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DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AWARDS



Darrel W. Aherin
Lewiston

You might expect to find the founder of a long-established law firm stuck in the office, busy with research, lost in his thoughts. Darrel Aherin is just as likely found feeding horses or helping organize community events. Aherin grew up in the picturesque rolling hills of the Palouse in north central Idaho where he rode horses and knew all his neighbors. Throughout his career, he followed his heart and stayed close to home.

Aherin feels a connection to the land and its people that many attorneys might not understand.

"When I interact with attorneys from metropolitan areas, they want to know what it's like to practice here," Aherin said. "They ask, but they can't conceive that all the lawyers talk - we know each other. It's a great place to practice law."

Aherin has deep roots in the area. Grandparents on both sides of his family settled land in Idaho's north central region. His wife, Michelle, has similar ties. Together they raise Arabian horses and enjoy camping in the

Northwest, and travelling to conferences. They love visiting Hawaii and, of course, horseback riding. The couple has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Aherin enjoys living in two worlds - the laidback country life contrasted by a legal career with varying intellectual challenges.

When Aherin was a child, a local attorney, Paul Keeton, used to visit each year to ask permission to hunt on the family ranch. Over casual conversation, Keeton gave a good impression of the legal profession. While later attending the University of Idaho College of Law, Aherin worked an internship with Keeton, who was, at the time, a state legislator.

Aherin attended Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston on an athletic scholarship. After receiving his degree and teaching certificate, Aherin taught school for one year in Lewiston before attending law school in Moscow.

Aherin knows just about everyone in his hometown of Genesee. His connection to small town life makes perfect sense considering he attended school for two years in Genesee and 10 years in Culusac, both small towns near Lewiston. Naturally, Aherin's early life affects the way he practices law.

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to the community. An attorney must be careful with clients' privacy," Aherin said. "I learned you should never bring up past encounters with former clients. The very first thing to do is a conflict check, because everyone's lives are so interwoven in smaller communities."

As senior partner at Aherin, Rice and Anegon in Lewiston, Aherin handles personal injury, insurance claims, probate, wills, estates, property, and contracts.

"Historically, I did divorces, but those

were so hard," he said. "You have this love/hate relationship - and then there are the kids. I took the cases, but they are difficult because they are dealing with strong emotions. The [cases] I find the most satisfying are the personal injury cases," Aherin said. "The client is in a bad situation, injured, and it is very satisfying to see the company held responsible."

Aherin was inspired to develop his personal injury practice after learning of legendary attorney Harry Philo. "I got to know who he was and attended his seminars," Aherin said. This brought Aherin's focus to personal injury cases. Aherin tried a case with Philo in Lewiston in the late 1970s representing a man who lost his leg in industrial equipment.

Licensed to also practice in Washington and Oregon, Aherin has enjoyed developing connections with lawyers around the United States and even abroad - particularly in Australia as a representative from Idaho to the American Association for Justice.

One of his more memorable cases was one in which he represented a claimant in a property damage case brought against Lloyd's of London. Because of the case, the international insurance giant set up an office in the United States for handling claims. The case settled during the trial in Lewiston.

Aherin currently serves with civic groups such as the Lewiston Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner for Genesee. He also served a term as a bar representative to the Idaho Judicial Council from 1997 to 2003.

For an additional challenge, Aherin channels his enthusiasm for the courtroom into professional development. Aherin is a past president of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) and remains active, serving as one of the Idaho representatives to the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice since 1996. Aherin was awarded the James J. May Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2005 by the ITLA.

Jack S. Gjording of Boise thrives on competition. Having grown his legal practice with mostly medical malpractice defense cases, he enjoys researching and preparing, no matter how complicated the case.

"Most important," Gjording said, "and probably the most fun, is crafting a way to tell the clients' side of the story in a persuasive and effective manner."

With a buoyant disposition, Gjording enjoys being a trial lawyer. "I like that you learn a variety of topics," including medical concepts and intricate details about product safety.

A principal at the Boise office of Gjording Fouser, Jack Gjording reflected on his work with a strong sense of gratitude.

"I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had a long career that I enjoyed. I suppose that's a benefit of being an older trial lawyer, because from when I started I have enjoyed an incredibly collegial group of attorneys. We can compete with each other, but in an amicable and civil way."

Gjording grew up in Glens Ferry, a small town in south central Idaho, where his parents were business people. "I had no idea what a lawyer really did," Gjording said. When he went to the University of Idaho, he saw the College of Law recruiting from the general student population to serve as jurors for the Moot Court competition. He signed up and was fascinated by the debate.

Later, Gjording said one of his economic professors, Dr. Erwin Graue, suggested he should consider a career in law. Such a career, Gjording figured, would give him control over how he spent his time. After law school, he got his first job with the firm Clemons Skiles & Green, which later became Cosho, Humphrey, Greener and Welsh.

Among his early trial work, Gjording did prosecutions for the City of Boise. After three years he joined another firm and eventually evolved his practice to include product liability and medical malpractice.

"You come to a place where you

appreciate a sophisticated means to resolve disputes between people and companies," he said.

"I have always represented defendants. It just worked out that way."

Gjording's practice took a leap when he joined Elam, Burke, Jeppesen, Evans and Boyd in the 1970s – a firm now known as Elam & Burke. "Peter Boyd hired me to be an understudy. With him as a mentor, I learned a ton. He was the premier trial attorney in Idaho," Gjording said, adding that "even a loss is sometimes a win, if you can hold down the damages."

"Most cases that go to trial are decided by a jury. So the lawyer's job is one of persuasion and reaching the jurors. There are memorable cases. Some were hard, some disappointing. I enjoy just being in the process."



Jack S. Gjording
Boise

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One case stuck out – a case in Hailey. Gjording recounts:

"It was the dead of winter when we started. After 13 weeks, we finished in the spring. We prevailed but lost at the Idaho Supreme Court."

Gjording added that even when it takes excruciating effort, a trial can be still worth the effort.

After so many cases, Gjording said, "I have never tired of the process. It's an important part of our society, our civilization. Any system that resolves disputes in a peaceful way," he said, is virtuous.

"You do your best to win. But to this day it is my experience that at the conclusion of trial, the lawyers all shake hands. That's certainly the case in Idaho. People who know me will say I am a

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DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AWARDS



Karen E. Gowland
Boise

Karen Gowland spent her entire career as corporate counsel with Boise Cascade and its affiliates. During her 30-year tenure, corporate structures changed dramatically. Gowland helped to create these new structures as general counsel. The impressions she left during those years were of a competent, trustworthy and talented leader. Now retired, Gowland currently serves on Boise Cascade Company's Board of Directors.

Gowland grew up as an Air Force brat in a time when few extra curricular activities were offered. "Especially if you were a girl in the 1970s," she said. "There were few sports – not even soccer. But debate competition was intriguing."

At the University of Idaho, Gowland entertained the thought of law school while taking undergraduate classes for a degree in accounting. After earning her bachelor's degree, she passed the CPA exam but never entered the world of bookkeeping and spreadsheets. During her senior year of college, she applied to the University of Idaho College of Law.

Once in law school, Gowland worked a summer internship as a clerk in Boise Cascade's corporate counsel office. There were about 20 lawyers on staff at the time. "They introduced me to the company and the

different areas of law that were involved. Right away, I thought, 'this is where I want to be.'"

Part of the allure was the company's culture, which Gowland said emphasized personal and professional ethics. "They would hire people not for their skills, but for their values." The company also had a rotation program in which junior attorneys spent 12 to 18 months in a certain area of law. They would practice litigation, contracts, environmental law, employment law, and securities. After several rotations, every attorney would understand the complexities of the company's legal department. These rotations helped Gowland gain confidence that corporate counsel was the right place for her.

Gowland also enjoyed the variety her job provided.

"You have to be a liaison between management, the board and the legal department," she said. "You try to never tell your client 'no,' but try to see another way. To me, that's what's so fascinating. I enjoy the business aspect."

"My law practice has been fulfilling," she summarized, adding that she had several mentors, including John Holleran, a former general counsel at Boise Cascade. "He didn't just teach how to practice

law," said Karen, "but he taught me how to be a leader, which is much more challenging. He taught me how to run a department and manage people. I credit him with

grooming me to be general counsel. As corporate counsel, our job is to make sure everyone is pulling in the same direction. The key is communication. How do we help the client get to where they want to be?"

How did the male-dominated corporate environment accept a strong woman in a leadership role? "I never experienced discrimination at work,"

Gowland said. "In court, from a judge, yes. But [at Boise Cascade] it was nearly all men and they treated me with respect. It wasn't like I was the only girl on a wrestling team. Working at Boise Cascade was more like joining the Boy Scouts. I didn't have to change my behavior."

Gowland credits her husband of 37 years, Kimbal, for her success: "I really could not have done this without my husband and his amazing support. He's my partner. We raised two sons, one an actor in New York City and the other a salesman in Salt Lake City. They never gave us a lick of trouble."

Kimbal, also an attorney, did not leave Boise for work, which allowed Gowland to travel. "He was the home base," she said. The two retired in 2014. These days they enjoy travel, golf, bridge and spending time in McCall.

Shortly after her retirement, Gowland was asked to join the Boise Cascade Board of Directors. Due in part to her insight and background, she now serves as the chair of the Compensation Committee and is a member of the Governance Committee. She continues to do pro bono work from time to time.

Gowland serves as the chair of the University of Idaho Foundation Board, which manages a fund of more than \$300 million – the largest public foundation in

Idaho. As chair, she provides oversight for the Foundation's governance.

Gowland has served on the Idaho State Bar Professional Conduct Board for 21 years and

has been its chair for the past 15 years. She has earned several Idaho State Bar awards including the Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Award in 1991, the Service Award in 2003 and the Professionalism Award in 2008.

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DISTINGUISHED JURIST AWARD

Born in Grangeville, Judge John R. Stegner enjoys the camaraderie known throughout the Second Judicial District – but he typically limits his contact with attorneys to business hours. As a judge, Judge Stegner must be mindful not to let friends and colleagues appear before his court.

“It’s an isolating profession,” he said, adding that he tries to socialize with non-lawyers as to avoid the appearance of partiality.

Judge Stegner serves as a District Judge with chambers at the Latah County Courthouse in Moscow. He was appointed to the bench in November of 1996 by then-Governor Phil Batt.

While attending the University of Idaho College of Law, Judge Stegner was the managing editor of the Idaho Law Review. Following graduation, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Harold L. Ryan in Boise. After clerking, Judge Stegner joined the law firm Clements, Brown & McNichols in Lewiston, where he practiced until taking the bench.

Judge Stegner said he has been influenced by several great lawyers, starting in his second year of law school. He took an externship clerking for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Blaine Anderson. “I got to see the best lawyers in the state,” he said, also mentioning that he gained a deep respect for civility and candor from attorneys such as Mike McNichols, U.S. District Court Judge Hal Ryan, Judge Ron Schilling and others.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Judge Stegner has been a member of the statewide Drug Court and Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee since 2001. He helped create Latah County’s Drug Court in 2002 and Latah County’s Mental Health Court in 2012. He has continuously presided over both courts since their founding. He is also a member of the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, where he chairs the subcommittee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

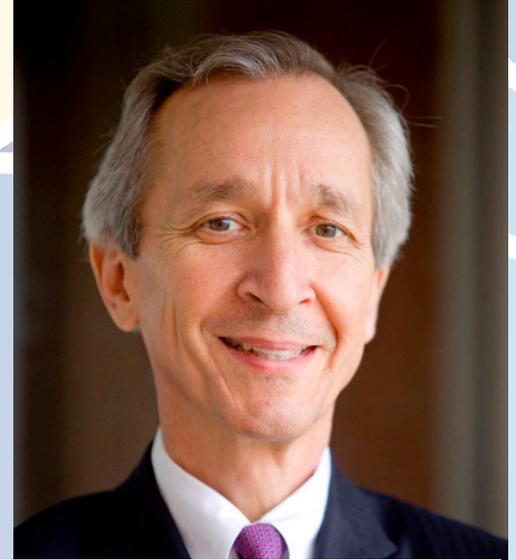
Judge Stegner is a past president of both the Idaho District Judges Association

and the Ray McNichols Inn of Court. In 2012, the Idaho Judiciary presented him with the George G. Granata Jr. Award in recognition of his performance as a District Judge.

Judge Stegner has yet another claim to fame. That is, as author of “Ten Things to Do in My Courtroom,” a 10-page summary that helps attorneys revisit the basic tenets of the profession. For instance, Judge Stegner urges lawyers to be prepared:

“The most impressive lawyers I see are those who are well-prepared. They understand the facts better than I ever will because they have lived with their case from its inception. They have anticipated legal issues that will arise and have dealt with them through motions in limine. They know every evidentiary hurdle they face and have authority ready at their fingertips to persuade me that the evidence will either be admitted or rejected based on their argument. It is a pleasure to preside in a case such as this.”

Judge Stegner and his wife, Laurie, who is an English teacher at Pullman High School (Wash.), have three daughters: Sarah, Elizabeth and Katherine. They welcomed a son-in-law, Mathew Purdy, to their family in 2016 and a grandson, George, in 2017.



Hon. John R. Stegner
Moscow

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SERVICE AWARDS



"I take a lot of pride in my profession. I have always felt a need, in some small way, to help improve it. The world is run by those who show up!"

T. Hethe Clark

Spink Butler, LLP · Boise

Highlights of his service

- Advocate Editorial Advisory Board
- Bar Exam grading
- Continuing Legal Education Presenter for the Idaho Law Foundation, Real Property Section and Fourth District Bar Association
- Real Property Section – Past Chair
- Idaho Smart Growth – Board Member

"I have learned that people are generally willing to offer assistance and work hard if you are able to provide leadership and a mechanism to do so. I have also learned that you cannot do anything without the help of others..."



Nicole R. Derden

Law Office of Nicole R. Derden · Eagle

Highlights of her service

- Project Laura – Founder; Board Member
"The goal of the project is to provide pro bono representation on cases that are facing deportation in Boise's Immigration Court, specifically Latin American individuals who are arriving on the southern U.S. border seeking asylum or who are unaccompanied minors. So far, our cases are all comprised of impoverished women and children escaping violence from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico. Until Project Laura, there was no non-profit agency in Idaho able to accept these cases on a pro bono basis."

Highlights of his service

- Bar Exam grading
- Fee Arbitration – Volunteer
- Idaho Law Foundation Board of Directors – President, 2014-16
- Idaho Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee
- Camp Rainbow Gold – Counselor
- Buhl Volunteer Firefighter



Michael H. Felton, Jr.
Felton & Felton · Buhl

"I've grown up in a family that made community service efforts a significant part of their lifetime. I watched my parents donate a substantial amount of time doing everything from free legal work to cooking hamburgers at the local rodeo. As a small child I not only enjoyed these activities but basically had them engrained into me."

Highlights of his service

- Idaho State Bar Indian Law Section – Chair, 2013-16
- Continuing Legal Education planning and programming for the Indian Law Section and University of Idaho College of Law
- University of Idaho College of Law Native American Law Advisory Board



Helaman "Helo" S. Hancock
Benewah Medical & Wellness Center · Plummer

"It has been my mission to educate as many people as possible about the true historical injustices done to tribes and the resultant legal framework tribes are forced to navigate in areas like jurisdiction and taxation. The Indian Law Section of the Idaho State Bar has provided a wonderful opportunity to assist in that educational mission. At the end of the day, it is truly inspiring to know that the rights Indian law practitioners are fighting to protect today will benefit generations of tribal members to come."

Highlights of her service

- Advocate Editorial Advisory Board – Member
- Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers - Former Steering Committee Member
- Idaho State Bar (ISB) Board of Commissioners – Past President
- ISB Business and Corporate Law Section – Past Chair; Past Treasurer; Past Governing Council Member
- ISB Young Lawyers Section – Past Chair
- Common Ground Conciliation Services, Inc. – Inaugural Board Member
- Idaho Small Business Development – Statewide Advisory Council
- Jannus, Inc. - President
- North End Neighborhood Assoc. – Former Board Member



Mary "Molly" O'Leary

BizCounselor@Law, PLLC · Boise

"I credit my mother with instilling in me a belief that 'We are all in this together.' 'We the People' are what make our communities the kind of place we want to raise our families and that they, in turn, will want to raise their families. Most organizations or causes to which I have contributed my time and effort have richly rewarded me, in turn, with lasting friendships, a broader perspective, and renewed faith in humanity's ability to raise each other up."



Kimberly D. Evans Ross

Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC · Idaho Falls

Highlights of her service

- Idaho State Bar Reasonable Accommodations Committee – Chair
- Pro Bono Commission – Member
- Seventh District Bar Association – President-elect
- Idaho Falls Youth Hockey Association – Volunteer

"I believe that we all have an obligation to contribute where and when we can [...] There are so many things I've learned from my service. Perhaps most importantly, I have met and interacted with a lot of truly impressive and inspiring individuals that I would not have met otherwise. There are so many people who contribute their time and effort to the service of others every day without recognition or reward. It's hard to work beside these people and not feel humbled."



Jennifer M. Schindele

Bevis, Thiry & Schindele, PA · Boise

"I selected an advocacy program through the Women's and Children's Alliance aiding victims of domestic violence and while I volunteered weekly for the duration of my two year clerkship, the importance of community involvement quickly became apparent and impacted me. After my clerkship,

I knew that was something I wanted to continue throughout my career."

Highlights of her service

- Advocate Editorial Advisory Board – Member
- Idaho State Bar Family Law Section – Past Chair
- Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program – Volunteer
- Fourth District Bar Assoc. Law Day – Volunteer
- Boise Rescue Mission – Volunteer
- Idaho Partners Against Domestic Violence – Volunteer
- Southern Idaho Soccer League – Former Captain; Volunteer

Highlights of his service

- Idaho State Bar (ISB) Character and Fitness Committee – Member
- ISB Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section – Past Chair; Past Vice-Chair; Past Secretary
- Garden City Planning and Zoning Commission – Chair
- Valley Regional Transit Committee – Member



Matthew K. Wilde

Office of the General Counsel, Boise State University · Boise

"I have always believed that communities grow, prosper and unite only with the active participation of its community members. Our civic duty is to give back to our communities in the form of time and effort to build a quality place to live – a place worthy of our children."

DENISE O'DONNELL DAY PRO

Alycia T. Moss, *Smith & Malek*



Alycia T. Moss has demonstrated a consistent commitment to serving the most vulnerable through her pro bono work. In 2016, she wrapped up 150 hours of work on an immigration case in which she obtained asylum for a domestic violence victim, while simultaneously engaging in ongoing representation of several other pro bono clients. She would like to tell the other attorneys interested in pro bono work that, "The hours spent assisting pro bono clients are worth so much more than the money you would make otherwise." Moss is an avid outdoorswoman who loves hiking, backpacking, biking and boating and is a proud mom to two elementary-aged girls. She became inspired to perform pro bono work because she loves seeing the positive impact on her clients' lives and knowing that she can help people who are in distress.

Robert E. Wakefield, *Wakefield & Dwelle*

Robert E. Wakefield spent 30 years in the Marine Corps and thereafter volunteered in his community as a fireman for 15 years. He enjoys giving back to those who have served our country and those who make up the community where he lives. A few years ago, Wakefield was instrumental in starting a legal clinic for veterans in Lewiston and he continues to support those efforts. He has committed his pro bono career to serving veterans by representing them individually, organizing will clinics and mentoring law students so that they can help carry out his mission. Wakefield says, "I've been blessed with an education and respect from the community and this is a way to give back. The Idaho Military Legal Alliance is a wonderful program to be involved in."

Nicholas T. Bokides



Nick Bokides says that what inspires him to do pro bono work is: "The tremendous need, especially in the smaller, rural communities of Idaho. Many colleagues provide inspiration. People like John Cross, who retired from his position with Idaho Legal Aid, but continues to spend hours every week helping people in our community deal with their legal issues. The ability to make a difference in the life of a client and a child. We spend a few hours securing a termination/adoption for a client that is devoting his/her life to protecting and promoting the interest of a child that is not theirs. These folks' commitment to doing the right thing is very inspiring." Bokides and his wife are very active in their community. His wife has received numerous awards as a coach of high school boys soccer for over 15 years. Bokides is proud of his family, which includes five children and two grandchildren.

William "Bud" F. Yost III, *Yost Law, PLLC*



Bud Yost dedicated many hours on an adoption case for grandparents seeking to adopt their grandchild. Yost has also served on several nonprofit boards that have contributed significantly to the Nampa community. He says, "I am always amazed how members of a community are quick to volunteer their time for the good of their community." Yost has prioritized pro bono work throughout his career and states, "All lawyers have an ethical responsibility to provide pro bono services for the underserved. In that process, the attorney meets some genuine and kind people." Yost would like to inform other attorneys considering pro bono that "[a]side from the ethical responsibility, they will receive much more than [they] might give in any situation."

BONO AWARDS

Sara M. Berry, *Holland & Hart, LLP*

Sara M. Berry was nominated by a partner at her firm based on her commitment of 200 hours on two pro bono cases – one through the federal court’s pro bono program and the other involving an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Berry always has an open case with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program. She has worked on cases in diverse areas of law, ranging from consumer law, to CASA and immigration. She was inspired to do pro bono work before law school when she was asked to interpret a victim-impact statement for a Spanish-speaking individual during the sentencing phase of a criminal case in Ada County. She has used her pro bono work to honor that experience and would say the following to an attorney who is considering volunteering: “Pro bono work is the most rewarding work I do. I enjoy my regular work, but the pro bono is the icing on the cupcake for me. It gives me the chance to follow my passion and I am privileged to work at a supportive firm that is dedicated to pro bono work and encourages my pursuit of pro bono activities.” Berry enjoys spending her time outdoors with her family, which includes her husband, four-year old son, two-year old daughter, and their dog, Sophie. Berry is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Botanical Garden.



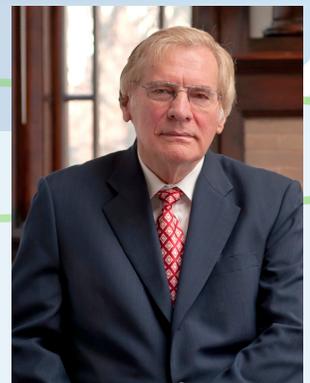
Heather L. Conder, *C.K. Quade Law, PLLC*

Heather L. Conder dedicated over 100 hours of pro bono service on several immigration cases, assisting elderly refugees with their naturalization petitions and serving as the guardian ad litem in an adult guardianship case. Conder says that her inspiration comes from supporting the philosophy of her firm: “...to provide advocacy on behalf of those who are vulnerable and have special needs, as well as their families. By providing our legal services to those who cannot pay for the services, we are filling a gap as well as evening up the playing field.” When asked what she would tell other attorneys considering pro bono service she said, “Legal services shouldn’t be set apart for those with means to pay, they should be provided to everyone. The reason is that the courts must be accessible to everyone and accordingly justice may be obtained by everyone.” Conder values her role as a mother above all else and she and her husband are the proud parents of four children.



Robert C. Huntley, Jr., *The Huntley Law Firm, PLLC*

Bob Huntley was nominated by several of his colleagues for his overall dedication to the law and pro bono work. Huntley has always enjoyed public service and from 1990 to 2005, he volunteered his time on a lawsuit against the Legislature and state officials, which sought a reform of the education funding system. The lawsuit was successful and culminated with a final Supreme Court ruling in December of 2005 that the system of education funding was unconstitutional. Huntley believes that pro bono work “gives the lawyers a sense of pride and accomplishment,” while always giving “rewards in enhancing the reputation of the legal profession and giving the recipient a respect for the system of justice we have in the United States.” Huntley is also interested in mountain climbing and singing with the Boise Master Chorale, which he has been a part of for twenty-six years.



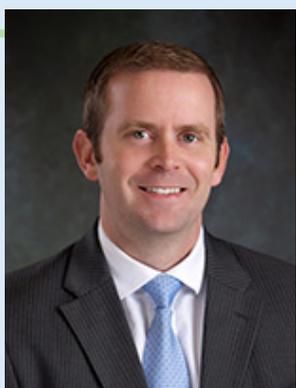
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Lynnette M. Davis, *Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley, LLP*



Lynnette M. Davis volunteered 223 hours on a highly contested custody case. Though Davis does not practice in the area of family law she has this to share: "[T]here are many other attorneys who practice in that particular area and who are willing to help when needed. I repeatedly reached out to family law practitioners when handling the most recent custody related matter and was pleasantly surprised at their willingness to coach me through the process. I would also tell attorneys considering taking on a pro bono case that, while it may be challenging, it very well could be some of the most rewarding work that they will ever do." When asked what inspires her to do pro bono work, Davis said: "Throughout my life I have benefitted from the help and kindness of others - be it my family, friends, teachers, colleagues, co-workers, bosses, mentors, etc. I consider myself fortunate to be in a position to help those who may not be able to help themselves. Additionally, I have a soft spot for kids - especially those in unfavorable circumstances." Her proudest moments are, "... witnessing my children demonstrating kindness and compassion to others and knowing that I had some role in fostering those qualities in them."

Brian J. Williams, *Williams, Meservy & Lothspeich, LLP*



Brian J. Williams dedicated 100 hours of pro bono work on a guardianship petition for a vulnerable adult and has been volunteering at the College of Southern Idaho's Legal Clinic maintained by attorneys in the Fifth Judicial District. Describing what inspires his pro bono work, Williams says: "Responding to the consistent pleas for such work by Idaho judges, attorneys, commissioners, law professors, et al. In larger part, because of observing how such work has blessed lives in my own community. I observe consistent examples of pro bono service from the attorneys I work with. I wish to be like these attorneys, both professionally and personally. There is a certain dignity that accompanies these attorneys. I believe their pro-bono service is one of the more striking examples of the character that marks their lives respectively." Williams recommends performing pro bono work stating, "Do it. It will be some of the most fulfilling work you perform." He enjoys spending time with his wife, Megan, and his two boys.

M. Anthony Sasser, *Sasser Law Office*



M. Anthony Sasser was nominated for his 25 hours of pro bono work for CASA, which involved a guardianship for a child. Sasser says he was inspired to do pro bono work by "prior attorneys, including Reed Larsen and Gary Cooper." Sasser recommends pro bono work to his fellow employees but states that "too much of it can be overwhelming, so pace yourself." Sasser enjoys coaching, traveling, and baseball, and his hobbies include mountain biking and running half-marathons.

Bruce J. Collier, *Kneeland, Korb, Collier & Legg PLLC*

This award is based on the 50 hours of pro bono service Bruce Collier spent helping a woman with family law matters. His generosity is greatly appreciated and he stated that he appreciated the opportunity to provide the service for this person.

BONO AWARDS

Julian E. Gabiola, *Moffatt Thomas*

Julian E. Gabiola states that he was inspired to volunteer when “members of our firm made it a point to encourage me [...] to do pro bono work and suggested CASA as a good way to do so. I’ve been doing CASA work for over 15 years now.” His nomination stems from the 100 hours on CASA cases that included guardianships for children, primarily in child protection cases. He also gives Soundstart presentations in Pocatello to groups of young, low-income parents on basic information related to family law issues in an effort to assist at-risk parents in identifying and addressing legal issues before they become crises. Gabiola recommends performing pro bono services, saying, “it is quite rewarding to see that children are placed in a safe, healthy environment so that they can grow up in a good home environment.” He has been married for 21 years and has three daughters.



Sean J. Coletti, *Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen & Hoopes, PLLC*

Sean J. Coletti likes “being able to contribute to [his] community on the Ammon City Council [...] doing great things for the City of Ammon.” Coletti’s nomination comes from the 30 hours spent assisting a man in obtaining guardianship over his young nephew. Coletti is a regular volunteer at the will clinics for veterans in the Seventh Judicial District. He says he was inspired to get into pro bono service because “I just enjoy the feeling that I get when I help someone out who can really use the help, and without receiving payment. I think that is when I really come to appreciate my chosen profession.” Coletti recommends pro bono to other attorneys stating, “Do it! Make it a regular habit. We’ve been given so much, it’s a blessing to be able to return the favor and hopefully make this world a better place.” He is most proud of his two sons, who do so much good each day, and of his wife, who is the greatest giver he has ever known.



Megan J. Hopper, *Beard St. Clair Gaffney PA*

Megan J. Hopper is no stranger to pro bono work with the CASA program in the Seventh Judicial District. She first became inspired to do pro bono work in law school. Hopper states that the University of Idaho College of Law “fosters a culture of ensuring that justice reaches to the most underserved parts of society.” She has been volunteering with the CASA program since she began practicing law in 2011. Her nomination stems from her 20 hours of pro bono assistance to a non-profit that serves low income and homeless clients. In addition to her legal work, Hopper is the president of the Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre and she loves to sing, dance and act whenever possible. When asked about doing pro bono work Hopper states: “It is never a quick and easy process, especially when it comes to balancing paid versus pro bono work, but it is always a rewarding and worthwhile endeavor. I have never regretted getting involved in pro bono service and always look forward to opportunities to engage in this type of service.”



PROFESSIONAL

Ausey "Rusty" H. Robnett III

*Lake City Law Group PLLC
Coeur d'Alene · First District*

Ideals

"Good lawyers are honest and ethical. If they tell you they will do something, they do it. They have full knowledge of the law applicable to the issue and to the extent possible, know how it will impact their client's position in the matter. They have the ability to candidly advise their clients, even when the advice might not be what the client was expecting or wanted to hear. They are zealous advocates for their clients but focus their battles on the issues that really matter. In short, they are not disagreeable simply to be disagreeable. They realize that treating the adverse parties, counsel and the court with courtesy and respect are not signs of weakness."



Inspiration

"I worked for a lawyer in Oregon shortly after graduation from law school. He was a great mentor and a very effective and successful trial lawyer. He was a relentless cross examiner. He was also scrupulously honest and treated adverse parties, adverse counsel and the Court with courtesy and respect. In short, he was a true professional and one of the most effective trial lawyers I've ever seen. He told me one time, 'Rusty, you don't need to be a jerk to be a good trial lawyer.' I've never forgotten those words."

Advice

"I really struggled with this question because having a satisfying law practice means different things to different people. For me, the key to a satisfying practice has several components. First, I practice law with lawyers who I consider to be more than business partners; they are my friends. Second, I like and respect my clients and find the work that I do for them to be particularly interesting. Third, I try to have outside interests. Sometimes it's a struggle, but I don't want practicing law to totally consume my life. Spending time with family and friends, working with the Idaho State Bar, traveling and engaging in recreational activities help keep my life balanced and, in my opinion, make me a better lawyer."

William W. Thompson, Jr.

*Latah County Prosecutor
Moscow · Second District*

Ideals

"Honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and common sense."

Inspiration

"The ability to actually do the right thing and make a positive difference, and the knowledge that this is what is expected and will be appreciated (although perhaps appreciated sooner and more readily by some than others)."



Advice

"Quoting Ben Franklin, 'Honesty is the best policy.' A lawyer's reputation is his stock in trade. Practice should never be about winning and losing. It should always be about fostering the integrity of the legal system and the pursuit of truth and justice."

Needless to say, the pecuniary or other personal interests of a lawyer should never be allowed to direct the course of representation. We should always focus on the factual and legal merits, and the best interest of the client. In the end, the ultimate goal is to think critically and find the truth; then we can proceed to do justice."

ALISM AWARDS

Jan M. Bennetts

*Ada County Prosecutor
Boise · Fourth District*



Ideals

"Critically important attributes of our bar members and those attributes for which I have great respect and admiration include integrity, professionalism, collegiality, civility, service, wisdom, steadiness, and dedication to the law and the practice of law."

Inspiration

"I became a prosecutor hoping I could make a difference with my life in a meaningful way. I was in search of a rewarding, fulfilling way to serve my community. I have drawn inspiration from my colleagues, from crime victims whose strength, courage and resilience in the face of pain and trauma are awe-inspiring, from my law enforcement colleagues who sacrifice much to keep our community safe, and from advocating for my community and for crime victims. I have also drawn inspiration from my mom, who, after her valiant fight, lost her long battle with breast cancer when she was too young, but who exhibited great strength and courage on the journey.

Some of the most rewarding moments I have had during the course of my career have come from trying cases and from crime victims who have contacted me years after their cases concluded to share their successes and setbacks."

Advice

"Find areas of the law for which you have a passion. Turn the passion into commitment and dedication. You will draw inspiration from serving your community in a profession that is rewarding not only because it challenges your intellect, but it truly helps people who, in their time of need look to you for your talent, compassion, professionalism and advocacy.

I set high expectations for myself. I am never satisfied with my performance and always seek to take my performance to a higher level each day on each task – whether it be delivering a closing argument or a speech. If you do those things, you will not only find the practice of law satisfying but enriching."

Nicholas T. Bokides

Weiser · Third District



Ideals

"Honesty, integrity and preparedness. Each of these traits is important in and of itself, but it is the combination of all three that best serve our clients and the interest of justice."

Inspiration

"Many things have motivated and inspired me over the years. Certainly the acts of kindness and courtesies often extended by many of the fine colleagues I have encountered over the years inspire and provide guidance. Nothing is more inspiring than a client who drops a personal thank you note off after a difficult matter is resolved."

Advice

"Find and develop outside interests and become involved in your community. The time commitment required by the practice of law can be all-consuming. The folks that are enjoying the practice almost always have outside interests that are important to them and to which they are dedicated."

PROFESSIONAL

Joseph M. Meier

*Cosho Humphrey, LLP
Boise · Fourth District*

Ideals

"The Idaho State Bar is special in that it is small enough that I know a large percentage of the attorneys. As a consequence, I know that the members of the Bar strive not only to serve their clients but to improve lives in the state of Idaho."

Inspiration

"My father and Lou Cosho, who was my senior partner when I first started to practice law, told me not to take myself too seriously and to treat others the way I wanted to be treated. I have tried to follow their example and advice."

Advice

"Remember that practicing law is a privilege; realize that your word is your most important commodity; and finally, remember that in most instances your client has come through your door to address issues that are likely the most traumatic they have faced in their lives."



Andrew H. Parnes

Ketchum · Fifth District

Ideals

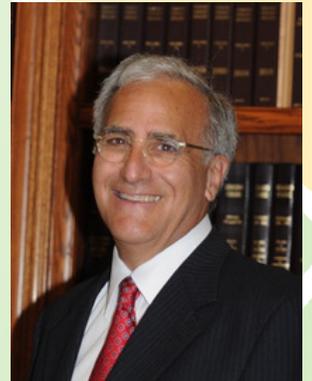
"I found that there is genuine willingness to assist other attorneys and share our knowledge. I have always been able to obtain advice from other criminal defense attorneys. This is most crucial as none of us can 'know it all.'"

Inspiration

"My legal idols are Thurgood Marshall, William Brennan, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. These jurists brought their compassion and intellect to their work. That combination has been at the core of my legal work since 1978. As I get older, I admire them more and more for their stamina and length of service to the cause of justice."

Advice

"Always respond to phone calls (and now texts) from clients. Remember that while clients may be one of many for you, for each client his or her problem may be the most important thing in one's life at the time. Do not duck the difficult call and start the day doing the task you are most reluctant to face; I can only strive to reach that goal. Finally, realize that we are expected by our clients to take on their problems and worry for them. But we need to spend time on our own lives and enjoy ourselves in order to be at our best when working."



ALISM AWARDS

Craig W. Christensen

Pocatello · Sixth District

Ideals

"Some of the most important characteristics and attributes of members of the Bar include integrity, trust, perseverance, listening and communication skills, a thorough understanding of the facts and law of the case, diligent and complete trial preparation, and the Court and counsel being able to rely upon your representations."



Inspiration

"I was fortunate to have been able to work with Lamont Jones when I graduated from law school. Lamont was not only a teacher of how to practice law, but he epitomized the decorum associated with the practice. He was an example of the difference between being a good lawyer and a great lawyer. He established the bar to which I aspire to achieve."

Advice

"In order to have a satisfying law practice, I would suggest that a successful lawyer understands that he is employed to solve problems for his client. The lawyer must know that listening is a fundamental skill to our individual success. A great lawyer develops excellent analytical skills, is creative and works towards a reasonable solution to the problem, is able to communicate easily with everyone with whom they work, and finds and develops a practice area which they enjoy."

Kimberly D. Evans Ross

*Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC
Idaho Falls · Seventh District*

Ideals

"All of the attorneys that I most admire have been true students of the law. The successful resolution of any conflict begins with both sides understanding what the rules are. Having competent opposing counsel who knows the law of the case and understands how the facts apply to that law fosters productive discussion between lawyers and ultimately reduces the cost of litigation for the clients, often significantly. Before you advise a client or engage with the other side, you really have to know your stuff. 'Fake it 'til you make it' is just not an ethical way to practice law."



Inspiration

"My mentors. The practice of law is basically an apprenticeship, so every good attorney has to have at least one strong mentor somewhere along the way to teach, encourage and challenge them. I've been lucky enough to have several amazing mentors throughout my career. My mentors taught me everything I know about the practice of law and a lot of what I know about being a good person. It would be hard to learn one without the other."

Advice

"Never lower your standards. No matter how hard the job gets, you've got to be able to live with yourself at the end of the day. If you don't respect the people you work with, the clients you work for, and the system of law you represent, you'll never be happy in your work. Demand the best of yourself and expect no less of others."

OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER

Texie C. Montoya



a Boise native, graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law and is Associate Special Counsel for Boise State University (BSU). Montoya has served in various roles with BSU since August 2012, including Assistant General Counsel, Assistant to the Vice President for Campus Operations, and General Counsel. Prior to joining the legal team at BSU, Montoya was a law clerk for the Honorable Stephen M. Brown with the Washington State Court of Appeals –Division III in Spokane, Washington.

Community involvement and engagement have always been at the forefront of Montoya's mind. As an undergraduate student at BSU, she served as Student Body Vice President. Later at Gonzaga University School of Law, Montoya was president of the Student Bar Association. In her short, six and half years as a member of the Idaho State Bar, she has taken an energetic role serving as Chairperson of the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section and as the Networking Chairperson of the Young Lawyers Section. Montoya is also active with Attorneys for Civic Education, a member of Idaho Women Lawyers, Inc., a mentor for law students at Concordia University School of Law, and an occasionally published author for *The Advocate*.

Montoya resides in Boise with her husband Nic. Outside of the legal profession, she is a member of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, a director of Go Lead Idaho and a volunteer for several local organizations – namely, the South Boise Little League, the Women's & Children's Alliance, and the BSU Alumni Association.

SECTION OF THE YEAR



Diversity Section

Celebrating its 10th year, the **Diversity Section** of the Idaho State Bar promotes diversity, equality and cultural understanding throughout and within the Bar's membership in order to better serve the State's diverse citizenry.

The Section has brought together Idahoans from all geographic regions of the Gem State to recognize individuals who have made an impact in areas of discrimination and diversity, to discuss and better understand our Nation's history, to help high school students understand the role of law as the basis of democratic society, and to encourage individuals to pursue a career in the legal profession.

At the 2016 Idaho State Bar Annual Meeting, the Diversity Section recognized Idaho Court of Appeals Judge Sergio A. Gutierrez with their annual "Justice for All" Award. Later that year, the Section sponsored two, day-long symposia – one in Moscow and one in Boise – which celebrated the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

Throughout the past year, multiple educational opportunities were offered by the Section's *Love the Law!* program to high school students from underrepresented populations. From Lakeland High School in Rathdrum, to Highland High School in Craigmont, and Renaissance High School in Meridian, the Section utilized volunteer judges, attorneys and court personnel.

Keeping with the theme of youth empowerment, scholarship assistance was made available through *Love the Law!* to assist college-aged Idahoans in their pursuit of a legal education at one of the two Idaho law schools. Funding was provided to individuals for the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) study course, the LSAT fee and law school application fee through the *Love the Law!* Jennifer King Memorial Application Scholarship.

The Diversity Section has made charitable contributions to the University of Idaho College of Law, Concordia University School of Law, the Idaho Legal History Society, and Attorneys for Civic Education.

DIVERSITY SECTION “JUSTICE FOR ALL” AWARD

Wendy J. Olson served as the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho from 2010 to 2017. She was appointed in 2010 by President Barack Obama, replacing Thomas E. Moss. As one of 93 U.S. Attorneys nationwide, Olson represented the United States in all civil and criminal cases within her district.

Olson was born in Pocatello, Idaho. She attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1986. She served as an intern in the sports department of the Los Angeles Times before leaving to attend Stanford Law School. She graduated from Stanford with a juris doctorate in 1990.

During her first two years post-law school, Olson served as a clerk for Judge Barbara Jacobs Rothstein on the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. For five years thereafter, she served as a trial attorney and later Deputy Director of the National Church Arson Task Force in the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. From 1994 to 1997, she also served part-time as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School.

In 1997, Olson joined the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, rising to the rank of Senior Litigation Counsel at the time of her appointment in 2010.

Wendy has always been a major supporter of civil rights and a staunch supporter of equal treatment under the law – whether from the perspective of prosecutor or that of the defense. She has been a voice in the fight for immigrant rights, extending the rule of law to all facets of Federal law enforcement in Idaho. She has been a great supporter of the efforts of the Diversity Section and continues now after resigning in 2017 as Idaho's U.S. Attorney and moving into private practice.



FAMILY LAW SECTION AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Kristie Browning is widely regarded as one of the most experienced and effective family law mediators in the Northwest. In the nomination for this award, Browning was described as a “national treasure.” Although not an attorney, Browning knows more about the intersection of families and children within the legal system than many, if not most, family law attorneys.

Browning is a Certified Professional Mediator in Boise, Idaho and has been mediating since 1992. By the end of 2016, Browning had mediated over 3,200 cases. In addition to her mediation work, she currently serves on the Board of the Idaho Mediation Association and as a Parenting Coordinator in numerous cases.

Browning facilitates and trains on a variety of topics. She has been adjunct faculty at Boise State University and has presented to audiences in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Judicial Districts. Her training topics include mediation, child development, domestic violence, dynamics of alienation, issues of separation and divorce, and conflict resolution. Anyone who is able to hear her presentations on child custody mediation, or any of the seminars and CLEs that she has spoken for, will be struck by her comprehensive and compassionate grasp of the unique problems of family law mediation. This is complimented by her ability to navigate these turbulent waters.

Additionally, Browning taught Court parent education classes beginning in 1990, served on the Supreme Court Child Protection Committee for five years, and co-facilitated groups for high conflict parents. Browning has been an asset to the family law community for many years.

Browning has two adult children and two grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family, backpacking, skiing, and riding her motorcycle.



50-YEAR ATTORNEYS

Winston V. Beard

Idaho Falls

Winston V. Beard went into the practice of law from an interest in history, political science and business. He graduated from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and practiced business law where he is proud to have represented clients in antitrust matters for over 40 years. Beard received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2012 and states that over his career he has noticed that the speed of transactions has increased greatly. He recommends that new attorneys “learn about artificial intelligence and how to start using it.” Beard enjoys photography and nonfiction writing. He and his wife, Carolyn, enjoy spending time with their children and twenty-six grandchildren.

Donald J. Chisholm

Burley

Donald J. Chisholm practices mostly real estate, business, and estate law, as these areas seemed a natural fit for him. He is proud to have a good reputation with clients and peers, and that all his children have received a good education and have become productive citizens. What he liked most about law when he began was that the reason for a rule was at least as important as the rule itself in determining a just outcome. Chisholm served as Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney from 1969 to 1973 and as Rupert City Attorney from 1978 to 1991. Still enjoying the practice of law, Chisholm also finds time for golf, gardening and yard work. He enjoys keeping up on politics and current events and following his children's lives. He and his wife, Jean, have three children and four grandchildren, with a fifth on the way.

Thomas F. Dial

Pocatello

A graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law, Thomas F. Dial went into the practice of law as it gave him the tools to have a positive impact on his community. He cites District Judge Arthur Oliver as the mentor who helped shape his philosophy about the practice of law – which is to “remember who you are.” Dial's abilities as an attorney are visible in his list of accolades, including: Idaho State University Professional Achievement Award, Idaho State Bar Family Law Section Award of Distinction, Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award, Idaho State Bar Service Award and Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award (twice!). He counsels new attorneys that “your word is your bond. Don't promise to do something, unless you can do it. Be honest in all your dealings.” Dial enjoys fly fishing, fly tying, photography, woodworking, reading, traveling, an occasional single malt, volunteering to help the Sixth District Court Assistance Office, serving on the Supreme Court's Children and Family in the Courts committee and, most importantly, quiet times with his wife, Gail, and their family of four children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Hon. Jim Jones

Boise

Justice Jim Jones grew up on his family's farm in Eden, Idaho. He attended the University of Oregon and went on to receive his juris doctorate from Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago. He served in the U.S. Army including a tour in Vietnam. Former U.S. Senator Len Jordan was a great influence to Justice Jones, as he served as Sen. Jordan's assistant, imparting that “a leader does not blindly follow public opinion. A leader does what he or she knows is right and then educates the constituency as to why it's right.” Justice Jones served two elected terms as Attorney General and practiced law in Boise until 2004, when he was elected to the Idaho Supreme Court. Reelected in 2010, Justice Jones was then elected to serve as Chief Justice in July of 2015 and served until his retirement last year. He has received the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League in 1987, the Idaho State Bar Service Award in 2012, and the Idaho Water Statesman Award in 1990. He has served as Chairman of the Idaho Pro Bono Commission since its inception in 2008 and received Concordia Law School's Leader in the Law Award. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Boise where he enjoys his “retirement” reading, writing public policy op-eds, hunting for fossils and practicing law.

D. James Manning

Pocatello

D. James Manning has a long-term interest in the law. As a child he admired his two uncles, who were graduates of Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland. After his graduation from the University of Idaho College of Law and admission to the Bar, he completed his military active duty and, with a tip from Tom Dial, landed his first job with Ben Peterson in Pocatello. Manning received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1993, has served as the Chair of the Taxation, Probate and Trust Law Section, and is proud of his tenure in the listing “The Best Lawyers in America.” He counsels young attorneys to always be as prepared as you can, be completely candid with the Court and get along with your fellow attorneys. Manning does work with the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and enjoys hiking with his wife, Sharon. The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

Hon. James L. Martsch

Blackfoot

Judge James L. Martsch became interested in the practice of law during his undergraduate work when questions of legal issues found on farms, and dealing with water and grazing rights excited him about the possibility of becoming an attorney. In his first year post-graduation, he became a clerk for Judge McNichols who greatly influenced him. Proud of his record as a magistrate judge from 1979 until 2002, he retired and has served as a senior judge for over a decade. He suggests that young attorneys “specialize, decide what field works for you and concentrate your endeavors towards that.” He and his wife of 37 years, Amy, live in Blackfoot where Judge Marsch loves to play golf and walk the dogs along the Snake River every morning. They spend their winters in Yuma, Arizona.

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Robert L. Miller *Caldwell*

Robert L. Miller graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. After going into the practice of accounting he decided that it just wasn't what he wanted to do and pursued a career as a lawyer instead. Miller is proud to have been successful in helping clients without too many complaints and has enjoyed working with clients such as the State of Idaho and Albertson's. Miller learned that a lawyer needs to be an advocate and not simply be concerned for the outcome of a situation. He recommends that new attorneys "find a career in an area you enjoy." He and his wife, Sharon, live in Caldwell where he enjoys farming, hunting and outdoor activities.

Gary L. Morgan *Boise*

Gary L. Morgan had family members in Kansas who were attorneys and inspired him to choose the legal field as his profession. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and focused on general practice. Morgan's parents were his greatest influence, teaching him to be honest and treat others as you would like to be treated. Morgan is most proud of his career in Caldwell, where he remained a sole practitioner for 39 years. Morgan overcame his hurdles by putting in long hours and suggests to young attorneys, "don't practice by yourself." He has two children and five grandchildren and enjoys skiing, golfing and hanging out with his family.

John R. Rowe *Scottsdale, AZ*

At Mountain Home High School, John R. Rowe realized that he couldn't make a living as a drama major and chose law instead. During law school and for five years after graduation, Rowe worked as a volunteer firefighter and loved it. He graduated from George Washington University Law School and cites his greatest influences as Bob McLaughlin, Ray Givens, Chuck Blanton and Don Copple. Rowe is proud to have introduced the idea of "self-help" packages into the profession, helping many people in filing their own simple issues. He and his late wife, Judy, have four children and seven grandchildren. John enjoys playing golf two times a week, walking daily, traveling and working in community theater in Arizona.

E. Lee Schlender *Mountain Home*

E. Lee Schlender realized that farming, cattle raising, firefighting, logging and bar tending all had limitations on personal growth and that law seemed to offer a much broader chance to experience life. After floundering during his first year in law school, he began enjoying his education during his second year and found private practice post-graduation interesting enough to practice in Ketchum for nearly forty years. Influenced by Frank Church, a family friend, and other influential Pocatello attorneys, he admired their roles as leaders in the community. He and his late wife of 38 years, Judith Jewell, have one daughter, Jennifer, and two grandsons. Schlender enjoys the limited number of cases he still takes, as well as his hobbies in lapidary, jewelry making, fishing, hunting and landscaping.

Hon. Alan M. Schwartzman *Boise*

With an undergraduate degree in music history from Yale, Judge Alan M. Schwartzman continued on to Stanford University Law School for his law degree. After graduation he held the office of Justice of the Peace and was the last one to hold that office in Ada County. He then became one of the first new magistrate judges in 1971 and remained an active jurist for 47 years. During his tenure, Judge Schwartzman relied on his sense of humor and sense of justice along the way, coining the term 'Constitutional Chutzpa.' His best advice for new attorneys and judges is to have a sense of humor and don't take yourself too seriously! Judge Schwartzman enjoys writing his memoir and traveling. He and his wife, Mary, have two children and six grandchildren. Their son, Benjamin, is a senior partner in a Boise law firm.

Dennis E. Wheeler *Coeur d'Alene*

A graduate of the University of Idaho with degrees in both business and law, Dennis Wheeler worked as the CEO of Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp for 25 years. He is a former president and member of the Executive Committee of the Silver Institute and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Mining Association. In June of 2000, he was the first recipient of the International Society of Mine Safety Professionals' Leadership Award. Wheeler is also a recipient of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers Environmental Conservation Distinguished Service Award. He has served as a member of the Board of the Idaho Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, as president of the State Board of Education and as past Chairman of the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council. In 2013, he received the University of Idaho's Faculty Award of Legal Merit. Wheeler is a strong advocate and fundraiser for Alzheimer's research and support. He and his wife, Jackie, live in Coeur d'Alene.

David L. Whitney *Caldwell*

David L. Whitney was raised on a ranch in southeast Idaho, giving him an enduring love for the Gem State. After receiving a bachelor's degree in economics and industrial management, he went on to the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law for his law degree. Once he graduated, Whitney practiced general law with an emphasis in litigation, real estate, personal injury and estate related matters. He chose the legal profession for its challenges, the knowledge to be gained and the versatility it offers. Whitney states his greatest accomplishment was his "success and survival." He and his wife, Pat, have two children and seven grandchildren.

60-YEAR ATTORNEYS

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John R. Coleman

Twin Falls

During a seventh grade government class field trip to the courthouse, John Coleman was fascinated and made the decision then and there to go into law. With his newfound interest and his father's encouragement, he went on to the University of Idaho College of Law. After being admitted to the Bar, he became a partner in the firm Coleman, Ritchie & Robertson, where his son, David, practices now. Coleman enjoyed his career as an attorney practicing banking, water rights, real estate, probate, and wills. He offers this advice to young attorneys: "Work hard and be honest and if your client has a poor claim, tell them!" He and his late wife, Marge, have five children, twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren. He is proud to say that all his children are college graduates. Coleman spends his time farming, ranching and serves in the temple in Twin Falls two days a week.

Hon. Wayne P. Fuller

Weiser

Judge Wayne P. Fuller received his juris doctorate from Stanford University Law School. He always felt that law was a natural fit and was often settling disputes between classmates. He served as District Judge for nine years, spending most of his career practicing general law. Judge Fuller retired in 1995 but is still active as a volunteer attorney for Idaho Legal Aid. He enjoyed the challenges, opportunities and independence of being an attorney. In 1982, Judge Fuller received the Idaho State Bar Service Award. He received the Pro Bono Award in 2009 and is a past member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. He and his wife, Margaret, have five children and seven grandchildren. His daughter, Leslie K. Smith, is an attorney practicing in Eagle, Idaho. Judge Fuller enjoys hiking, cross country skiing and spending time with his family in their cabin in the Sawtooth Mountains.

Hon. Wallace M. Transtrum

Blackfoot

After completing his undergraduate degree in sociology at the Utah State Agricultural College, Judge Wallace M. Transtrum entered the U.S. Air Force flight training program where he worked with members of the Judge Advocates Staff. Upon his discharge after his tour of two years, he decided to pursue a legal career which eventually took him to serve as Caribou County Prosecuting Attorney, Magistrate Judge and District Judge. He passes on the same advice he was given: "Do your work the very best that you can, and on time. Treat your clients with respect and honesty." Judge Transtrum enjoys spending time with his family four-wheeling in the Island Park area, traveling, golf, and playing guitar. He and his wife, Glenna, spend five months of the year in Yuma, Arizona. They have two children, three stepchildren, sixteen grandchildren and thirty (wow!) great grandchildren.

65-YEAR ATTORNEYS

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Leonard H. Bielenberg

Moscow

Leonard H. Bielenberg graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. He went into the practice of law at the urging of a favorite uncle for whom he had great respect. Bielenberg practiced various types of law, later focusing on estate planning, trusts, probate and real estate. He considers his greatest professional accomplishments to be the opportunity to serve Idaho for two years as an Assistant Attorney General, three terms as Latah County Prosecuting Attorney, and as a guest lecturer at the University of Idaho. One of the greatest influences upon his career was Robert E. Smylie who, as Attorney General at the time of Bielenberg's graduation, invited him to be his assistant, exposing him to brilliant practitioners and people. Bielenberg passes on to newly admitted attorneys this sage advice: "Serve society and society will serve you." He and his wife, Fern, have four children, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter. In their younger years, they motorcycled many of Idaho's backroads and enjoyed camping, water and snow skiing. They now spend their retirement days in Moscow and Green Valley, Arizona.

Wayne C. MacGregor, Jr. (dec.)

Grangeville

After his honorable discharge from WWII army service with two purple hearts and two bronze stars in 1945, Wayne C. MacGregor, Jr. attended the University of Idaho receiving a bachelor's degree in accounting and his juris doctorate in 1952 from the University of Idaho College of Law. Shortly after law school, MacGregor married Nancy Walenta, the daughter of Idaho Law School Professor, Thomas Rex Walenta. MacGregor served Idaho in many capacities including Idaho County Prosecuting Attorney for 14 years, Special Deputy Attorney General and Grangeville Municipal City Judge from 1957 to 1964. He was president of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorney Association in 1959, president of the Clearwater Bar Association from 1953 to 1957 and was the Idaho County Public Defender from 1985 to 1991. In 2003, he was honored with the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism Award. A longtime Grangeville resident, he enjoyed the outdoors and often took his family on many vacations to Glacier National Park. Always proud of his wife and children, he was especially satisfied that all of his children received higher education degrees. He and his wife, Nancy, had 6 children. Their son, Kirk, is an attorney in Grangeville and his daughter, Cathleen, is a magistrate judge in Boise. Wayne MacGregor passed away on May 21, 2017, two days after the 65th anniversary of his admission on May 19, 1952.

Reginald R. Reeves

Idaho Falls

Lieutenant Colonel Reginald R. Reeves enlisted in the Army in August of 1945 at age 17. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1952. Honored with the Nathan Burkham Memorial Competition Award in 1954, his military awards include: the National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Commander's Award for Public Service and Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. In 1968, Reeves was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and retired from the Army. He is revered for his pro bono work with veterans and efforts to assist local and international soup kitchens and charities. He is most proud of developing a local, national, and international program to build computer schools and a free dental clinic in Guatemala, and supplying millions of dollars' worth of medical supplies and equipment to Vietnam, Haiti, Ghana and the Virgin Islands. Reeves was the recipient of the Idaho State Bar Service Award in 2012, an honoree of the University of Idaho Alumni Hall of Fame and recipient of the Governor's Brightest Star Award for Public Service. He is currently involved in many social service activities and continues to practice family law in Idaho Falls. He and his wife, Donna, operate the Sun Valley Charitable Foundation.

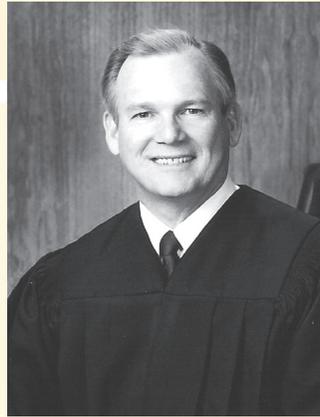
Wilber L. Rowberry

Overland Park, KS

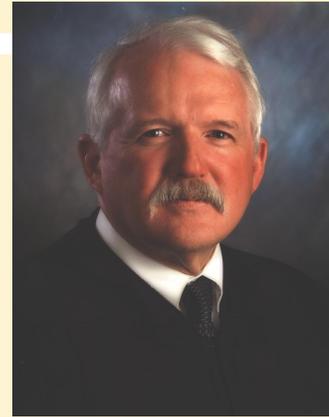
Wilber L. Rowberry, "Bill," took the suggestion and urging of his father and made the decision to apply to law school. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and, with the recommendation from Professor George Bell, went to work for 37 years with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, which later became the Department of Energy. Rowberry took two cases to the U.S. Supreme Court which required considerable time and effort. He cites his greatest personal accomplishment as raising his two sons with his wife, Jeanene. He suggests new attorneys "identify the area of law you enjoy the most. Try to obtain a mentor in that field of the law and work diligently to become one of the best attorneys in your chosen field." Since his retirement in 2012, Rowberry enjoys tennis, fly fishing and travel.



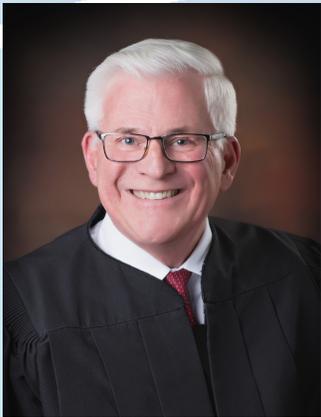
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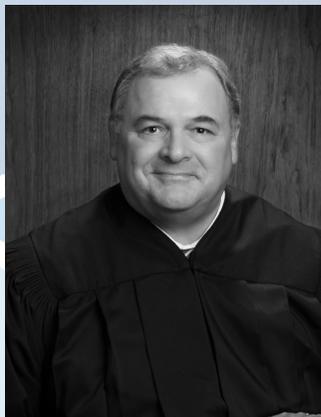
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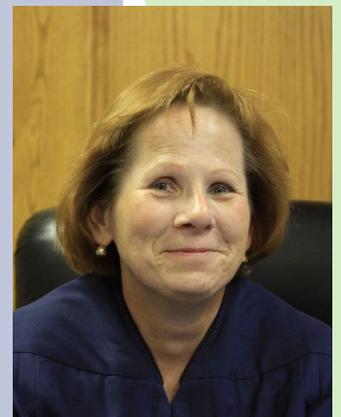
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Awards

Best Cover Photo

The September 2016 photo of a hummingbird by Julie Harrison of Boise wins this year's friendly competition for Best Cover Photo. Harrison is a frequent contributor to *The Advocate*, providing many quality photos each year. She has been a legal secretary at Evans Keane in Boise since 1998. Most of her photos are of wildlife and local nature scenes. She has captured everyday subjects in their unique natural setting and somehow grabs images with both stealth and skill to get especially close to her subjects.



Best Issue

The February 2017 issue, sponsored by the Real Property Law Section, is awarded Best Issue with articles about HOA's, appealing building permit decisions, annexing urban land, and irrigation shares in real property conveyances. Section Chairperson Steven Boyce wrote that the Section has 364 members, making it the Bar's second largest section behind the Business & Corporate Law Section. Boyce points out that the Real Property Law Section introduces people who practice in the same field and promotes excellence in this area of law.

Best Article

"New Standard When Justice Requires" by William Fletcher of Hawley Troxell from the January 2016 issue. This article provides clarity regarding how civil actions can lead to an award of attorneys' fees to the successful party. Previously, it was difficult to show a lawsuit was frivolous, thus earning an award from the opposite side. William Fletcher wrote that subsection 2 of Rule 54 was struck entirely, effective March 1, 2017. In place of the "frivolous" standard, the Idaho Supreme Court has announced that the new measure for a fee award will occur "when justice so requires." This applies to all cases not finalized by March 1, 2017.

Editor's Note. Since Fletcher's article was published, the Idaho Legislature addressed the matter during their 2017 Session. See House Bill 97 – "Repeals and amends existing law to revise provisions regarding attorney's fees in civil actions."

