He is unwavering in his dedication to the best principles of lawyering.”

- Jarom A. Whitehead, Ken’s law partner

Nothing has been terribly easy. Ken recalled ITLA’s efforts to guide the Idaho Legislature, which has been working to impose restrictions on personal injury damages since before 2000. “We put up a fight, year after year, but eventually Idaho has adopted almost every limitation imaginable,” he said. “I know this is political, but that is where I live.” His advocacy successfully expanded worker’s compensation protections for injured workers in one area – agriculture workers. “We successfully had the ag exemption removed,” because of a case in which an Idaho worker lost both arms and one leg in a farming accident.

Ken credits those around him for his successes. He and Jarom, his partner, have practiced together for 15 years. “He’s like a son to me,” adding that an-

other longtime associate, Lloyd Webb, taught him a great deal about the law and how to try a case. He also said that William Parsons and Richard Smith of Burley gave him “the best start any lawyer could have.”

Ken has other interests. A big fan of travel, he kept a sailboat in Hawaii for many years. Now he has a tug boat in Anacortes, Washington. Ken is a musician and played for many years with the Eddie Haskell Band. He reads a great deal, especially literature and philosophy. And, of course, he likes spending time with family. Ken has been married for 47 years to Trudy, who he met on a blind date — he was 19, she was 18 and they were married nine months later. Now they have three adult children and eight grandchildren.

QUICK FACTS

Involvement

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

- Sustaining member
- Board of Governors, 1986-93/2008-2012

Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA)

- Member/Board of Governors, 1979-present
- Seminar Planning, 1980-81
- Certification of Specialization Committee - member 1995-97
- Lawyer of the Year, 2007

Fifth District Bar Association

- President, 1977-78

Practice Areas

- General negligence
- Medical malpractice
- Product liability
- Insurance bad faith

Education

- Brigham Young University — B.A., 1969
- University of Idaho — J.D., 1972

Distinguished Lawyer

John E. Rumel

Legal scholar with courtroom experience and Associate Professor at the University of Idaho College of Law, John Rumel always knew he wanted to be an educator. But the route took him through part-time teaching jobs, complex civil and commercial litigation and about 16 years of traveling the back roads of Idaho, where he represented the Idaho Education Association and its members.

From that work he collected a wealth of experience he now passes on to Idaho law students. John joined the UI College of Law full-time in 2011 and currently teaches at the Boise campus; this summer the campus is moving from the Water Center on Front Street to the old Ada County Courthouse across the street from the Law Center (ISB offices), sandwiched between the Capitol building and the Idaho Supreme Court building.

“Teaching really gets me up in the morning,” John enthused during an interview in his downtown Boise office. “It’s like I was always meant to do this. You work with ideas, bright students. There is no ‘us and them.’” John’s students apparently agree, twice selecting him as their Inspirational Mentor, thereby causing him to receive the University of Idaho’s Alumni Award for Excellence in 2012 and 2014.

Raised in California, John attended the University of California at Santa Cruz and earned a B.A. double major in History and Politics. While considering graduate school, he saw few prospects for a career as a historian, and no scholarship assistance. However, for aspiring lawyers both were plentiful. He decided a career in law naturally involves three of his most passionate interests — history, politics and constitutional law. “I wanted to tap into those interests.”

While attending UC Hastings College of Law in the Bay Area, John distinguished himself as Note Editor of the *Constitutional Law Quarterly* and served as a judicial extern to Justice Jerome Smith of the California Court of Appeals. After law school, John served for two years as a law clerk for Judges William T. Sweigert and Robert P. Aguilar, at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

In the 1980s, John worked in private practice doing civil litigation in San Jose and San Francisco. Further, in the early 1990s, he spent three years as



a visiting professor at Santa Clara University School of Law. John noted that even 30 years ago, the cost of living was high in the Bay Area and his salary didn’t go far. He and his wife, Kathe Alters, decided to return to their roots in Idaho. Kathe and he met while working in California, yet she and her family were from Boise.

John’s mother was born in Pocatello and his paternal grandfather was born in Ketchum. John spent his childhood vacations in the Wood River Valley, where he liked to fish and hike. John and Kathe decided on Boise and soon John was working at what was then Stoel Rives Boley Jones & Grey. His emphasis was on education, employment, professional liability and product liability.

“Legal practice and education are both oriented toward service,” John says, and he easily saw how assisting students and assisting clients “comes out of the same ethos.” Whether helping a student or client, John passionately does his best.

“I’ve always been inclined to represent clients with the greatest need — the underdog,” he said. With the downturn in union strength through Idaho’s Right to Work laws, John said the public sector unions were the last vestiges for protecting the legal rights of Idaho workers. In 1995, he became general counsel for the Idaho Education Association (IEA), representing teachers and other educators throughout Idaho.

John especially liked dealing with the important issues facing the teachers’ union and workplace issues such as job security and the ability to practice

one's livelihood. Those are priorities for people everywhere, but especially in an education setting. He said while that work was interesting and important, it occasionally became highly emotional and very contentious — "It takes a toll."

"I loved representing the IEA," he said, adding that in rural Idaho, school districts are often the largest employer. "A town has much of its identity wrapped up around the school," making some issues a little more volatile. Hot topics in recent years have included the four-day school week and the Luna Laws, their repeal and some of their return.

John said much of his work for the IEA involved establishing due process for employment actions. "Both sides need to suspend judgment until we get the facts and review the law." His IEA cases helped to develop case law that ensures the rights of individual teachers to get a fair hearing before discipline or termination. "We had some very dedicated people who were good at marshalling a team. We'd all work together," including mobilizing local leaders and bargaining unit members.

John's predecessors were the late Byron Johnson and Kathy Brooks, who helped establish the requirements of good faith bargaining and other teacher rights.

Experience from those 16 years helped John to teach workplace law issues with vivid examples, while helping his scholarly research, as well, he said.

"All of my papers have some genesis in my own law practice," John said. "I have written about cases I have won and that I have lost[...]only now I have time to really hash out the issues by probing deeper

and more broadly into them."

After teaching on a part-time basis in Boise, John joined the UI College of Law in Moscow as a full-time faculty member in Fall 2011. Now he teaches courses in Civil Procedure, Evidence, Workplace Law, Education Law, Remedies and Lawyering Process.

Once moved into the newly remodeled Idaho Law and Justice Learning Center, "I will continue doing what I do: provide both the theoretical knowledge and, with Idaho-specific examples, I want to illustrate how students will be able to go out and practice with practical legal skills."

John has served the legal community as a member of both the Idaho Supreme Court's Evidence Rules Advisory Committee and the Idaho State Bar MCLE Advisory Committee, which made recommendations concerning State Bar rules pertaining to mandatory continuing legal education compliance. He also served on the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Policy Council in the 1990s. He has served on a variety of committees at the UI College of Law and as coach for the Jerome Prince Evidence Moot Court team.

Beyond the rewards from teaching and his fruitful career with the IEA, John is especially grateful to the Idaho State Bar. "To be honored with this award; it just seemed to come so out of the blue," he said. "The people who have gotten this award — these are the people I have always respected; like Don Burnett, Linda Coppole Trout and others. These are the luminaries. I'm truly flattered."

QUICK FACTS

Education

- University of California Santa Cruz — B.A.
- University of California Hastings College of Law — J.D.

New Digs

- John will be teaching in the very same rooms where he argued cases early in his career

Family

- John has two children: Daughter Ellen, 24, Seattle; Son Sam, 23, Denver
- John's wife, Kathe, works as the business development director for Idaho Public Television

Idaho Education Association

- John's work for IEA included travel to all of Idaho's 44 counties
- The IEA was able to mobilize Idahoans to quickly repeal the Luna Laws by referendum

Distinguished Lawyer

B. Newal Squyres

Newal Squyres knows his job. “You take care of your client. You do what’s right,” he said. “And what’s right is the law. Your responsibility is to be a problem solver. Sometimes the only way to solve a problem is to actually go to trial, which is always the best part of practicing law for a trial lawyer. But going to trial is not necessarily in the best interest of solving a client’s problem,” said Newal.

Interviewed at Holland & Hart’s new offices on the 17th Floor of Eighth & Main, Newal speaks humbly about his accomplishments, influences, work schedule, his community involvement and his time with the Department of Justice implementing the Foreign Intelligence and Surveillance Act (FISA).

In his home state of Texas, Newal’s family had high expectations for all the children. Newal’s father was a small town family practitioner and leader in the medical community — selected as the Texas Family Practice Physician of the Year in 1983 and one who helped establish the Family Practice Department at the Texas Tech Medical School. Newal said his family might have been slightly disappointed he didn’t go into medicine, but he was not very good with math or science and law was his first choice.

“I did as well as you could in law school,” Newal said, having graduated at the top of his class and serving as editor of the Law Review. “I was shocked because all I wanted to do was not flunk out,” he said. “I just worked really hard.”

His parents led by example, “living hard-working, tolerant and non-judgmental lives,” Newal said. And the value system they passed on was simply to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

After law school, Newal clerked for the Honorable Joe Ingraham on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which handled major racial discrimination cases in the South. In 1974, after the clerkship, Newal, his wife Linda, and four-month-old son, Isaac, moved to Boise “to be a real lawyer.” They wanted to live where they could ski and in those days Texans weren’t all that welcome in Colorado, much like Californians in Idaho.

His time in Boise was interrupted by a stint in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Justice. One of his early mentors was Fifth Circuit Judge Griffin B. Bell, who was appointed U.S. Attorney General



by President Jimmy Carter. From ’77 to late ’79, Newal worked for Judge Bell in the Office of Legal Counsel and was among a group of six to eight lawyers from across the department that met every morning for breakfast with the Attorney General.

Newal was part of a small team dealing almost exclusively with national security and counter-intelligence matters. “As Judge Bell put it, our job was to bring the intelligence community under the rule of law.” We helped implement the recommendations of the “Church Committee” (the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence chaired by U.S. Senator Frank Church), including the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which was a main focus of his responsibilities.

“Judge Bell had a great sense of humor, did not take himself too seriously, worked very hard and loved the practice of law and being a lawyer. He taught us and made the tough daily decisions by being a problem solver with the rule of law as the bedrock principle from which to act.” Newal says not only were these years a great experience, but they provided a wonderful foundation to try to be a good lawyer and member of society. “We always planned to come back to Idaho and reality.”

Newal and his family returned to Idaho and he resumed a general litigation practice. He also put down roots, getting involved with the Idaho State Bar as a speaker, teacher, mentor and lecturer for the Citizens’ Law Academy and as a founding member of the Idaho Pro Bono Commission. Newal was elected

to the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners, serving from 2007-10. He has been a trainer in the Trial Advocacy Clinic at the UI College of Law for many years. Further, he served on the Executive Committee of the Idaho Partners Against Domestic Violence; Newal delved into the world of soccer and coached for the Boise Nationals Soccer Club for 20 years.

Newal has represented individuals and businesses large and small. He has been a plaintiff's lawyer, doing contingent fee work for individuals who have been harmed or injured, and defense counsel, defending companies against various allegations of wrongful conduct. "I take all types of cases. That means I get to learn about new areas of the law, but also learn about the client's or opponent's business. Sometimes you have to learn a whole new industry. You want to view things with an open mind, to work with judgment without being judgmental. You try to respect other people, particularly the lawyers on the other side."

Of all the work, he said, some of the most meaningful and satisfying cases have been on a pro bono basis for the ACLU and Planned Parenthood. He continues to take pro bono cases and said he is proud that his law firm, Holland & Hart, supports pro bono work.

Newal said that after seeing so many disputes over the years he still believes people to be genuinely good. "I'm not a cynic," he said, adding, "I believe that most of the time people are trying to do the right thing as they see it. Still, they can have honest disputes. That's what the law is for."

And before trial or going to court, does he still get butterflies? Newal laughed answering in the affirmative. "The older you get, the more you realize how things can go wrong. So rather than a level of comfort, you better not be complacent or take things for granted."

Newal said he's been lucky to have

had important mentors and role models, like R.B. Kading, Jr., John Hepworth, Mike McNichols, Jess Hawley, Bob Alexander, Lou Racine, Bill Olson, Fred Hoopes, Chuck McDewitt, Lou Cosho, Allyn Dingel, Allen Derr, Walt Bithell, Craig Meadows, Dick Greener and others.

When asked about the downside of modern legal practice, Newal responded about how litigation has become an increasingly expensive option and process. Access to justice for normal people and many businesses continues to be a problem. "I believe that the judicial system is a pretty good way to resolve a dispute," he said. "But for cases involving under \$50K - \$100K, the cost of trying that case can be prohibitively expensive."

One of the problems driving the cost of litigation is the sheer number of emails lawyers have to sift through in discovery. "We used to read all the documents. Now we need a system just to manage, sort and scan all the emails for the important information," he said.

But scan, sift, sort or problem-solve, Newal still loves litigation and is happy to be a lawyer. "At this stage in my career," he said, "things are no different. I still work hard. The last nine or 10 months I've been working at a pace almost as intense as any time in my career. I will keep doing this as long as someone will hire me."

The most positive influence in Newal's life has been his wife of 47 years, Linda, and his children Isaac and Ruby. Isaac was adventuresome enough not to become a lawyer, entering the world of strategic communications and public relations. Ruby practices law in Salt Lake City where her husband, Jeff Redshaw, is completing a residency in urology at the University of Utah. Granddaughter Sophie Squyres (10 and a half) is amazing and, along with her cousin Elise, Ruby and Jeff's daughter born a month ago, reminds Newal daily of what's really important in life.

QUICK FACTS

Holland and Hart LLP — Partner,
Boise

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation/Business
- Torts
- Labor and Employment
- Appellate
- Products Liability
- False Claims Act

Awards & Honors

- American College of Trial Lawyers — Fellow
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, 1988-2015
- ACLU of Idaho Liberty Award, 1994
- Plaque of Appreciation — Intelligence Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, October 1979

Affiliations

- ISB Board of Commissioners — 2007-10, President, 2009
- University of Idaho College of Law — Faculty, Trial Advocacy Clinic
- Idaho State Bar & Law Foundation, Citizens' Law Academy
- Idaho Pro Bono Commission — Founder/Executive Committee, 2008-14
- Idaho Partners Against Domestic Violence — Member/Executive Committee, 2008-14
- John William Jackson Fund — Board Member, 2012-present
- Boise Nationals Soccer Club — Board Member, 2006-08, and Coach, 1986-08

Education

- Texas Tech University — B.A., 1968
- Texas Tech University School of Law — J.D., with high honors, 1972
- Order of the Coif, Editor-in-Chief, Law Review

Distinguished Jurist

Hon. Stephen S. Trott

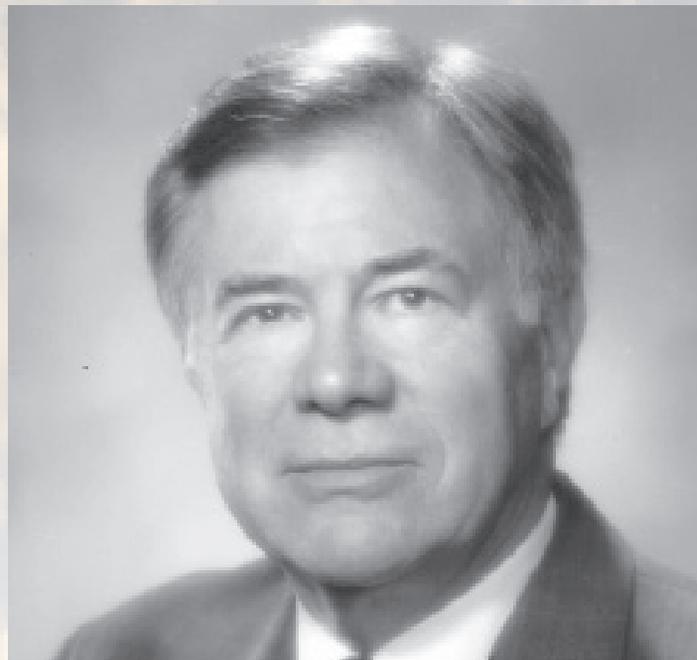
With this new award, the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners honors the Hon. Stephen S. Trott, Senior Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit — “in recognition of distinguished judicial service and exemplary integrity and independence. Recipients are recognized for their contribution to practicing attorneys’ satisfaction of practicing law.”

Judge Trott keeps his chambers in Boise, where he is regularly involved in numerous programs, including legal and civics education and the advancement of the profession. He has made himself available for numerous CLE programs and played an integral part in setting the tone for the successful statewide education program, Citizen’s Law Academy. Trott was given the Idaho State Bar Service Award in 2003.

As a freshman at Wesleyan University, Judge Trott was an early member of the folk music group, “The Highwaymen,” known for their gold record #1 hit *Michael Row the Boat Ashore* — he later graduated from Harvard Law School. Trott served as U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California from 1981–83 and as the Assistant Attorney General for the US Department of Justice Criminal Division from 1983–86. Further, he served as Associate Attorney General from 1986–88.

Judge Trott was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals by President Ronald Reagan in 1987. Since 2004 he has continued to serve in Senior Status.

In his charitable endeavors, Judge Trott served as a board member of the Children’s Home Society for 15 years, including time as president during its



\$1.8 million Capital Campaign. He also organized two joint benefit concerts by “The Highwaymen” to raise money for the Warm Springs Counseling Center and the Boise Philharmonic Association, along with numerous concerts around the country for various other non-profit organizations.

Judge Trott has served on the board of the Boise Philharmonic Association, including four years as president. He initiated the organization’s foundation and permanent endowment fund. He also provides a pre-concert lecture before performances by the Philharmonic, having done a similar pre-concert service at the Seattle Symphony.

Serving on the board of the Esther Simplot Performing Arts Academy, Judge Trott also volunteers with the Boise State University Wrestling team, the YMCA Strategic Planning Committee, Boys and Girls Club of Nampa and the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council. He has contributed to the BSU Renaissance Institute as a lecturer on the United States Constitution and classical music.

“A wonderful person. Truly a Renaissance Man, he has a rigorous intellect and is broadly studied in history, culture, law and government. He has strongly held opinions but the judicial restraint to largely keep them to himself. Steve is an asset to every community through which he travels. He is a wonderful husband to a devoted wife. I’m confident there is not a more fully developed human being walking the planet.”

— Former Idaho Attorney General, David Leroy, on knowing and working with Judge Trott

Service Awards



Courtney E. Beebe

*Office of Administrative
Hearings
(Coeur d'Alene)*

A member of the Idaho State Bar Character & Fitness Committee since 2011, **Courtney Beebe**, also serves with its Finance Subcommittee. She served as a Bar Exam Grader in 2013 and 2014. She is currently a participant in the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) and, closer to home, she is a member of the Spokane County Bar Association and its Solo and Small Practice Group. In the community, Beebe is Treasurer for Sam Rodius Memorial Park Association, a non-profit dedicated to maintaining a historical community hall and farmer's cooperative in Cougar Gulch, south of Coeur d'Alene. Nationally, she is a member of the American Bar Association National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary Committee and Judicial Division Ethics and Professionalism Committee.

What inspired you to do this work?

“My family, particularly my mother, aunt and grandmother, dedicated their careers and personal time to serving the greater good and inspired me to serve our community both professionally and personally. The dedication and professionalism of the directors and staff of the Idaho State Bar is also inspirational and it is a privilege to assist them with meeting their goals and furthering the professionalism of the Idaho State Bar.”

What have you learned in the process?

“I have learned that the bar admissions process is diverse and complex and further stressed by the social and economic changes and expectations of our larger society, and that the Idaho State Bar makes every attempt to address the challenges presented by bar applicants and bar examination requirements. Also, through participation in IALL, I learned about different methods of leadership and that generosity, selflessness and community service make for the most successful practitioners and leaders.”



Bruce S. Bistline

*Bistline Law
(Boise)*

Bruce Bistline has served as an ISB mediator between clients and their lawyers regarding fee disputes since 1997. The process involves reading the file and talking with both parties. There are usually two or three rounds of calls with each before determining if a mediated settlement is possible. Usually, at least one or both are very upset about the situation, said Bistline, so the first calls involve a lot of listening, paraphrasing back to the parties to confirm understanding, normalizing, empathizing and validating feelings. Bruce said that “after feelings are adequately diffused I seek common ground and, if possible, an agreeable way out for both.”

The nomination stated that Bruce mediates in the most professional manner, “which always maintains the integrity and high standards of the Idaho State Bar and the Idaho legal community.”

What inspired you to do this work?

“I was trained, and worked for years, as a mediator in high conflict divorce cases and burned out. I did not want to waste that training and I enjoyed being involved in the process as long as the parties

were looking for a way out as opposed to a forum in which to keep fighting about fault. So I offered to serve as a mediator for the fee disputes filed with the Bar and have generally very much enjoyed that service.”

What have you learned in the process?

“A significant percentage of fee disputes seem to be driven not by bad outcomes, or clients who do not want to pay their bills, but by factors which lawyers can control. Lawyers invite client discontent when they, for whatever reason, do not either hear and undertake the clients’ goals and objectives, or withdraw because they cannot accept those goals and objectives. Similarly, lawyers are likely to end up in a fee conflict with the client if they do not make sure their clients understand the fee, the possible outcomes, the impediments to achieving the clients’ goals and objectives and the down-side risks. We cannot all successfully communicate with every client that walks in the door but we might all be well served by recognizing when a sound communication loop does not exist. Of course, communication issues can result from the conduct of either the client or the lawyer. But fault is not the issue. Lawyers who do not adequately respond to dysfunctional communication face an unpaid fee and accusations about ineffective or negligent representation.”

Service Awards



Debrha J. Carnahan
Carnahan Law Offices
(Boise)

Debrha Carnahan served as the court-appointed attorney receiver to close down the law practice of a lawyer who abandoned his practice. She has served on the arbitration committee for decades along with other ISB committees throughout the years. Carnahan is also a member of the Family Law

Section, the Professionalism and Ethics Section, has

done considerable pro bono work and provided legal advice to various organizations without charge. She was recognized with the Pro Bono Award in 1998.

What inspired you to do this work?

“We all do these things because it is the right thing to do.”

What have you learned in the process?

“I learned that lawyers in the Fourth District are very helpful and give generously of their time. I also learned that it is easier to close the practice of another than your own.”



Amber C. Ellis
Ada County Prosecutor's
Office
(Boise)

Since moving to Boise in 2007, **Amber Ellis** has volunteered for Bar exam grading, the Law Day Committee 2012-15, the Advocate Editorial Advisory Board, Idaho Women Lawyers Board of Directors, Professionalism & Ethics Committee, American Inns of Court 2007-09, Concordia University School of Law for mock

depositions and University of Idaho College of Law for mock interviews. Aside from legal endeavors, she worked as an Idaho Humane Society animal foster parent, Boise Little Theatre usher/participant and an elementary school art parent and volunteer.

our community, which inspired me to do my share. Although as a government employee I cannot take pro bono cases, I have been able to participate fully with the law schools, the Idaho State Bar, and other legal organizations in Idaho to improve our justice system. Additionally, I enjoy diversifying my activities and contributing through non-legal activities such as the Idaho Humane Society and the arts community whenever I can.”

What inspired you to do this work?

“My friends and colleagues have given so much to

What have you learned in the process?

“A little goes a long way! Through community activities, I have been able to take many small actions to help improve the legal profession and build collaborative relationships with other attorneys and members of the public. Considered alone, no single action seems like much. But when considered together with the actions of other caring people, the sense of community and the spirit of volunteerism is a great asset to our community.”



Kimbell D. Gourley
Jones Gledhill Fuhrman
Gourley, PA
(Boise)

Kimbell Gourley served on the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section's Governing Council for seven years, where he organized and edited the Section's semi-annual newsletters and attended meetings with both the federal district court and Idaho State Bar. Gourley managed the Section's list-serve program,

the Section's annual seminar and served as chair.

State Bar and its sections, and for the general benefit of all practitioners, everyone should seek an opportunity to serve on such a Board.”

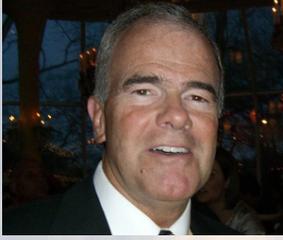
What have you learned in the process?

“The Section, the ISB, the federal court clerk's office, the Honorable Jim D. Pappas and the Honorable Terry L. Myers, all collaborate to benefit commercial law and bankruptcy practice in Idaho. The Section's list-serve system has also proven to be as valuable to practitioners as Westlaw or Lexis because it enables Section members to seek advice from and ask questions of fellow practitioners. Regardless of whether a member participates in the list-serve dialogue, the ability to review the interactive discussion is an invaluable benefit, like a free continuous CLE.”

What inspired you to do this work?

“It has been my honor to serve on the Board and I strongly recommend that for the health of the Idaho

Service Awards



G. Lance Salladay
Salladay Law Office
(Boise)

Lance Salladay served on the board of directors for the Hays Shelter Home and for Ballet Idaho and as an Ambassador for Bogus Basin Ski Area. He also served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Dispute Resolution Section of the Idaho State Bar as well as the Chair of the Litigation Section in 2013,

when it was awarded Section of the Year.

What inspired you to do this work?

“With regard to the Hays Shelter Home, that facility was just beginning to operate and I felt the cause and purpose was very much needed in our community. I just wanted to be a part of what I felt could and would become a valuable resource for younger people — mostly teenagers, who, for any number of reasons, needed a safe place to live. The ballet was something I had been interested in and the ballet at that time, as a non-profit entity, was experiencing financial issues, sharing expenses and equipment with the Eugene Oregon Ballet. I had the opportunity to join the board and provide some legal assistance with contracts and other matters.

“Regarding ISB affiliations, I wanted to get more involved with the areas of my practice. As usual

there was an opportunity to become an officer. Becoming Chair of the Litigation Section was the result of not having been present when nominations and the election were held — going to show that it is always important to attend the meetings. I had a good mentor, John Zarian, and a great group of officers providing assistance; which allowed the Section to earn ‘Section of the Year,’ by the ISB.”

What have you learned in the process?

“First and foremost I have learned that volunteering in any capacity is a rewarding experience. There are so many dedicated and talented people in our communities who are so willing and able to contribute and volunteer their knowledge, skills, time and money to the various community groups and activities. There is such a need for community volunteers and everyone has something to offer. The time spent and the contributions made are very worthwhile. I am sure I gained more from the people I have worked with than I have ever been able to contribute.

“The same holds true with regard to the Bar Section activities. Our state is so widespread that it is difficult for attorneys in the cities and towns farther away from Boise to actively participate in their chosen Sections, but it is very important to have participation from all areas of the state. There are some extremely talented and knowledgeable lawyers in this state and thankfully they are all willing to share their knowledge and experience with all of us.”



Cpt. Stephen A. Stokes
Idaho National Guard
(Boise)

As a member of the military, **Cpt. Stephen Stokes** has served as a volunteer with the Idaho Military Legal Alliance (IMLA) since 2014. The IMLA provides legal assistance for Idaho's veterans, service members and military families. It coordinates with community resources and provides

CLEs for volunteer attorneys and team members. This is especially helpful for unique aspects of military law encountered in civilian cases. The IMLA also supports military legal clinics and identifies pro bono or reduced-fee volunteer attorneys.

Cpt. Stokes is a member of the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Commission and participated in the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) Class of 2013-2014. He served on the ISB Family Law Section Council, 2012-14, where he was on the CLE

Committee, Idaho Family Law Handbook/Formbook Committee, Local Family Law Forum Development Committee and Editor for the Family Law Formbook, 2013-14.

Cpt. Stokes served as an officer of the Sixth District Bar Association from 2012-14. Stephen participated with the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association's Publications Committee, 2008-14; Board of Directors, 2008-09; and its Foundation from 2009-14.

Additionally, he volunteered in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program to represent Guardians ad Litem. He has volunteered with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Sixth District Court Assistance Office and provided pro bono workshops for pro se litigants in Bannock County.

Cpt. Stokes serves on the Board of Elders at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Boise, as he did for the Lutheran Church in Pocatello. He was also on the Idaho State University Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2006-10.

Service Awards

What inspired you to do this work?

(cont.) "Service has always been a part of my DNA. My father, Glenn Stokes, who retired from Idaho Power Co. after over 30 years of service, volunteered extensively in the Pocatello area when I was little. I remember him volunteering to make lunches for the Salvation Army cafeteria and I remember going to the Salvation Army distribution center to give those lunches away. I remember helping him fill Christmas and Thanksgiving meal boxes. He was also my Boy Scout Troop scoutmaster, and I remember him going through some extremely uncomfortable trips and dealing with rambunctious boys, just to spend time with me. His service made a huge impression on me growing up and much of what I do is to live up to his example.

"After I graduated from law school, the late M. Jay Meyers hired me as a young associate. He was actively involved in the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) early in his career and was the youngest president of ITLA in the '80s. One day he said to me, 'if anyone from ITLA asks you to do something, you just say 'yes' and then figure out later how to make it happen.' I took that to heart and did everything that anyone from ITLA asked me to do. I have also applied this philosophy to my other service work. So far, it has worked out, but I suppose at some point I'm going to have to learn to say no.



Laird B. Stone

*Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone
& Trainor
(Twin Falls)*

Laird Stone has a long history of service to the profession. He was an officer for the Fifth District Bar Association from 1983-88, including time as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. For the Fourth District Bar Association he also served as a director from 1979-83. He has also served as Fifth District Pro Bono Committee and

coach to mock trial teams.

Stone was the Chair for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Policy Council and a member of the ILF Law Related Education Committee. Nationally, he is a member of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

In the local community, he has helped the El Korah Shrine, Victory House and Safe Harbor with his

"Finally, my children inspire me to keep giving of my time and efforts. I want to show my children that not only can they work hard, make money, and support their families, but they can also volunteer their time to somehow improve the communities in which they live."

What have you learned in the process?

"I have learned that most attorneys in Idaho freely give their time to improve their communities. I was not by myself in any of the organizations I have worked with; rather, they were made up of dedicated attorneys and community members who were willing to sacrifice their time for the betterment of their community. Idaho is very blessed to have such an excellent Bar.

"I have learned a lot about leadership, good and bad. Leadership is about communicating purpose, direction and motivation through one's words and personal example. Each new organization brings different approaches, personalities and styles that we can all learn from. I have enjoyed learning new leadership tools from long-time members of the bar, as well as new attorneys.

"Finally, I've learned that I haven't really learned anything yet. Each day, I'm amazed at how much there is to know about the law, our bar and the opportunities for service. I hope I can continue to give back not only to continue the good work of the organizations of which I am a member, but also to inspire others to give a little of their time."

legal services. He was on the Kiwanis Board of Directors and is a current member of the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees. Statewide, Laird has been a past president and member of the Idaho State Board of Education from 2001-08.

Closer to home, Laird held leadership positions on the Bower Foundation, Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Foundation, Board of Trustees for his Methodist Church, Baseball Coach for All-Star and Babe Ruth Teams, 1995-2005, American Legion Baseball Parent Organization, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Commission, Twin Falls Shrine Club, Sawtooth Chapter American Red Cross, and the Snake River Council of Boy Scouts Executive Committee.

Politically, Laird served as Twin Falls County Coordinator for Kempthorne for Senate, Kempthorne for Governor, Batt for Governor, Crapo for House and Ysursa for Secretary of State. He also served on the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee and was Precinct Chairman - 1996 to 2014. In

Service Awards

In addition, Laird served in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Past honors and awards include: the ISB Pro Bono Award, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award - 4th District Superintendents, Ada County Employee of the Year – 1981, Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame — 2007 and the God and Country Award.



Mark Young
Non-Attorney
(Idaho Falls)

Mark Young served on the Professional Conduct Board for the Idaho State Bar. He was recently appointed to the Economic Advisory Council at the Idaho Department of Commerce, is a passionate supporter of the City Club of Idaho Falls, having been a founding board member and president. He has been involved with Rotary since 1992. Young says “giving back is my responsibility and my privilege.”

What inspired you to do this work?

“The legal profession has always been a part of my life. My father, Grant L. Young, an attorney and a member of the judiciary would be proud to

What inspired you to do this work?

“My parents were actively involved in the community of Gooding. I was raised in an environment of giving back to your community and to others.”

What have you learned in the process?

“It has been a very enjoyable experience. None of this work can be accomplished without the help of others. Be involved because you enjoy it, not with the expectation of receiving thanks or awards.”

have me involved with the Idaho State Bar. He loved being an attorney. His professional conduct is my inspiration.”

What have you learned in the process?

“Without a doubt the legal profession has a finely-tuned process of managing the standards and discipline of its members. The world should know how meticulous the legal profession is in affording due process to the members of the Bar. The respect offered and received in these difficult hearings is noted and admired. I have seen and been a part of humanely-granted discipline where lives and livelihoods are on the line. Privately I have shared many emotions and difficulties of the various respondents. I bear witness to the humanity of this process, and have been reminded of my great affection for my friends in the legal profession.”

Outstanding Young Lawyer



Joseph N. Pirtle
Elam & Burke
(Boise)

Joseph Pirtle, 36, was chosen as this year’s Outstanding Young Lawyer for his “service to the profession, the Idaho State Bar, Idaho Law Foundation, and to the community and who exhibits professional excellence,” according to the nomination.

He is the past chair of the Litigation Section and participated in the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers as an inaugural class member. He has served on the Lawyer Assistance Program Committee since 2010 and is a

program committee member of the Boise Adjusters Association. Pirtle is a member of both the Idaho Association of Defense Counsel and the Oregon State Bar.

Joe works at Elam & Burke, PA and practices civil litigation with a focus on commercial and business litigation and insurance defense. Notably, Joe regularly performs pro bono work for court appointed guardians ad litem through the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

He is a graduate of the UI College of Law and clerked for Hon. John C. Hohnhorst, District Judge, Fifth Judicial District of Idaho.

Joe and his wife, Melissa, have two sons and live in Boise.

Section of the Year Award

Professionalism & Ethics Section

The **Professionalism & Ethics Section** was among the most active this year, performing consistent beneficial activities to enhance the ethical foundations for the Bar. The Section sponsored the 1L Professionalism Orientation at the University of Idaho College of Law and Concordia University School of Law. Then there were the fun contributions, including the quarterly Ethical Happy Hour in

downtown Boise and hosting the annual Golfing for Ethics CLE.

The Section holds a CLE every November featuring a member of the judiciary who discusses civility and professionalism. Finally, the Section has donated to the Diversity Section's Love the Law! program and has interacted with various other groups in the bar.

Chair – Sherry A. Morgan
Vice Chair – Jodi A. Nafzger
Secretary – Julianne S. Hall

Treasurer – Robert L. Aldridge
Past Chair – Gene Petty
At Large – James K. Dickinson

At Large – Ammon R. Hansen
At Large – Thomas B. High
At Large – Gerald T. Husch

Diversity Section “Justice for All” Award



Erika Birch

Strindberg & Scholnick,
LLC
(Boise)

An employment labor law attorney who bravely tackles sexual harassment issues in the courtroom, **Erika Birch** is passionate about justice. During her college years, Erika interned with the American Civil Liberties Union in Denver and the Center for People with Disabilities in Boulder. She then worked for the Denver firm, King & Greisen in employment and civil rights law.

She moved to her hometown of Salt Lake City and joined Strindberg & Scholnick, LLC, which specializes in battling workplace discrimination and harassment on behalf of minorities and women. Erika and her family moved to Boise in 2007 so that she could open up an extension office in Idaho as a managing partner for Strindberg & Scholnick, LLC. Since then, she has distinguished herself both on the job and in her contagious enthusiasm for justice.

Erika earned the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award in 2013 and the Service Award in 2014. She was especially recognized for her efforts in creating the Street Law Clinic through the auspices of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association. These law clinics, which

began around 2013, have created an important new avenue for hundreds of low-income individuals to receive legal services. The clinics also fit the time availability of many busy lawyers who can offer a few hours to help people resolve their legal issues.

Her devotion to providing representation for those without a voice includes providing more than 100 hours of pro bono work litigating federal claims of a transgendered prison inmate. She has been the driving force behind numerous civil rights decisions and jury verdicts. One of those matters involved establishing due process for the first female Idaho Transportation Department director fired for political reasons (*Lowe v. Idaho Transportation Department*).

Erika is currently licensed in Idaho, Utah and Colorado. She is the past Chair of the Employment & Labor Section of the Idaho State Bar. She is also a member of the National Employment Lawyers' Association, Idaho Trial Lawyers' Association, Idaho Women Lawyers, Inc. and the Federal Bar Association.

Erika is a member of both the Litigation Section of the Idaho State Bar; Inn of Court No. 30 and the Idaho Supreme Court's Advancing Justice Committee.

She graduated from the University of Colorado College of Law in Boulder and from Westminster College, with undergraduate degrees in Science and Economics. She enjoys biking, boating and relaxing in Boise with her husband, Grady, her two children, Annabel and Harrison, and their dog Jelly.

Family Law Section Award of Distinction



Hon. Russell A. Comstock

*Ada County Magistrate
Court
(Boise)*

There are times when an individual or small group tackles a complex series of outdated or irrelevant rules and procedures and updates them with many practical benefits for the public. Such was the case with the Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure. **Hon. Russell Comstock** spearheaded the project in the Fourth District, working with other judges

and family law attorneys all over the state. A painstaking process, the committees went through multiple levels of review. The Rules were finally adopted by the Idaho Supreme Court for the rest of the state.

Judge Comstock serves on the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Policy Council and on the Fourth District Bar's Pro Bono Committee where he tirelessly promotes the ethical obligation behind Rule 6.1. He also won a Service Award in 2014, especially for his generous donation of time leading CLEs and improving the effectiveness of family law in Idaho.

Retiring Judges



Hon. Cheri C. Copsy
Fourth Judicial District



Hon. David L. Evans
Sixth Judicial District



Hon. Michael J. Griffin
Second Judicial District



Hon. Karen L. Lansing
Idaho Court of Appeals



Hon. Patrick R. McFadden
First Judicial District



Hon. Thomas F. Neville
Fourth Judicial District



Hon. Charles L. Roos
Seventh Judicial District



Hon. Benjamin R. Simpson
First Judicial District

Professionalism Awards



Joel P. Hazel
Witherspoon Kelley
(Coeur d'Alene)

FIRST DISTRICT

Joel Hazel served on the Idaho State Bar Character and Fitness Committee from 2002-08, and then later the Professional Conduct Board from 2008-14. He also earned the Service Award in 2010. He currently serves as an ISB appointed Judicial Council Member.

Ideals

"It has always been modeled to me that you should extend professional courtesies so long as it does not prejudice your client. You will eventually need an extension or stipulation from opposing counsel. I endeavor to return phone calls, emails and respond to letters in a timely manner. There is no substitute for preparation and staying organized."

Inspirations

"My grandfather, Harry Hazel, was a lawyer and court commissioner in Yakima, Washington, for many years and was a true gentleman and

role model. I have been fortunate to have excellent mentors and role models in civility at both the Kootenai County Prosecutor's office and at Witherspoon Kelley."

Lessons and tips

"Don't accept every invitation to be contentious. Chest-thumping letters about whether to set a deposition on Tuesday or Wednesday or accusing opposing counsel of improper motives are almost never productive to the process or your client."



Anthony C. Anegon
Aherin, Rice & Anegon
(Lewiston)

SECOND DISTRICT

Tony Anegon's primary practice areas are worker's compensation, personal injury and criminal law.

Ideals

"I believe treating clients with respect and honesty is most important as it makes it easier to be an effective advocate for them. This attribute obviously applies to colleagues, judges, court staff and others involved in this profession, but it starts with your clients.

Every other good professional attribute one should have (including commitment, civility and fairness) flows from this."

Inspirations

"There was no particular one thing that was influential. Starting the practice of law in the Second Judicial District was certainly a major benefit to me early on as the local bench and bar were, and are, a welcoming, respectful and conscientious group making the practice much more enjoyable. I am not saying it isn't the same in other districts, but it has been a pleasure working here."

Lessons and tips

"Be committed to your clients. If you cannot be committed to clients in your representation of them, you will have problems. Be nice. You do not have to be a jerk to be an aggressive lawyer. You can be nice to all involved in our profession and still be a very effective advocate. Keep business and personal separate. This is sometimes hard to do, but taking things personally or making even implied personal attacks on colleagues is a bad way to be an advocate. Do not write and send letters or emails while angry. Reflect on what you have written before sending so you do not send something you will later regret."



William H. Wellman
Wellman Law Offices
(Nampa)

THIRD DISTRICT

Bill Wellman practices criminal defense, tort and family law in the solo practice he has built since 1980. He received the ISB Pro Bono Award in 1987 and he served as an ISB Commissioner including time as President.

Ideals

"History in the practice has taught me that competence, trustworthiness and dependability are critical to an attitude and reputation as a professional. I liken my practice to a first responder and in that sense, being able to correctly assess the matter at hand is imperative. I touch lots of files in my work as a defending attorney and child support attorney. I learned about being punctual from my dad. He had a regular routine each day. He was always up very early and on the job by 8 am. He also was a selfless person. He sacrificed much to raise his younger siblings in the depression and even late in life took

time for my grandmother almost every Sunday. By examples he set, I seem to get to court on time and expect that I will be prepared. Nothing less would be acceptable in our household.”

Inspirations

“I was the youngest in the family and my two brothers were natural role models. With very different personalities, they are now retired physicians. Jim was the one who taught me that adversity was only a minor bump in the road to success. He went through about 10 major surgeries before he was 15 in order to arrest a rare disease, scleroderma. Despite all of the long hospital stays he managed to be a stellar athlete and a college scholar at Marshall University and West Virginia University Medical School. He never gave up on his goal set at a very early age to be a doctor.”

Dave, on the other hand, is a brilliant thinker and communicator. He has opened my mind to consider changing my attitude towards doing things the way they have always been done.”

Lessons and tips

“Do not make promises about cases that you cannot deliver. Call clients back. It is a lot better to tell someone the work is not done rather than to leave them wondering what is going on.

Court clerks are your best friends, especially in small counties. As many lawyers have said before my time, ‘It takes years to build a good reputation and about five minutes or less to destroy one.’ Think carefully about the long term consequences of your conduct every day.”



James J. Davis

*James J. Davis Law Firm
(Boise)*

FOURTH DISTRICT

Jim Davis practices in areas of law associated with defense of local Idaho governments and their elected officials and employees in civil rights, employment, and tort litigation.

Ideals

“Integrity, compassion and humility. Integrity is pivotal. Our reputations are built on it. For me, integrity embodies most of the other attributes generally regarded as professional, e.g., hard work, competence, diligence, and good judgment. Also critical to a meaningful practice is compassion for others. Treating others with respect has its own personal rewards, while also fostering a constructive

environment in which to practice. Likewise important is humility. Understanding that each of us has worth provides balance in what can otherwise be a very self-serving, competitive profession.”

Inspirations

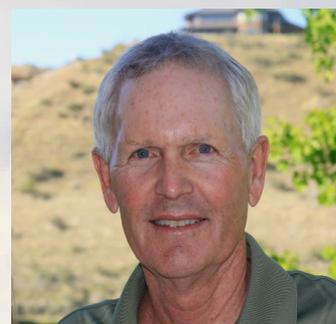
“The foundation for what inspired me to practice the way I do is the values my parents provided. They were innately good and decent people who instilled personal integrity, respect for others and social consciousness in their children.”

“In high school, I started running errands for the Boise law firm, then known as Eberle, Berlin, Kading, Turnbow & Gillespie, Chtd., where I eventually practiced law for over a decade. The many excellent lawyers in that firm were, and many remain, my role models and mentors. From them I learned how law should be practiced. In particular, I am grateful to Jim Gillespie for stressing the importance of character. I have also been very fortunate to observe the character and practice habits of so many other lawyers and judges for whom I have the utmost respect. I have attempted to emulate each of them.”

Lessons and tips

“To newer attorneys, observe and mirror the character and attributes

of attorneys and judges you admire. To all of us, this is trite, simple, but true: We reap what we sow. Integrity promotes trust; compassion promotes empathy; and humility promotes respect. Finally, since the nature of the work we do can be stressful, it has to be balanced with humor and fun. Find balance!”



Hugh V. Mossman

*Mossman Law Office, LLP
(Boise)*

FOURTH DISTRICT

Hugh Mossman practices in the worker’s compensation and Social Security disability areas. He served on the Professional Conduct Board from 1991-97.

Ideals

“Most important are integrity, honesty, common sense, and the ability to organize.”

Inspirations

“My father, also an attorney, was a wonderful inspiration both professionally and personally.”

Lessons and tips

“Try to maintain a proper balance with your profession, family and personal life.”

Professionalism Awards



Michael F. McCarthy
Idaho Legal Aid Services
(Twin Falls)

FIFTH DISTRICT

Michael McCarthy's practice focuses on advocating for low income persons, primarily in the areas of housing, social security disability, Medicaid, elder law and guardianship. He was recognized with the Idaho State Bar Service Award in 2009.

Ideals

"I try to focus on the interest of the client and judge every action I take in terms of whether it advances that cause. Being civil tends to advance that cause more than being a jerk."

Inspirations

"Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird*. And a fear of living in my car."

Lessons and tips

"Remember what got you into the practice of law in the first place and if it's no longer enjoyable go for a long bike ride."



Reed W. Larsen
Cooper & Larsen
(Pocatello)

SIXTH DISTRICT

Reed Larsen practices general litigation, defense, injury and liability law. He was recognized in 2009 with an ISB Service Award, he served on the Access to Justice Idaho Committee and the Judicial Fairness Committee. He has also served a three-year term as an ISB Commissioner for the Idaho State Bar, including time as President.

Ideals

"I believe patience, perseverance and preparation are all important. I have done more with hard work than talent or intelligence. I enjoy helping people as a lawyer and feel we should always remember we are there to help people in difficult times."

Inspirations

"The people I have worked with as a lawyer have inspired me to practice the way I do. My partner Gary Cooper is always a great example of how a lawyer should practice law. I received

great training as a young lawyer from Bill Olson and others. I remember times when lawyers like Ken Lyon, Buck Hiller, and Ted Pike gave me help and advice that has lasted throughout my career. I will always be grateful for their advice and counsel."

Lessons and tips

"I hope that other attorneys view me as being accessible and a resource for mentoring. I also hope that other attorneys view me in a way that is approachable and helpful. In the end I enjoy being a lawyer and a service to my profession and community."



Royce B. Lee
Royce B. Lee Law Office
(Idaho Falls)

SEVENTH DISTRICT

A solo practitioner whose practice areas are as diverse as family law, real estate, business, estate planning and personal injury cases, **Royce Lee** earned the Pro Bono Award in 2000.

Ideals

"To properly understand and serve clients, we need to actively listen, not only to their words, but to the emotions be-

hind the words, and then to the ultimate message about the client's needs. Imagine yourself in the client's chair, with the client's problems and circumstances, and then focus on how to help that unique client. Always show respect to the opposing attorney and judge. It is the facts and the law of the case that will be the enemy or the friend for your client. Honesty with others is not just the best policy; it is the only policy for a professional."

Inspirations

"Since the first day of law school I have been impressed with the ability and opportunity the law has to protect individuals and improve our world. I try to do that one client at a time. My inspiration has come from watching other professional attorneys pour their heart and soul into serving clients, serving the legal system, and serving as leaders and volunteers in their communities."

Lessons and tips

"I have learned to keep learning about law and about life every day. Have a positive attitude about law practice and decide to enjoy each day that you have the opportunity to be a lawyer. Remember to reach out to the new generation of lawyers to give them the inspiration they will need. Focus on serving your clients' needs, not whether the client can, or is, paying your bill. Good service will always provide a proper income in the long run, better than good bill collecting."

The Advocate Awards

Best Issue Sponsor

The March/April 2015 issue sponsored by the **Real Property Section** earned the highest praise for any sponsor in the last year, with Editorial Advisory Board members noting that the topics were of interest to all members of the bar and explored dynamic issues such as oil and gas leases, easement law, real property in a living trust, claims against a title insurer, and privacy issues with drones and trespass law. Special notice was given to Andrew Hawes' fictional "Uncle Sal" who "is famous for two things: (1) his ham hock sandwiches; and (2) Calling you for free legal advice." The Section brought forward major contemporary issues facing Idaho lawyers, making the issue jam-packed with interesting, relevant and timely articles.

Best Article

Stephen Adams takes this year's prize for best article printed in *The Advocate* for his piece; *Following the Recipe: A Rules Reminder for Motion Practice*, which ran in the February 2015 issue. The Editorial Advisory Board stated that the article deserves the award because of the article's clarity, usefulness to practitioners and overall benefit to the practice of law. The article takes the reader logically through the sequence of procedures for filing motions in civil cases. Stephen created a graphic summarizing the relevant deadlines, fees and rules for different types of filings, making the article applicable to attorneys in a wide range of practice areas.

Best Cover Photo

Patrick George stunned readers with his dramatic silhouette of an antelope surrounded by deep red hues. It ran in the June/July 2015 issue. The picture was taken from about 90 yards away from the animal near Pinedale, Wyoming.

The Advocate Editorial Advisory Board liked that the picture was a bit of an optical illusion because it could appear the male antelope is facing both away from or directly toward the photographer. Pat previously earned recognition in 2005 with the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award. He and his wife, Stacey, live in Pocatello, where he works at Racine, Olson, Nye, Budge & Bailey, Chtd.



Patrick George
"Antelope"
(June/July 2015)

The Advocate staff would like to thank all of the magazine's contributors for their generous contributions adding to the intellectual landscape for Idaho's legal community.



David K. Robinson, Jr.
David K. Robinson, Jr.
Attorney At Law
(Coeur d'Alene)
FIRST DISTRICT

This 2015 pro bono award is given for **David Robinson's** work in a guardianship case that began in February 2010. Mr. Robinson represented a mother in a highly contentious and convoluted matter involving her minor child and another relative who was seeking guardianship. The case involved mountains of pleadings, numerous hearings, repeated efforts at mediation and a great number of witnesses and counselors, teachers, medical caregivers and special needs providers. Thanks to the amazing dedication of this volunteer, his client's objectives were ultimately achieved and mother and child are doing well. Mr. Robinson donated hundreds of hours of his time — conservatively valued at over \$50,000 — to provide access to the judicial process for this mother. A pro bono award may seem to be very small thanks for such an extraordinary effort, but the Bar and its members must recognize the necessity of a volunteer in these kinds of matters and thank Mr. Robinson as best we can.



Howard A. Funke
Howard Funke &
Associates, PC
(Coeur d'Alene)
FIRST DISTRICT

The primary reason for this nomination is the culture of pro bono that **Howard Funke** fosters within his firm. This is evidenced by the encouraging of associates to participate in Bar activities and in choosing pro-bono cases to appear in local courts on behalf of Idahoans who are financially disadvantaged.

Attorney Kinzo Mihara shared this remark, "I remember being assigned to interpret an out-of-state will when the elderly testatrix, who now resides in Idaho, had questions regarding the enforceability and recognition of her will. I know that the elderly lady was expecting to pay for the services rendered, but I also know that Howard knew her to be of limited means. After meeting with the client and answering her questions, I asked Mr. Funke on how I should bill the time spent on the matter – his answer: "pro bono."

Honestly, I cannot remember a single time when Mr. Funke has turned down a request from me or one of this firm's other attorneys when approached with a request to do pro-bono work. I do not know of many firms, small firms especially, where such dedication to pro-bono is fostered and encouraged."



Deborah L. McCormick
McCormick Law Office
(Moscow)
SECOND DISTRICT

Family law cases often involve difficult emotional issues that take considerable time to resolve. **Deborah McCormick** had already represented a mother for a couple of years in an ongoing pro bono custody case when, in May 2013, she agreed to take on representation of the same client who was then seeking termination of the father's parental rights. Ultimately the termination case was dismissed and the focus reverted back to the custody proceedings. However, having a court-appointed attorney for the incarcerated father in the termination case helped him understand what were and were not reasonable expectations on his part. That work, in turn, helped Ms. McCormick's client feel comfortable with dismissing the termination case. Ms. McCormick reported 33 hours donated to this particular phase of the custody dispute but, significantly, also observed that "things have gone smoothly since."



Reese E. Verner
(Nampa)
THIRD DISTRICT

The Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program (IVLP) nominates **Reese Verner** for a “Lifetime Achievement Award” for his pro bono service. Mr. Verner claims that he retired this year. We cannot confirm that, but we do know that Mr. Verner served as pro bono counsel on 23 IVLP pro bono cases between 1995 and 2014. Most of these cases were guardianships and all were for low-income individuals in the Third Judicial District. Mary Hobson, who has recruited attorneys for pro bono cases for the past nine years commented, “Mr. Verner was always so gracious and always said ‘yes’ when we asked him to serve as pro bono counsel. He helped many families through the years and he will be sorely missed.”



Barbra Ferre
*Canyon County
Public Defender
(Nampa)*
THIRD DISTRICT

Barbra Ferre was a relatively new member of the Idaho Bar when she took on the representation of a rural Canyon County mother who was seeking modification of a custody order. The couple had two pre-teen children who were in the mother’s primary care but who spent most weekends with their father. Unfortunately, the abusive and irrational behavior that caused the initial breakup between the parents continued. One evening, while the children were visiting their father, Ms. Ferre’s client received a call from the police asking her to pick up the children because their father was being arrested and his new wife — who was the victim of the father’s latest abuse — did not want the children. A short time later the father was arrested on other charges when he attacked Ms. Ferre’s client’s new husband when he attempted to pick up the children. Ms. Ferre spent 60 hours on this pro bono project while managing to negotiate a settlement that achieved her client’s objectives in the modification case and added stability to the lives of these young children.

IVLP also wishes to recognize Kerry Michaelson who agreed to act as Ms. Ferre’s mentor on this matter.



Scott L. Rose
(Boise)
FOURTH DISTRICT

In May of 2014, **Scott Rose** took on three separate cases - custody, child support, and guardianship - for one pro bono client who was incarcerated in the South Boise Women’s Correctional Center. Mr. Rose donated more than 230 hours to these matters for a client whom few volunteers would consider, due to her criminal law and mental health issues. Since her legal problems concerning her children were civil in nature, without Mr. Rose she would have no ability to present her case in the administrative proceeding and in court matters. Mr. Rose was able to resolve her child support matter and her custody case. He remains attorney of record on the guardianship. Mr. Rose’s willingness to help this client and many others through some of the most difficult matters imaginable makes him more than deserving of the award, although he would be far too modest to admit it.



Theodore Steven "Ted" Tollefson
*Office of the
Attorney General
(Boise)*

FOURTH DISTRICT

In December 2013, **Ted Tollefson** agreed to assist a mother with a custody modification case concerning her daughter. The parents had been in a high-conflict custody battle over their now 12-year-old child since separating in 2003. Her own experience with the father had been both emotionally and sexually abusive. Although her daughter was now complaining of similar issues with the father, the mother was not able to obtain help for her and was gradually being isolated from the daughter and pushed out of decisions concerning her mental health care. When the mother finally obtained a protection order for the child, the father responded with yet another modification petition—this time for sole legal and physical custody. He was being represented by able and tenacious counsel. It was at this point that Mr. Tollefson stepped in. He expended over 150 hours in defending the protection order for the child on appeal, appearing in court numerous times and prepared the case for trial, including dealing with expert witnesses, home studies and various motions. Ultimately Mr. Tollefson managed to negotiate a settlement agreement that resolved the issues to the mother's satisfaction, all in a manner that protected the best interests of the child. The client described her reaction as "ecstatic."



Kersti H. Kennedy
*Stoel Rives, LLP
(Boise)*

FOURTH DISTRICT

Kersti Kennedy agreed to represent a mother in a custody case involving her two pre-teen children. The family history was a difficult one. The mother was the primary breadwinner, but the father was a poor stay-at-home dad. He often neglected to change diapers and failed to feed the children regularly. When the mother's 14-year-old niece came to live with them, the mother was relieved that someone she could trust would be looking out for the children while she worked. Unfortunately, she misjudged the situation. At first she only noticed behavior she considered "odd," but when she found the father and niece had been exchanging sexually explicit materials through texting, she contacted police. Eventually the father was convicted of lewd conduct with a person under age 16 and was sent to prison. His prison experience did not go well. He repeatedly committed acts that prevented his parole and in January 2014 was given another tentative parole date. It was at that point the mother decided she had to have a custody order that would protect her children, particularly the younger daughter. Ms. Kennedy agreed to help her. The father responded seeking a 50/50 arrangement that the mother found totally unacceptable. Through Ms. Kennedy's efforts, which included the donation of 45 hours of service in litigation and negotiations, the mother was able to obtain a custody order that achieved her objectives for protection of the children. Ms. Kennedy also agreed to continue to stay involved to help with any issues in enforcing the custody order. Ms. Kennedy reported to IVLP that "[mother] was a great pick for a client for me. I think she's on her way to really improving her life."



Joe R. Larson
(Boise)

FOURTH DISTRICT

Joe Larson was new to the Idaho Bar, but not to the practice of law. In September 2013, he agreed to assist a Boise man with an eviction that followed a bank foreclosure. The client was the homeowner but had not been able to stop the foreclosure and was now faced with having to move out of his home. Mr. Larson describes the client as “difficult” in that he had both physical and mental health issues and was “a very poor historian” (meaning he could not remember what had happened in the communications with the bank and that he had difficulty communicating with the bank and with Mr. Larson). From a legal perspective there would be no solution that offered the client the opportunity to stay in the home. What the client needed was time to figure out where he could go and obtain cash to be able to move. Mr. Larson was able to negotiate with the bank’s counsel to achieve those goals. More importantly, he was able to help the client work through the anger and frustration he had developed in the years that led up to this crisis. But it was still not an easy case. The bank’s counsel had agreed to pay a sum in cash to the client, but then retained half of the sum until the home was inspected and deemed to be in good shape. Mr. Larson received word that the house had not passed inspection. He was forced to round up the client and take him to the home to determine what was to be done. Then he tracked down helpers for the client to get the home in shape — he says he drew the line at actually doing the cleaning. The client ultimately received all the promised cash. At times the client was angry with Mr. Larson that he had not saved his home but after the matter was concluded, he realized he had been relieved of a burden that had been holding him back and he was most appreciative of Mr. Larson’s service.

IVLP would also like to acknowledge Sunrise Ayers of Idaho Legal Aid Services who acted as Mr. Larson’s mentor since post-foreclosure evictions were not part of his prior experience.



Kirstin K. Dutcher
Lawson Laski Clark & Puge,
PLLC
(Ketchum)

FIFTH DISTRICT

Kirstin Dutcher volunteered to represent a low-income mother from Hailey in a custody and paternity action. Her client was the defendant who was impregnated by a neighbor—a married man with several sets of children born out of wedlock. Ms. Dutcher found the background of the relationship very disturbing, to the point that she concluded that the neighbor was physically and verbally assaulting the client at the time she became pregnant. He was upset that the mother had put his name on the birth certificate and was asking for support, so he retaliated by filing a custody action seeking a 50/50 shared custody arrangement under which the child would spend six months with the father and six with the mother. The baby was only three weeks old at the time this action was filed. Ms. Dutcher reported to IVLP:

“[A]s a mother, I was shocked that he would request separating child from his mother during this very important time of attachment. The father was calling the police to take the baby away from her. The father and mother lived in government subsidized housing and his harassment made her feel very insecure and unsafe. I took the case knowing that the plaintiff was a litigious individual representing himself in many civil cases and taking a criminal case of statutory rape to trial.”

It was a hotly contested matter that involved questions of support, custody, and child safety and well-being. The child’s father was zealously

(cont.) represented by retained legal counsel who argued that a father can raise an infant and that there would be no emotional damage to the infant if it was taken away from his mother for long periods of time. The parties had a child evaluation conducted and several motions were heard in front of the court. Ultimately, Ms. Dutcher was able to negotiate a settlement agreement that accorded her client primary physical and residential custody and allowed supervised visits for the father following a graduated schedule. The planned schedule provided for the father's time with the child to increase in stages, assuming that he complied with the requirements of each successive stage of the plan. This arrangement served the best interest of the child without hindering his ability to attach to the primary parent. Ms. Dutcher also succeeded in negotiating a satisfactory child support arrangement on behalf of the mother. This kind of matter can be difficult and time-consuming, but is terribly important to the clients. Those who cannot afford to pay legal counsel often suffer, especially where the other parent is represented. Ms. Dutcher reported donating 84 hours on this case.



Kenneth E. Lyon
(Pocatello, ID)
SIXTH DISTRICT

In November 2014, **Kenneth Lyon** closed a bankruptcy case for a Pocatello man who had filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. He spent 12.75 hours on this project. Mr. Lyon also closed a bankruptcy for another Pocatello man in October 2014; he donated 10 hours on that case. A bit earlier in October 2014, he closed a bankruptcy file for a woman who lived in Pocatello. The client had decided not to pursue her case, so Mr. Lyon reported only 4 hours in connection with that matter. Handling three pro bono matters in a single year would easily qualify Mr. Lyon for a pro bono award. Although debtors often attempt to file without representation, many debtors (and not a few attorneys) find the federal bankruptcy court's terminology, procedures and rules overwhelming. Having an experienced attorney like Mr. Lyon determines whether a person will achieve the benefits of a bankruptcy discharge in many cases. Mr. Lyon deserves a pro bono award for his work in 2014, however, if we step back a bigger picture emerges. Since 1993, Mr. Lyon has worked with IVLP on 51 pro bono cases. He has one open now and his extraordinary generosity has made a huge difference in the lives of many people in his community.



Shane T. Reichert
Kumm & Reichert, PLLC
(Pocatello)
SIXTH DISTRICT

Shane Reichert graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2006 and joined Kelly Kumm as a partner in 2013. At that time the firm became known as Kumm & Reichert, PLLC. Mr. Reichert focuses his practice on criminal defense, family law and personal injury; though he is extremely busy, he is always prepared and willing to fight hard for the children as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. Mr. Reichert has taken more than one case at a time and volunteers ask to have Mr. Reichert represent them, as he has the reputation of being a wonderful pro bono attorney.



Stratton P. Laggis
Kumm & Reichert, PLLC
(Pocatello)

SIXTH DISTRICT

Stratton Laggis recently became an Idaho licensed attorney and is an associate attorney at Kumm & Reichert, PLLC, which houses the only actively practicing three-generation attorney family in Idaho. Upon graduation from the University of Idaho College of Law in December of 2013, Mr. Laggis jumped right into his commitment to volunteer. Individuals who he has represented through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program have commented that he is very hands on and offers his expertise on how the volunteer approaches their investigation and writes their reports. Mr. Laggis took two cases right away and the volunteers really enjoy working with him.



Bryce C. Lloyd
Blaser, Olesen & Lloyd,
Chartered
(Blackfoot)

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Bryce Lloyd agreed to represent a father who had been his daughter's primary caregiver since the girl was removed from her mother's home by Child Protection Services five years previously. He had also been granted full custody by the court. However, the mother had recently filed for modification and Mr. Lloyd's client felt he was simply not able to effectively litigate the case without help. He was probably right. The case was a difficult and complex one that involved allegations of sexual abuse of the minor child and criminal charges against the mother, who had retained her own attorney. Mr. Lloyd generously donated considerable time as well as travel to see the matter through a contested proceeding that resulted in a court order in favor of his client, enabling him to retain custody and protect the child.



Charles E. Cather III
Moffatt Thomas
(Idaho Falls)

Guardianships for minor children can often be straight-forward matters where everyone agrees a guardian is needed and that the right person has agreed to take on the responsibility. The case that **Charles Cather** and **Benjamin Ritchie** undertook was no such matter. Their case involved a 14-year-old boy whose mother had passed away seven months prior. The boy's adult half-brother had moved back to Idaho to care for him and get him into counseling to cope with the loss of his mother. The boy had little relationship with his father (seeing him rarely prior to his mother's death), yet suddenly the father reappeared and pulled the child out of counseling, taking him on a "road trip" for roughly a month. When they returned to Idaho, the boy was able to escape and reunite with his half-brother. The father called the police, who were not convinced the boy should return to his father. Police urged the half-brother to file for guardianship, and he was able to do so with the help of Cather and Ritchie. The boy's father arduously opposed the guardianship, which involved two contested hearings and numerous witnesses. Eventually these generous volunteers prevailed and the brothers were united in a permanent guardianship under which the boy felt comfortable and secure.



Benjamin C. Ritchie
Moffatt Thomas
(Idaho Falls)

SEVENTH DISTRICT

50-Year Attorneys

(Admitted in 1965)

William F. Boyd

(Coeur d'Alene)

Having graduated from Oregon State University in 1962 with a degree in Forest Management, **Bill Boyd** attended the University of Idaho College of Law. He became interested in law as a profession through dropping into court proceedings after high school classes. Mr. Boyd has been most satisfied by his practice stating, "I am pleased that over the years individuals and entities that were confronted with legal issues respected and trusted me enough to seek my advice and help." He and his wife Joan enjoy spending time with family including two daughters, their husbands and four granddaughters. Mr. Boyd enjoys duck and goose hunting, backpacking, hiking, trap shooting, fly fishing and foreign travel.

Hon. John H. Bradbury

(Lewiston)

Judge Bradbury received his undergraduate degree from the University of Idaho and his law degree from the University of Michigan. After law school he served with the Eighth Army in Korea. He spent 44 years as an attorney including practice in Alaska and Seattle and as special assistant attorney general for the State of Washington. Judge Bradbury served two terms as a district judge in Idaho, Lewis and Clearwater counties. He is the author of the book *Frontier History Along Idaho's Clearwater River* and has written articles for *The Advocate*.

J. Riley Burton

(Twin Falls)

Riley Burton graduated from Willamette University College of Law and went on to practice general law. He became an attorney after his father, who was a doctor, encouraged him to attend graduate school. After a successful career and retiring in 2000 he recommends young attorneys "work hard, play hard and have fun." He and his wife Annie-Laurie have one son and two grandchildren and enjoy playing bridge.

William D. Collins

(Boise)

A native of Idaho Falls, **Bill Collins** graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and works with Westberg, McCabe & Collins, Chtd. He served as Assistant Attorney General, Department of Water Resources from 1965 to 1970 and Boise County Prosecuting Attorney from 1970 to 1975. He is a member of the Real Property and Taxation, Probate & Trust Sections with the Bar. He cautions young lawyers to not give up their family life but find balance. He enjoys backpacking in Idaho and gardening. He and his wife Judy have two children and three grandchildren. Their son Christian practices criminal defense law in Boise.

Anthony P. De Giulio

(Pingree)

Tony De Giulio wanted to be an attorney since childhood and cites his mother and father as his greatest influences having taught him values of honesty, loyalty, integrity, hard work, self-sufficiency and thrift. He received a B.A.

in Government from Idaho State University and graduated from Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon and practiced many areas of law including Military law while in the U.S. Army JAG Corps from 1963-1993. Mr. De Giulio and his wife Nadine have four children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He enjoys gardening and puttering with old Volkswagen bugs.

Donald J. Eaton

(Boise)

Don Eaton received his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law He is also licensed in California. Mr. Eaton started his career as an attorney for Albertsons and went on to become the CEO for Payless Drug Stores. He and his wife Irene live in Boise where they have seven children and ten grandchildren. Mr. Eaton enjoys starting new ventures, fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities.

Michael H. Felton, Sr.

(Buhl)

After obtaining an undergraduate degree in accounting, **Mike Felton** attended law school at the University of Idaho. With his father being a District Judge in Moscow, he went into law because he "felt it was a respectable calling and a place where I could make a good living and provide for my family." He credits his wife Judy for being a great influence with her working to "hone my rough edges to a smoother surface" and his teacher Kirk Rush who guided him in public speaking and facilitating and leading meetings. Mr. Felton greatest personal achievement has been raising three chil-

dren, Mike, Heather, and Donna (and five grandchildren), with his wife Judy. Their son Mike Jr. has followed in his father's footsteps by becoming an attorney. Mr. Felton suggests that young attorneys don't buy in to the 9-4:30 work hour idea but spend much more time than that. Now he is enjoying investing and traveling.

John O. Fitzgerald (*McCall*)

A graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law, **John Fitzgerald** practiced general law with Ambrose Fitzgerald & Crookston. He wanted to go into law since he was very young. He cites Grant Ambrose and Raymond Givens as the gentlemen who "took the time and effort to teach me how the practice of law was actually done" as well as Emil Keck (logger and Fire Warden) who taught him the value of hard work, "Bus" Johnson (McCall businessman) who taught him common sense and street smarts and Patrick O. Day (Albertsons executive) who taught him about the business world and its functions. Mr. Fitzgerald's greatest joy and pride in life is his family. He and his wife June have two children and seven grandchildren which includes a set of triplets. Mr. Fitzgerald is very proud that collectively the four members of his immediate family have earned eight college degrees. His son John is an attorney in Twin Falls. He and June enjoy living on the lake in McCall.

Thomas C. Frost (*Boise*)

At the urging of a neighborhood lawyer growing up, **Tom Frost**

received his undergraduate degree in business administration in Kansas. He completed his law degree at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas. He was admitted into the Idaho State Bar in September 1965 after also passing the Kansas Bar. Mr. Frost practiced as Chief Deputy Attorney General, Assistant U.S. Attorney and legal counsel to the Idaho Supreme Court. Mr. Frost's advice to young lawyers is to "develop and maintain integrity." He has four sons, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren and enjoys attending the sporting events of his grandkids.

James R. Gillespie (*Boise*)

Jim Gillespie received his J.D. from the University of Utah. Mr. Gillespie is most grateful to his mentors who taught him work ethic and integrity as he always wanted to be a lawyer. He is most pleased by his accomplishment of raising his children with his wife Judy and is very proud of the success of his children. Mr. Gillespie suggests young attorneys "return all communications" and know the case flow. He and Judy have two children and two grandchildren and enjoy ranching.

C. Timothy Hopkins (*Idaho Falls*)

Tim Hopkins is the senior partner and founder of Hopkins, Roden. He served as a Bar Commissioner from 1988-91, as Bar President in 1990-91 and has been an active member of the ABA as well as on the board of directors of the Law Foundation from 1983-88. He received the Distinguished

Lawyer Award in 2003. A native of Idaho Falls, Mr. Hopkins graduated from Stanford University and went on to receive his law degree from George Washington University Law School. He and his wife Anne have three children. Mr. Hopkins is a former president of the United Way of Idaho Falls and enjoys the Idaho outdoors, hunting, fly fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing as well as being an avid horseman.

William L. Hossner (*St. Anthony*)

Lynn Hossner "always wanted to be a lawyer" and now practices criminal, personal injury, estate, domestic relations and real estate law. His greatest influences in life were his mother, a school teacher and his father, a farmer. He has enjoyed his practice of law stating "I have been able to earn a living and have helped many people with their problems" and cites his career as being able to give him the freedom to pursue various enterprises. He suggests young lawyers "be honest with your client and other attorneys." Mr. Hossner enjoys work and taking care of his family which includes his son and daughter and seven grandchildren.

Iver J. Longeteig (*Boise*)

Jay Longeteig received his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law after dropping out of pre-med courses. He liked law better because as in pre-med, "the courses there only had one answer." He commends Jess and Jack Hawley for teaching him that law could be practiced

50-Year Attorneys

(Admitted in 1965)

as a gentleman. He believes being raised on a farm taught him the importance of doing what had to be done. His most pleasing professional accomplishment? Keeping Walter Cronkite on hold for a half an hour. Mr. Longeteig suggests new attorneys “keep a sense of humor and reject used-car cases.” He enjoys acting and cooking. He and his wife Chase have two children and 14 grandchildren.

John Magel

(Boise)

John Magel is a member of the Dispute Resolution Section, received the Professionalism Award in 1999 and is also licensed in California. He currently has a mediation practice in Boise and was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. Mr. Magel attended the University of California Berkeley School of Law after receiving a degree in accounting from the University of Idaho. He went into law following the footsteps of his grandfather who was a lawyer. He enjoys skiing, photography, hiking and biking. He and his wife Ann have three children and two grandchildren.

John L. Runft

(Boise)

John Runft's practice focuses on business, commercial, corporate and administrative law. He is a founding partner of Runft & Steele in Boise. He received his BA in 1962 from the College of Idaho and his J.D. in 1965 from the University of Chicago College of Law. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1958. He is currently a trustee of the

Aviation Hall of Fame, a founding member and past director of the Idaho Community Foundation and has been involved with many other philanthropic organizations. He enjoys fishing and family activities with his wife Enid. Together they have three children and five grandchildren, with another on the way.

Dennis J. Sallaz

(Boise)

Having graduated from Boise Junior College in 1960, **Dennis Sallaz** attended the University of Idaho College of Law. He has served as a law enforcement officer, a justice of the peace, a staff attorney, a public defender, chairman of Ada County Planning & Zoning and a founding partner of multiple law firms. He is an avid bird hunter and steelhead fisherman.

Hon. Gerald F. Schroeder

(Boise)

Justice Schroeder was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court in 1995 by Governor Phil Batt and retired in 2007. He earned a B.A. in history from the College of Idaho and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. From 1975 to 1995 he served as a district judge in the Fourth Judicial District. From 1969 to 1971 he served as a Probate Judge in Ada County. Justice Schroeder has also served as an assistant attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, a magistrate judge in the Fourth Judicial District, a private practice attorney and an adjunct faculty member at Boise State University. Luckily for Idaho,

Justice Schroeder became an attorney on a whim during his final semester of school, ditching his goal of being a history professor. In addition to his service to the Bar, he has served on the board of directors for the Boise Opera, Boise Philharmonic and the Boise Racquet and Swim Club. He recommends to young attorneys, “don't let your ego get in the way of serving the client.” He has two sons, Karl and Erich who are both teachers in Asia. Justice Schroeder enjoys playing tennis and listening to classical music.

Neil O. Walter

(Post Falls)

Judge Walter graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. When he was young he became friends with the court reporter in his town of Wallace and found her stories so interesting he decided to become a lawyer. Very happy with his career, he served as a magistrate judge from 1983 until 1996 saying he truly enjoyed working with people. After retirement he became a private lawyer working in mining law which he finds fascinating. Judge Walter suggests new attorneys “go into the profession because you want to accomplish something positive for people and the society you live in. If you have that attitude, you will find your career in the legal profession rewarding.” He and his late wife Kelly have two children and four grandchildren. In his adventurous spare time, Judge Walter loves traveling the world scuba diving.

60 and 65 Year Attorneys

60-Year Attorney

(Admitted in 1955)

Herbert Nagel

(Hayden)

After conquering a case of polio at the age of 15, Herbert Nagel went on to graduate from University of Idaho College of Law. He cites his mother as being responsible for teaching him a strong work ethic and the attorneys in his area of northern Idaho as being very influential to him. Mr. Nagel went into law practicing personal injury and real estate. He explains why as “it appeared to me to be an interesting way to help people in need. I was personally aware of many cases in which the attorney made a huge influence on the lives of many.” He and his wife Sandra Jill have four daughters together and live in Hayden, Idaho.

65-Year Attorney

(Admitted in 1950)

Ray W. Rigby

(Rexburg)

Ray Rigby married his sweetheart, Lola, while on leave from the Army Air Corps in 1944. Upon his return from service he attended the University of Idaho College of Law and then became the Madison County Prosecutor. He served in that role for 14 years. He had decided to go into law on the urging of a speech teacher who said he had a good speaking voice. He joined debate and that, coupled with his government classes, gave him the motivation to go to law school. He founded Rigby, Andrus & Rigby, Chtd. in 1950. Ray also served as an Idaho Senator from 1965-72. Mr. Rigby has served on many boards and committees in multiple capacities throughout his practice and has been honored with the ISB Professionalism Award in 1995 and Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2001. His many other awards are too numerous to mention, but he is especially proud of his work in the community and with Rotary. He enjoys practicing and says that he loves “traveling and the interesting interactions and amazing opportunities the great state of Idaho has provided.” He worries that the practice of law is changing so the attorney does not have as much time to spend with clients. He recommends that new lawyers see this as key, and counsels to “Go out and serve people’s needs. Solve their problems and do it in a way that will help.” Mr. Rigby and his late wife, Lola, have seven children thirty-four grandchildren and seventy-seven great grandchildren! Jerry Rigby, his son, is following in his father’s footsteps as an attorney. He serves on the Western States Water Council which his father served on for 15 years. He currently enjoys his time with family and working in his yard.

