



First District Lawyers Recognized by Idaho State Bar

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BOISE – North Idaho attorneys were honored by their colleagues at the Annual Meeting of the Idaho State Bar recently held in Boise. They were recognized for their contributions to the communities and the legal profession. For more information, contact the attorney directly, or Idaho State Bar Communications Director Dan Black at dblack@isb.idaho.gov or (208) 955-8866.

Melanie Baillie, Coeur d’Alene, of James Vernon & Weeks, was honored recently with the Idaho State Bar Service Award, which is given to those who give to their communities and the profession. In the community, Melanie and her husband participate in the Safe Passage (formerly North Idaho Violence Prevention Center) to adopt a family at Christmas and provide gifts to a family at the shelter. Her professional volunteer work includes serving as Idaho Trial Lawyers Association executive committee on recruitment, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Policy Council, a CASA volunteer, mock trial judge, and as a judge for University of Idaho mediation competition. She served on the Idaho Law Foundation’s CLE committee and in the Family Law Section, she has been chair, (2014-15), vice chair (2013-14), and secretary (2012-13). For the First District Bar Association, Melanie has served as President (2012-13), vice president (2011-12), and Secretary (2010-11).

Pamela Massey, Coeur d’Alene, of Callahan & Associates, Chtd., has been awarded the Idaho State Bar’s Pro Bono Award. She worked through complex legal matters to establish legal guardianship between a mother and her developmentally disabled adult daughter.

When asked what inspired her to do pro bono work, Ms. Massey replied, My background is in social work and prior to attending law school, I worked in nursing homes, home health agencies and an acute care hospital. Helping families access resources, whether it was with a short term transportation need or a long term housing and care situation, was a great pre-cursor to assisting families in crisis as they access the legal system.

Another North Idaho attorney, Michael T. Howard, has been elected by members of the First and Second District Bar to serve a three-year term on the ISB Board of Commissioners.

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