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DISTINGUISHED LAWYER

ROBERT R. CHASTAIN | BOISE



Robert Chastain grew up in Boise and is a tried and true Idahoan. Chastain attended Borah High School and played baseball before attending Boise State University for his undergraduate education. Contemplating his next steps after receiving his undergrad from Boise State, Chastain took his father's advice to find a career that would provide him with a "license to eat." He decided between two of the more common options at the time – school teacher, or lawyer – choosing the latter. Chastain relocated to Utah to attend law school at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law.

During law school Chastain was hired as an intern by Greg Bower, former Ada County Prosecutor. Chastain cites Greg as one of his mentors and role models: "Greg taught me the importance of going to work and showing up on time [...] he gave me room to make my own decisions, to grow, to both succeed and fail." Chastain received his juris doctorate in 1981 and returned to Idaho immediately thereafter for admission into the Idaho State Bar that same

year. Chastain met his wife, Marilyn (also an Idaho attorney), a few years later in 1983 while she was working at the Boise City Attorney's Office. They were married in 2000.

After relocating to Idaho post-law school, Chastain began working in the Ada County Prosecutor's Office. He takes pride in his time as a prosecutor as it gave him the foundation on which to later build a career in criminal defense. Chastain worked his way through the ranks and became a felony prosecutor by the time he left the Prosecutor's Office.

After his time at the Prosecutor's Office, Chastain briefly worked for a small firm. He quickly determined that he did not enjoy civil law quite like he had enjoyed the criminal side of things. At that point he ventured into opening his own solo practice, in which he has been practicing ever since.

Early on in his career, Chastain was introduced to another of his trusted mentors. Larry Scott was a public defender while Chastain worked at the Prosecutor's Office and Chastain recalls one of the more important lessons he learned from Larry: "You knew when you talked to Larry that his word was gold. He said something was going to happen or he was going to do something and you could go to the bank on it." This lesson on the value of being true to your word stuck with Chastain throughout his career and is a quality he admires in many other attorneys and colleagues. He says, "It's a heck of a lot easier to practice law when you trust your opposition."

In addition to mentors within the profession, Chastain speaks highly of his late father's influence on his life. "My father was and always has been a huge

influence on me. He instilled the idea that you're going to have to work and support yourself – and he was right. Not a day goes by I don't think about him."

Chastain practices criminal defense at his small Boise firm Chastain Law Offices in downtown Boise. Over the course of his career he has tried several high profile murder cases and is one of the few Idaho attorneys who is death penalty certified. Chastain has worked closely with attorney Deborah Kristal throughout his career and they have tried several controversial murder cases together.

Those who have known Chastain over the years admire him for his quiet control and ability to get along with everyone he deals with. A longtime friend and colleague of Chastain's, Fourth District Magistrate Judge Michael Oths mentions that, in a legal genre that doesn't get the recognition it deserves, Chastain is widely regarded as one of the best criminal defense attorneys around while consistently staying properly humble. Being held in such high regard by his friends and colleagues is just one measure of Chastain's high reputation.

Outside of the office, Chastain enjoys "playing the horses" and has traveled around the country for several thoroughbred races and events. Chastain does his best to stay young, mentioning, "I still play old-guy softball with Brad Andrews and Mike Oths. We have a good time and I've done that for about 35 years." He and Marilyn have kept to their roots and live in Boise; they have a black Labrador named Roz.

DISTINGUISHED LAWYER

JEFFREY C. FEREDAY | BOISE

Over nearly 40 years in law practice, Jeffrey Fereday has fashioned a distinguished career in water rights, natural resources and environmental law. Growing up in Boise, he developed an appreciation for public lands and often experienced the outdoors while hunting, fishing and backpacking. These interests helped lead him into his areas of legal specialty later on. Fereday graduated from Borah High School in 1968 and attended Columbia University in New York City, graduating in 1972.

During his college years and for a while after, Jeff supported himself by fighting wildland fires for the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. For six years he was a smoke jumper, first in Idaho and later in Alaska. From 1973 to 1977 Fereday worked for the Idaho Conservation League, beginning as a volunteer and ending up as its Executive Director. He entered Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon in 1977, attracted there by the law school's then-fledgling environmental law program. At Lewis and Clark, Jeff was associate editor of the law review, *Environmental Law*, the nation's first law review devoted to this subject. Years later, the Law School recognized Jeff as a Distinguished Environmental Law graduate.

In 1980, Fereday graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School, was admitted to the Washington State Bar, and took his first job in Washington D.C. in the Honors Program at the Solicitor's Office at the Department of the Interior. The following year, he married Kay Hummel, also a Boise native, and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar.

In 1981, due to the change in administration after the 1980 election, the Honors Program was eliminated, leaving Fereday and his 13 fellow program attorneys without employment. The young lawyers sued, claiming the new administration violated Federal

Employment Rules, in a case entitled *Fereday et al v. Watt*. Although the suit failed, Interior's former Solicitor, Clyde Martz, offered Jeff and one of his fellow plaintiffs a new opportunity as attorneys at his Denver firm, Davis, Graham & Stubbs. It was at Davis Graham where Jeff built his foundation in water law, representing water conservation districts, farmers, and cities in water rights transfers, mitigation plans, and in disputes between ground and surface water users. Jeff maintains lasting friendships with several colleagues from the Colorado water bar.

In 1985, Jeff and Kay moved back to their hometown after Jeff was offered the opportunity to start a water rights and environmental practice at Givens Pursley, then primarily a boutique real estate firm run by Ken Pursley, one of Jeff's early mentors at the Idaho Conservation League. Jeff's efforts to build that practice eventually led him back to his Colorado colleagues in search of legal talent. Both Mike Creamer and Chris Meyer joined Givens Pursley through those efforts. Fereday was made partner in 1987. He and Kay welcomed their first son, Wyatt, in 1988, followed by their second son, Charlie, in 1992.

Fereday has argued several cases in the Idaho Supreme Court, worked on cases which resulted in landmark precedents for water rights in Idaho, and has served as Arbitrator in disputes before the United States Supreme Court related to apportionment of the waters of the Republican River, an interstate waterway. One of his more rewarding projects, Fereday recalled, was his pro bono work that resulted in the preservation of Box Canyon in the Hagerman Valley.

On the other side of the environmental divide, Fereday singles out a successful defense of a mining claim in wilderness, in litigation that established new federal law pertaining to the Equal



Access to Justice Act. That controversial mining claim was ultimately patented and then promptly purchased by the Forest Service, another result of Fereday's efforts in this case.

Fereday cites several professional relationships as having a marked impact on his career. Bill Hillhouse, Greg Hobbs and the late Clyde Martz were Fereday's primary mentors at Davis Graham & Stubbs. During his time at Interior, Fereday cites John Leshy as a significant influence. As to his colleagues in Idaho, Fereday singles out Michael Creamer, Chris Meyer, Deb Nelson and Michael Lawrence, all attorneys in practice at Givens Pursley, as trusted and valuable colleagues in his areas of practice. "I have had the pleasure of working with some brilliant lawyers."

Outside of the legal profession, Fereday says his main passion is playing guitar. "It's the best kind of meditation," says Fereday. Fereday also enjoys Nordic skiing with his wife and sons – both of whom have been national-level competitors – and trekking through Idaho's great outdoors, whether hiking, road biking, or mountain biking.

DISTINGUISHED LAWYER

WILLIAM F. GIGRAY III | NAMPA



William (Bill) Gigray is a Caldwell native and has for decades been a longstanding positive force in his local community. Bill grew up around the legal profession; his late father, William Gigray, Jr., was a member of the Idaho State Bar for over 60 years and instilled the importance of family, faith, community service and giving back. After Bill graduated from Caldwell High School, he followed in his father's footsteps and decided a career in the legal profession was the right fit for him.

Bill is a two-time Vandal, having attended the University of Idaho for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Bill received his B.A. from the University of Idaho in 1969. Immediately thereafter, he attended the University of Idaho College of Law. Bill met his wife, Barbara Anderson, during their time at the University of Idaho together and they married in 1971. Bill graduated with his Juris Doctorate one year later and together Bill and Barbara moved from Moscow to Boise, then Portland before finally settling in Caldwell. Bill was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1973 and is

also admitted to the Federal Courts, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court.

Upon graduation from law school and admittance to the Bar, Bill began in private practice in Caldwell with the Gigray Miller firm until 1990 and subsequently continuing as a shareholder of the law firm of White Peterson in Nampa. He practices municipal law, business law, estate planning, governmental law, probate, and real estate. As part of his distinguished career, Bill has served in several leadership capacities both Bar-related and otherwise. Bill served as Third District Bar Association President early on in his career, from 1978 through 1979. He held a position on the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association Board of Directors from 1998 through 2003, serving as the President of ITLA from 2001 through 2002.

Additionally, Bill is a member of several reputable organizations and committees. In Idaho, he is a member of both the Idaho Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee and the Idaho Supreme Court Civil Rules Ad Hoc Committee. On the national scale, Bill is a member of Trial Lawyers of America and the National School Boards Associations' Council of School Attorneys. In 2006, Bill was awarded the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award for his admirable embodiment of professional courtesy throughout the duration of his career. When interviewed for that award over a decade ago, Bill expressed his belief that professionalism as a virtue is grounded in respect for each other and for the rule of law that he and his legal peers serve. Those sentiments, and his beliefs, have not changed. He states: "How we conduct ourselves in this practice toward our clients, with the people we deal with

on behalf of our clients and with each other matters a great deal." He goes on to say, "Without professionalism, there is no profession."

Bill is equally committed to community engagement outside the legal world and is heavily involved in both his church and civic groups. Over the years he has served as president of the Jaycees, Optimist Club, Greenbelt Civic League of Caldwell, Inc., the Caldwell Foundation for Education Opportunity, Inc., the Foundation for Ada/Canyon Trails Systems, Inc. (FACTS), and is currently the Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Pacific of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He has spent countless hours doing school board work and municipal work; both of which have made marked positive impacts on the communities in which he's worked.

Just as Bill's father left a legacy by way of another generation of Gigray attorneys, so too has Bill. He and his late wife, Barbara, have three children; Anne, William IV, and Mary. Their daughter, Mary Gigray of Caldwell, is also an Idaho attorney. Mary continues the Gigray legacy in the legal profession and is a public defender in Canyon County. She is known by her colleagues as a noteworthy lawyer and another great member of her community and of the Bar – virtues instilled by her father. After Bill's wife passed away, she relocated to Canyon County.

DISTINGUISHED JURIST

HON. JESSE R. WALTERS | MERIDIAN

An Idaho native through and through, Justice Walters was born in Rexburg in 1938 and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1957. The path to law school began early for Walters; since his junior high days and into high school, the suggestion to go into the legal profession was ever present – classmates had made it known they would be attending law school, Walters' ninth grade speech teacher encouraged the legal profession as a great choice, and on senior day before graduation local attorney Eugene Bush came to speak to the seniors interested in law. Walters recalled it was at that point "I knew I was headed to law school." He transferred to the University of Idaho receiving his L.L.B. in 1963 and later his Juris Doctorate. Justice Walters considers himself a lifelong learner and his subsequent academic achievements are a testament to that quality – Walters received an L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia and has spent his career attending courses at the University of Washington Law School, New York University Law School, the University of Kansas School of Law, and the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Justice Walters was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1963, alongside admission to the United States District Court for the District of Idaho and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Walters served as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court from 1963 to 1964 and then as an attorney for the Idaho Senate during the 1965 legislative session. It was at this time that he entered the private practice in Boise, practicing from 1964 until 1977, when then-Governor John Evans appointed him to the bench as District Judge for the Fourth Judicial District. Walters served in that capacity from 1977 to 1982 and served as Administrative District Judge of the Fourth Judicial District from 1981 to 1982.

In the early 80s the Idaho Court of Appeals was in its formative stage. When the Court was officially created in 1981 Governor Evans named Walters

as one of the three original members. Walters was then selected by the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court to serve as Chief Appellate Judge and was reappointed to that position on the bench through seven two-year terms, from 1982 to 1997. By the late 90s, Walters had built a reputable tenure on the bench – in preparation for his next judicial appointment. In 1997, Walters was appointed by then-Governor Phil Batt as the 50th Justice to serve on the Idaho Supreme Court. Walters was elected in May 1998 to a six-year term on the Court.

While holding onto his Idaho roots, Justice Walters' career took him all over the country for leadership and educational opportunities alike. Walters was a member of the American Bar Association for over 25 years and served on the Board of Directors for both the American Judicature Society and the Idaho Law Foundation, Inc. Walters served as an officer and president of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Intermediate Courts of Appeals, and during his tenure developed lifelong friendships among judges at the trial court and appellate court levels nationwide. For over 20 years, both before and after retirement, Walters served as a visiting judge for the International Law and Technology Moot Court competition each fall at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois – an experience he mentions was "great fun, meeting contacts from all over the country who are just true, great friends."

Back in Idaho, Walters chaired the Idaho Supreme Court's Criminal Rules Committee, the Jury Reform Committee, and the pattern Criminal Jury Instructions Committee. He was active in many community affairs, serving as President of the Vista Lions and of the Boise Jaycees and as an instructor for numerous continuing legal and judicial education programs with the Idaho State Bar and at the University of Idaho College of Law. During his tenure on the Idaho Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the District Court, Justice Walters participated in over 4,200 ap-



peals. At the time of his retirement, he had been the author of 1,372 appellate opinions. Following his retirement in 2003, Justice Walters continued to serve in the judiciary as a Senior Judge, sitting as a judge pro tem with the Idaho Supreme Court and the Idaho Court of Appeals, continuing to write opinions for both courts and serving as an Appellate Settlement Conference mediator and Idaho State Bar discipline investigator.

Aside from strictly law-related volunteer commitments, after retirement Walters served for 10 years as a trustee with the Idaho State Historical Society and in 2018 received the Society's Esto Perpetua Award for his contributions to the preservation of Idaho history. He volunteers as a tour guide at the Old Idaho Penitentiary and as a docent at the Idaho State Historical Museum.

In 2015, Walters received the prestigious George G. Granata, Jr. Professionalism Award from the Idaho Judiciary for his contributions and service as a motivating and inspirational role model to his colleagues on the bench. He and his wife, Harriet, have been married for 60 years and have three children: Craig, Robyn and Scott, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, expecting another in August 2019.

PROFESSIONALISM AWARDS



Janet D. Robnett | First District

"First treat everyone with courtesy, compassion, and respect. It's the back swing on which the follow through depends. Then (1) listen first, (2) tell your clients what they need to know, not what they want to hear and (3) write as though you might actually have to read it again some-day."

Janet graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law and is a member of the Idaho and Oregon State Bar as well as the U.S. District Court in both states. She currently works at Lake City Law in Coeur d'Alene. Janet has served on many community boards including the Kootenai County Planning and Zoning Commission, Women's Gift Alliance, and Leadership Coeur d'Alene. She is currently General Counsel for the Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.



Tim Gresback | Second District

"I have learned these things: 1. Treat today's adversaries with kindness; tomorrow they could be your collaborators. 2. Civility is not capitulation; professionalism is not surrender. 3. You will make mistakes. Own them. 4. A well-prepared adversary who tells the truth scares me. 5. Lawyers are ideally situated to serve on non-profit boards. It is good for businesses too. The more you give the more you get."

Tim graduated from the Washington, D.C., public interest Antioch School of Law. Tim is currently in practice at Tim Gresback Law Office in Moscow. Tim not only has been certified as a Criminal Trial Specialist (2005-2015), but is also an ITLA Certified Civil Trial Specialist. He is only the second lawyer in the history of Idaho to attain both certifications. In 2012 Tim was named ITLA Trial Lawyer of the Year. Tim was elected as an Idaho State Bar Commissioner in 2013 and served as President in 2015.



Mark R. Hilty | Third District

"Practicing law well requires hard work, integrity, diligence and a proper perspective. Applied consistently, these values produce happy clients. I have seen them best expressed, and learned them myself, interacting with fellow lawyers. I am proud to be a member of the Idaho State Bar."

Mark graduated from Willamette University College of Law. He is a partner at the firm of Hamilton, Michaelson & Hilty LLP in Nampa. Mark is also very involved in his community. He is a member of the Idaho Municipal Attorneys Association, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Nampa, and a Member/Secretary/Treasurer of the Canyon County Lawyers Club.



J. Nicholas Crawford | Fourth District

"This award was totally unexpected. It is a great honor to be a recipient from my peers."

Nick graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1984 and six years later he became a member of the Utah State Bar. He maintains his license in both states. Nick is a partner at Brassey, Crawford & Howell, PLLC in Boise. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Litigation Section and was on the Board of the Idaho Law Foundation from 2012 to 2018.



J. Charles Hepworth | Fourth District

"I have always believed it is important to be honest without fail and to work hard to represent your clients. If you embrace those two ideals good things will follow."

Charlie graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. He works at Hepworth Holzer in Boise. He is a member of several local and national organizations, including the American Association for Justice, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association.



Mary V. York | Fourth District

"I believe everyone—whether clients, colleagues, or fellow attorneys on the other side of the 'v.'—should be treated with dignity, respect, and integrity. As lawyers, we are members of a profession, charged with upholding the highest of standards—competency, compassion, civility and fair conduct."

Mary graduated from University of Idaho College of Law. She is a partner at Holland & Hart in Boise. She is a member of the Idaho State Bar Appellate Practice Section and the Litigation Section. Mary also served on the IOLTA Fund Committee from 1996 to 2000.



Amanda A. Breen | Fifth District

"Warm relationships with my colleagues, whether attorneys, court staff, or service providers. We are all trying our best to help our clients, and I firmly believe that respecting and helping each other brings the best results for clients, regardless of whom we are representing."

Amanda graduated from University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. She practices at her firm in Ketchum. She is a member of the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section. Amanda recently finished her three-year term as a member of the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Steering Committee and currently serves on the Ketchum City Council.



James A. Spinner | Sixth District

"I was fortunate in my career to have worked with exemplary attorneys, judges, and officials with the ISB and ILF, who have instilled the values of competent and effective advocacy for clients in a civil and cooperative manner. I appreciate this recognition in making progress toward those ideals."

Jim graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. He practices at his firm in Pocatello. He is a past recipient of the Pro Bono Award in 1995 and the Service Award in 2010. Jim is the current chair of the Idaho Law Foundation (ILF) Continuing Legal Education Committee and has served on that committee since 2010. He also served on the ILF Law Related Education Committee from 1993 to 1999.

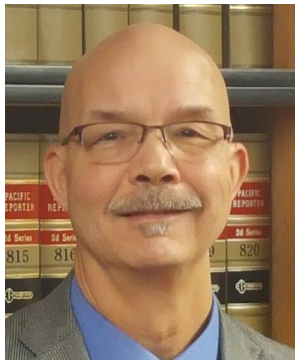


Marvin M. Smith | Seventh District

"The ability to practice law in the state of Idaho is and has been a privilege that I do not take lightly. I have endeavored to represent my clients zealously without surrendering the values of courtesy and fair play."

Marvin graduated from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School. He is a partner at his firm in Idaho Falls. He served on the Idaho Law Foundation Fund Development Committee from 2002 to 2004. He chaired the committee for the new Bonneville County jail facility and served as a board member for the Bonneville County Museum. Marvin was also a benchner and founder of the Inns of Court (Eagle Rock).

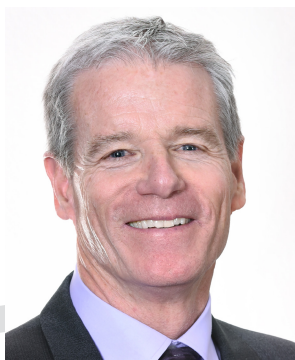
SERVICE AWARDS



**Anthony C. Anegon
Lewiston**

"Veracity and civility are the cornerstones to build and maintain a law practice."

Tony graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and currently practices at his firm in Lewiston. Tony is a member of the Idaho State Bar Workers Compensation Section and he received the Professionalism Award in 2015.



**Jim Everett
Boise/Caldwell**

"Empathy and humility are traits I admire greatly. Finding the good in others and looking for the bright spots in every situation. Seeking to align teams around a shared vision and sense of purpose. Trying to make others day with simple acts of kindness and encouragement. Learning each day."

Jim graduated from Albion College in Michigan and has received many accolades throughout his career including St. Luke's Light of Philanthropy, CEO of Influence, and Big Brother of the Year. He retired

as CEO of the Treasure Valley YMCA in 2016 after more than 29 years. Most recently, Jim was appointed Co-President of the College of Idaho.



**Shirley Fields
Boise**

"My late husband, Dick Fields (deceased 2014), was a life-long litigator who was honored to participate with and serve in leadership roles with a number of legal organizations. Since Dick's death, I have tried to continue supporting the organizations I know he deeply valued during his legal career."

Shirley Fields has been a mainstay in the legal world, standing beside her late husband, Dick Fields, in support of all his endeavors. Over the years, Shirley participated in countless law-related activities and continues to do so with her support of Concordia University School of Law and various other organizations.



**C. Clayton Gill
Boise**

"Practicing law is a noble profession because of the opportunity we have

to make a difference in people's lives and the world we live in."

Clay graduated from Tulane University Law School and is currently in-house counsel at J. R. Simplot Company. Clay is a member of the Idaho State Bar Appellate Practice Section, Employment & Labor Law Section and the Litigation Section, serving in a variety of leadership capacities over the years.



**Denise McClure
Boise**

"Integrity matters; Use the 'trust, but verify' principle to build transparent organizations and hold people accountable."

Denise graduated from the University of Iowa with her M.A. in Hospital and Health Administration in 1982 and then from Indiana University with her M.B.A. in Accounting in 1986. She is currently a CPA at Averti Solutions. As a non-lawyer, her service on the Professional Conduct Board (PCB) has been invaluable. Denise has served on the PCB for several years and in addition to hearing many appeal matters, she has served on several formal charge cases.



Michael F. Peacock **Boise**

"Respect, care and concern for the client as a person, honesty, integrity, and supporting and advancing our profession."

Mike graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and currently practices in Kellogg. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section. Mike is a committee member for the Idaho Law Foundation Continuing Legal Education Committee and served on the Guardian Ad Litem Committee from 1992 to 1995. He received the Pro Bono Award in 1993 and again in 2002.



Amanda J. Rekow **Meridian**

"The Character and Fitness committee has allowed me to demonstrate commitment to dedicated public service—a value passed down from my parents. It has also shown me that there is a place for everyone to serve; you just have to put in a little time and effort to find that spot, but it so worth it!"

Amanda graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and currently practices at Power Engineers

in Meridian. She has been a member of the Idaho State Bar Character and Fitness Committee since 2013.



Mary E. Shea **Pocatello**

"Every lawyer I have ever met signed up for this job to help people. This is a service industry, it is a critical part of our civilized society, and we all have a role to play in making it serve us all better."

Mary graduated from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law and currently practices at Merrill & Merrill, Chtd. in Pocatello. Mary is a member of the Idaho State Bar Child Protection Section, Diversity Section, Family Law Section, and Litigation Section. She is currently the secretary for the Sixth District Bar Association and served on the Delivery of Legal Services Committee from 2008 to 2014. She received the Pro Bono Award in 2004.



Mahmood Sheikh **Boise**

"Attitude Reflects Leadership – Stay Positive, Stay Focused. Develop Sincere, Transformational Relationships, Not Transactional. Be Premier – Why Not Me? Treat Everyone the Same –

Never Judge a Book by Its Cover. Build for the Future – Those Who Came Before Built for Us, Our Time to Build."

Mahmood graduated from the University of Idaho and is currently the Associate Athletic Director for Development/Executive Director for the Vandal Scholarship Fund. Mahmood was an integral member of the Idaho State Bar staff for eight years. During those eight years, Mahmood helped build upon the foundation for the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers and the Idaho Lawyer Assistance Program. Mahmood is a member of the local Lions Club and loves to coach Idaho Rush U6 level soccer and Friday Night Flag Football!



S.E. Anne Solomon **Coeur d'Alene**

"I am very lucky to have the love and support of my husband and two children, who mean the world to me, and I'm so grateful to practice in Idaho, with a great community of judges and attorneys. Any work I have done should be shared with the Bench Bar Board and the CRC Board. Thank you all!"

Anne graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and currently practices at her firm Flammia & Solomon, PC in Coeur d'Alene. She is a member of the Idaho State Bar Family Law Section. Anne was a recipient of the Pro Bono Award in 1992 and the Professionalism Award in 2012.

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PRO BONO AWARDS



Angela Levesque, Levesque Law

In 2016, Angela and two colleagues founded Project Laura (Latin American Unaccompanied-Child & Refugee Assistance), a non-profit legal service provider that provides pro bono representation to qualifying clients assigned to the Boise, Idaho Immigration Deportation Courtroom. In addition to providing countless hours of pro bono service to Project Laura clients, Angela also readily lends her expertise to train and mentor attorneys volunteering through the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program. She finds deep satisfaction representing the unrepresented Latin American men, women and children who seek assistance from Project Laura. "They are not guaranteed an attorney, which is a huge hole in our justice system. Volunteering really is helping the community and your fellow man, and that satisfaction is reward enough."



Sunil Ramalingam, University of Idaho

As the Director of Externships and Pro Bono Programs at the University of Idaho, Sunil Ramalingam assists students with completing their mandatory 50-hour pro bono requirement. He cultivates a culture he hopes the students will take with them into their future practices by encouraging them to find an area of law that they are passionate about. In addition to mentoring law students who take on cases or advice and counsel through law school clinics, Sunil takes on pro bono cases of his own. He is aware of the huge need statewide for representation in family law and encourages all attorneys to make pro bono a part of their lives. "Your time can make a big difference in someone's life!" Sunil was recently appointed as a Second District Magistrate Judge.



Stephanie Ray, Stephanie Ray Law

Stephanie Ray started volunteering during law school for Idaho Legal Aid working with refugees. It was then that she realized how limited the access to attorneys can really be for those without means. She is also aware of the great need for family law assistance and encourages attorneys to volunteer, even if that's not their area of expertise. "These clients often just want to tell their story and feel like they are heard. Whether they are going to be successful or not, they appreciate the opportunity to tell you that story." As a native Idahoan, when she is not volunteering or practicing law in Pocatello, you can find her spending time with family, fishing, camping, and hunting.



Lisa Schoettger, Roy, Nielson, Platts, McGee & Schoettger

As a teacher, before becoming an attorney, Lisa Schoettger was the beneficiary of pro bono services. She has never forgotten the kindness of her attorney or her own worries during that time. "I cannot allow an injustice, especially where children are involved, to be carried out by the judicial system simply because one party does not have the financial resources to defend himself or herself." As a consistent volunteer over the years, Lisa always has at least one IVLP case open. Her advice to someone hesitant to take on a pro bono case would be to take advantage of the new Rules to make a limited appearance, even just for one hearing such as a Civil Protection Order hearing. Lisa was born and raised in Idaho and when she is not practicing law she enjoys going on adventures with her son, traveling, running, playing golf, and learning French.



Sean Wynn, Warren & Wynn PLLC

Sean Wynn came to Idaho to attend law school, where he was inspired by a professor to consider focusing his law practice on people – all people, not just those with money. Sean feels it is important for people with unique skills to use those skills to make the world a better place and this philosophy motivates him to provide pro bono service. In 2018, he took on 14 protection order cases and four Court Appointed Special Advocate cases. To attorneys who are hesitant to volunteer, Sean suggests starting with domestic violence protection order cases. This type of pro bono work serves extremely vulnerable clients without a large time commitment. When not practicing law, you can find Sean reading, playing video games, and spending time with his family.

Not Pictured

Scott Bauer, Bauer Law, PLLC

Scott Bauer approaches pro bono work in a very practical way. For him, it's an opportunity not only to represent someone who would otherwise lack access to an attorney, but also to expand his scope of competency in an area of law with which he has limited previous experience. During his time as a prosecutor, Scott used pro bono cases as a way to expand his expertise into areas suited to private practice. His advice to attorneys hesitant to take a pro bono case is: "Taking on cases is an excellent learning opportunity, while also serving a just cause." Bauer was born and raised in Moscow and now lives in Sandpoint. He has a love for mountain biking and a "nerd interest" in consuming large quantities of policy and political theory.

Charles Herrington, Micron Legal Department

Charlie Herrington strongly supports active involvement in public affairs and considers such engagement a rewarding undertaking. He served as a U.S. diplomat for 15 years and considers it a privilege to have worked for two years for Governor Cecil Andrus. Charles is committed to using his skills and training to offer a contribution when he sees a situation that seems in need of correction or improvement. In 2018, he closed a pro bono case on which he spent more than 1,000 hours. Herrington strongly urges Idaho lawyers to offer to help with cases of interest and reminds them that "... other lawyers are always happy to mentor and that IVLP has malpractice insurance to cover volunteers working in new areas". Herrington loves the beautiful Idaho outdoors and spends time enjoying it while skiing, hiking, camping and rafting.

Mike Porter, Canyon County Prosecutor's Office

Mike Porter has been a prosecuting attorney in Idaho for 13 years, spending the last 10 in Canyon County. Although he has plenty to keep him busy with three kids in college and two finishing up high school, he manages to make time for pro bono work. Growing up in a poor farming community, he knows firsthand how overwhelming the legal process can be for those without access to legal help. Mike is a regular volunteer at the Canyon County Community and Vets Clinic and often recruits his colleagues in the Canyon County Prosecutor's office to come along with him. His advice for attorneys who are hesitant to volunteer is: "Just give it a try once, if your experience is like mine, you will see the appreciation in the eyes of one or more people you meet with that day and know why it's worthwhile."

Marc Weinpel, Weinpel Law Office, PC

Marc Weinpel was nominated by the Idaho Legal Aid Services Idaho Falls office for his longstanding willingness to accept their referrals of low-income clients. ILAS states, "Marc Weinpel has been on our referral list longer than any other attorney in town and provides countless hours of free advice to folks who are not able to secure representation." Marc first got into law because of his strong passion for assisting people when they are in need. He specializes in family law and has been a valuable resource for ILAS and his community.

SECTION OF THE YEAR



The Government and Public Lawyers Section have set the bar high for participation in activities in the community that promote the legal profession and enhance the public understanding of the law. They actively support, as their public service project, the Attorneys for Civic Education (ACE) program by sponsoring, providing volunteers, and raising money to support programs that recognize the critical importance of civics education in Idaho's schools. These programs include: Idaho We the People, Idaho Mock Trial and Mock Trial in the Classroom, YMCA Youth in Government, the Courtroom Artist Contest, the 4H Know Your Government Conference, the Journalism Institute on the Law, and the Institute for Secondary Education Teachers.

FAMILY LAW SECTION AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Maureen Laflin of the University of Idaho Mediation Clinic has put in countless hours mediating family law cases in Idaho. Maureen was nominated by an attorney who stated, "[i]n joining the Moscow legal community four years ago, I have found Maureen to be a welcoming and dedicated member, who is professional and interested in supporting our local network of lawyers. In custody mediations she has a skilled way of helping parties focus on their children, keeping their focus on their goals as parents. We are truly fortunate to have Maureen available to our clients to guide them through difficult decisions."



Maureen is the Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Idaho College of Law. She has been a member of the faculty since 1991. She is a certified professional mediator with the Idaho Mediation Association and the creator and director of the Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution. Maureen teaches several Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) courses and actively works in the Inland Northwest to promote and create ADR opportunities. Mediation is an essential element of family law and we are fortunate to not only have Maureen as a skilled and successful mediator but also to have her train the next generation of mediators and practitioners to serve in this area.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER



Brittany A. Kreimeyer was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. She relocated to Boise in 2013 to follow her law school dream. The main reason Brit opted to attend Concordia University School of Law is because of its dedication to service. During her time in law school Brit logged over 400 hours of pro bono service at various agencies and was an active member of the Student Bar Association.

After passing the bar exam, Brit started her career at the Ada County Public Defender's Office, a job she truly loves. She is an adjunct faculty at Concordia University School of Law and currently the chairperson for the Idaho State Bar Diversity Section. In her free time, she mentors law students, high school students, and is active in various programs like We the People and National History Day. Brit will never turn down the opportunity to get young people involved in their government and learning about the justice system.

Brit's life mission is based on the quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson: "To laugh often and much...to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

BEST OF *THE ADVOCATE*



2018 BEST COVER PHOTO

John Marshall's photo of the flowering balsamroot in the Boise foothills was a strikingly beautiful representation of the Boise landscape and was selected as the 2018 Best Cover Photo.

In his description of this photo, John said, "I had been trying throughout the spring to get a photo of the flowers with a nice Boise sunset in the background. On this evening the light cooperated nicely by lighting up the remnants of a spring storm over the foothills." This photo was a great addition to the August 2018 issue and did a beautiful job showcasing the spring-to-summer transition in Boise.

2018 BEST ARTICLE

The article titled "It's the Little Wondrous Blunders that Can Summon One's Demise," co-authored by Leslie Hayes and Bryan Nickels from the May 2018 issue was selected as the 2018 Best Article. This article's clear writing style and relevant content made it a memorable read – various members of the Editorial Board mentioned that it was an easy article to recall, even after reading it nearly a year ago. Written in a way that emphasized its importance, the article's practicality stood out as its defining feature.

2018 BEST ISSUE SPONSOR

The Idaho Legal History Society's sponsorship of the November/December 2018 issue of *The Advocate* was the Editorial Board selection as 2018 Best Issue Sponsor. The issue's cohesive theme and thought provoking articles stood out as a well-planned and well-executed sponsorship effort. Each of the authors brought a fresh perspective to their respective World War I topics – covering stories that highlighted Idaho's involvement in various wartime efforts and events of the time.

50 YEARS OF ADMISSION

Phillip M. Barber, Boise, ID

Harvard Law School was terrifying to Phil. After the grueling application he felt accomplished but all of a sudden the environment of 500 participants in a class showed him the competition was fierce. He felt there were not many options available for history majors at the time so he went to law school. In 1969, Phil clerked for the Idaho Supreme Court then moved to California in 1970. After moving back in 1971, he served as a Deputy Attorney General. He went on to practice with a couple of firms and eventually retired from Hawley Troxell in 2000. He is most proud of his early career when he did all the appeals for his firm and had a good success record. Phil enjoys traveling to see his family in Astoria and spending time with his daughter and grandson here in Boise, as well as doing as little as possible.

Stephen A. Beebe, La Quinta, CA

After completing law school, Steve began his career as a clerk for the Hon. Ray McNichols from 1969 to 1970. In August of 1970 he joined the legal department of J.R. Simplot Company, later to become Senior Vice President and then General Counsel in 1977. In 1990 he completed the Stanford Graduate School of Business Executive Program and in 1991 was promoted to President of Food Group with Simplot and in 1994 to Vice Chairman, President and CEO. He retired as CEO from Simplot in 2003. Steve cites one of his most memorable experiences as clerking for Judge McNichols, "who had been the famous Senator Frank Church's Campaign manager. Judge McNichols was the epitome of a Federal District Judge, great scholar and court room presence with a wonderful sense of humor." Steve is proud of the fact that his father, the Hon. Arnold T. Beebe, and brother, Hon. Mark Beebe, served as State Court judges for many years before they retired. Steve currently lives in California.

Paul M. Beeks, Sun Lakes, AZ

Paul practiced with Smith & Beeks, PLLC in Twin Falls. He is a member of the Fifth District Bar Association and has served as a judge for the District Moot Court Competition for over 10 years. He received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2002. Known for his community and civic service, Paul is a past director of Junior Achievement of Twin Falls, a member and past president of the Twin Falls Optimist Club, and a former precinct committeeman. He is also a member, past president, and past councilman of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Paul received his J.D. from the University of North Dakota. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons; David, a physician in Oregon, Ohio; and Daniel, an attorney in Phoenix, Arizona.

Dwight V. Board, Boise, ID

Dwight practiced business and banking law for around 35 years. He retired as Executive Vice President, Secretary, and General Counsel of US Bankcorp. He and his wife, Lorna, have been married for 53 years and operate a small cattle ranch in eastern Oregon. They have three sons, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Robert E. Farnam, Idaho Falls, ID

Robert E. Farnam has practiced with Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo, PLLC., in Idaho Falls for 50 years. A University of Idaho alumnus, he has enjoyed representing multiple generations of clients through their legal needs. Rob served on the Executive Program Planning Committee of the Idaho State Tax Institute for approximately 45 years and has been a speaker many times at the Tax Institute and other professional seminars throughout Idaho. He initiated and has coordinated the "It's the Law" newspaper column in Idaho Falls for over 40 years and is former president of the Seventh District Bar Association. Rob is very active in musical circles in Idaho Falls, having served as president of the Idaho Falls Opera Theater for approximately 20 years, as a founding board member of the Anam Cara concert choir, and by singing as a soloist for many years with the Idaho Falls Opera, Idaho Falls Symphony, Anam Cara, and other Eastern Idaho musical groups, including two European tours. Rob is an avid golfer (two holes in one) and enjoyed coaching youth sports when his children were younger. He and his wife, Annette, live in Idaho Falls.

Eugene D. Fredericksen, Jerome, ID

As a child, Gene admired the attorneys in his community including his aunt. Their example fostered his decision to go into the practice of law while his senior partner, Frank Rettig, fostered his love and execution of the practice of law with his high ethics and mastery. One of his career highlights was when he won as a write-in for Prosecuting Attorney and continued to serve for five terms. He is most proud of his family and the exceptional people they have become. Gene and his family have lived in Jerome for 50 years and have become a part of the community, watching it grow. He and his wife, Judi, have four children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Their son, Eric, has followed in Gene's footsteps to practice law. In his spare time, Gene enjoys fishing, hunting, and outdoor activities, including spending time at their cabin in Donnelly. Judi and Gene enjoy spending their winters in warmer climates and travel to Mesquite, Nevada each year.

Ralph J. Gines, Boise, ID

Ralph felt there should be a lawyer in the family and with his interest in the U.S. Constitution and its history, so he decided to go into the practice of law. He attended George Washington University Law School and cites his clients as being the most influential in his career through their collaboration to find solutions to their issues, the mutual respect they held, and their loyalty. Ralph served two elected terms and one appointed term in the Idaho State Legislature. He served many years on the Board of Directors of Idaho Allied Christian Forces and two terms as President. He has taught accounting, taxation, and law courses at Boise State University and was appointed as an Idaho Member of the Electoral College in 1976. Ralph now does part-time legal work, enjoys time with his family, is engaged actively with his church, and still enjoys being involved in politics. He and his wife, Lyn, collectively have 14 children, 45 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Their son, Aaron, is a practicing attorney in the Salt Lake area.

Hon. Nathan W. Higer, Las Vegas, NV

After obtaining his undergraduate in history, Judge Higer initially went into the practice of law as a “natural choice,” as his father was an attorney. Judge Higer cites Judge Ed Lodge as being a great influence on his career with his “even-handed and calm approach to law.” Judge Higer is very proud of his three sons; Matthew, an Air Force Colonel and pilot, David, an Idaho and Illinois licensed attorney, and Jesse, also an Air Force pilot and Lt. Colonel. Now retired, Judge Higer and his wife, Kay, enjoy golfing, traveling, volunteering for tennis and golf tournaments, and spending time with their grandchildren.

William R. Hollifield, Eagle, ID

Bill received his draft notice for the Vietnam War the week he graduated. He enlisted in the Army’s delayed enlistment program so he could take the Bar exam before going into service. Bill was stationed in Washington, D.C. and after his service in the Army, worked in the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, before returning to Twin Falls. He originally chose to go into the practice of law after holding a summer job in the office of Jerry Smith in Lewiston. Smith allowed a young Bill to sit in during client consultations where Bill saw the assistance Smith was offering clients and decided he wanted to help folks in that way as well. Bill was elected Twin Falls County Prosecutor in 1974, served as an Idaho State Bar Commissioner and President, received the Pro Bono Award in 1999, and the Professionalism Award in 2000. Now retired from practice, Bill enjoys reading, gardening, biking, and fly fishing. He and his wife, Karla, have four children and six grandchildren. One of their grandchildren is considering going into the practice of law as well.

David W. Hyde, Boise, ID

After obtaining a B.A. in Letters and Science, David went on to earn his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law. He settled on the practice of law as he enjoyed people and solving problems and felt it to be an exciting and respectable profession. David served as law clerk with former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Clay Spear, which had a large effect on enhancing his analytical and legal writing skills. David was a founding member of the firm Hyde, Wetherell, Bray & Haff and practiced with the firm for 33 years as well as volunteering with the Idaho State Bar and serving as President of the Fourth District Bar Association. In 1969 he was the sole recipient in Idaho of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Art & Science of Advocacy. David and his wife, Ruth, have three children and eight grandchildren they are proud of. In their spare time they love long distance motorcycling and reading. They have just purchased a home in Austin, Texas and will be moving there to continue enjoying retirement.

Garry W. Jones, Spokane, WA

Garry is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. He received the Professionalism Award from the Idaho State Bar in 1995. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Spokane, Washington.

Hon. James F. Judd, Boise, ID

Judge Judd is a lifelong resident of Idaho, born and raised in Boise. He received his law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law and began practicing in a one-lawyer office in Post Falls. In 1969 he was appointed as Kootenai County’s first public defender, a position he held until 1974. In 1970 he married Linda Roberson Palmer. Upon her admission to the Idaho State Bar in 1970 they practiced law together in Post Falls until he took the bench in 1987. He was elected commissioner of the Idaho State Bar during the 1980-83 term, serving as President in 1983. Judge Judd was first elected to the position of District Judge with chambers in Coeur d’Alene in the 1986 election. In July of 2001 he received the Idaho Supreme Court’s George G. Granata, Jr. Professionalism Award. He also received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award. In October 2001 Judge Judd received the Walker Center’s 2001 Community Service Award for his efforts in starting Idaho’s first Drug Court. In March of 2003 he received the Idaho Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award for Judicial Excellence. Since his retirement in November 2001 he has served as a Senior Judge.

William V. McCann, Jr., Lewiston, ID

Since graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law, Bill Jr. has maintained a sole practice in Lewiston mainly focusing on real property, wills, and probate. He was President of the Idaho State Bar from 1985 to 1986 and was President of the Second District Bar Association from 1981 to 1983. He has been heavily involved in his community and state,

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having served as President of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, President of Valley Vision (the Lewiston economic development organization), and has served as a member of a local bank board. He is the first non-dental President of Delta Dental of Idaho and sat on that board for 22 years. After the death of his father in 1997, Bill Jr. has devoted eighty percent of his time to the family corporation, which has commercial property, a cow/calf operation and manages timber on the corporation's ground. In addition to being a member of the courts of the State of Idaho, he is also a member of the Federal District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. Bill Jr. and his wife, Lori, live in Lewiston and have four children and 10 grandchildren. They enjoy spending time at their home, on the ranches, and with their children and grandchildren.

William J. McKlveen, Boise, ID

Bill has been a proud partner at Eberle Berlin for over 50 years. During Bill's career, he has practiced in both litigation and transactional work, but Bill's current practice focuses on all types of commercial and real estate transactions. Bill graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and is a past recipient of the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1998. He and his wife, Jacquelyn Sproat McKlveen, live in Boise. In his spare time he enjoys duck hunting and golf.

Michael G. Morfitt, Boise, ID

A University of Idaho College of Law graduate, Michael went into the practice of law through the influence of his brother, James C. Morfitt, and his law school classmates at the University of Idaho College of Law. He practices mainly in commercial and business law. He has served as Justice of the Peace in Latah County, Judge Advocate General Certified Trial Counsel in Vietnam, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Idaho, and as District Counsel and Special Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Small Business Administration for 26 years. He and his wife, Briggs A. Hawley, live in Boise and enjoy traveling the world.

Wilbur T. Nelson, Boise, ID

Wilbur is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. He and his wife, Donna, live in Boise. Wilbur went into the practice of law after graduating with a B.A. in Forestry. During his senior year studying forestry he became very interested in land and water law and decided to pursue a law degree. He began his career as a law clerk for a federal judge in Boise, then becoming an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho. Wilbur retired from his own practice in 2005 due to medical reasons and continued to do research work for other lawyers until around 2013. He and his wife now reside quietly in Boise.

Leon E. Smith, Twin Falls, ID

Other than to help people solve problems, Leon's inspiration to practice comes from the community and the people where he lives and works. "It and they have been so good to me and my family that I have practiced longer than I had planned." Leon graduated from Washburn University and was a long-standing member of the Judicial Fairness Committee, as well as having received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2018. He served as a County Prosecutor, Mayor, Chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board, and spent 14 years in the State Legislature. He advises young attorneys to get involved in their community, volunteer, put effort into their local bar association, but to always put their family first and practice second. Leon and his wife, Janice, live in Twin Falls. They raised three children and now that they are semi-retired, are very active in the arts. Leon paints and Janice is a photographer working through the local gallery and other avenues.

Nick J. Staihar, Moscow, ID

Nick served in the Air Force for four years as a mechanical engineer before enrolling at the University of Idaho College of Law. He was reading and thought the practice of law was a good fit for him. After law school he went into the Army and served in the JAG Corps for 16 years, after which he retired to take care of his father. Nick had a stroke in November 2008; his wife, Charlotte, cares for him at their home in Moscow. They have three sons, one of whom works as a patent attorney for Nike, another who is a law professor, and the third who is a huge help to his parents at home.

Frank W. Stoppello, Boise, ID

Born in Rupert, Frank moved to Boise when he was a toddler at just five years old. He always enjoyed reading about lawyers and history and wanted to be an attorney from a young age. His mother, a 1940 University of Idaho graduate, taught him to never give up on what he wanted to do. She was his greatest influence. Frank obtained his B.A. in Business and went into general practice. One of his biggest hurdles was being able to apply himself. He recommends to new attorneys, "You can never be over prepared." He is most proud of his professional accomplishment of serving as Boise City Prosecutor for three and a half years, after which he became the police union attorney for over 30 years and successfully tried a union case before the Idaho Supreme Court. He and his wife of 53 years, Vickie, have two children; Michael, who became an attorney and Rachel, who is an artist and antique

restorer. Frank and his wife have three grandsons and enjoy family life and trying to spend a little more time out of town. Frank also enjoys golf, hunting, and restoring antique Packards.

Hon. Don L. Swanstrom, Kootenai, ID

A lifelong resident of Idaho's two northern counties, Judge Swanstrom first wanted to be an accountant, but during undergraduate work in the University of Idaho's college of business, his interest in law was piqued by Professor Clifford Dobler and his business law class. At the University, Professor George Bell was Judge Swanstrom's advisor and became a good mentor to him on his path to the practice of law and to becoming a member of the Idaho Judiciary. He is decidedly grateful to Judge Jim Towels and Judge Dar Cogswell as well for steering him in the direction of the Judiciary. In September of 1971, discouraged with the practice of law after only a few years, he was approached to apply for a Magistrate Judgeship and did so. His move into the judiciary was a great one for him as he served on the bench for 33 years and an additional nine years as a senior judge after his official retirement in 2004. Judge Swanstrom was crucial in helping to create the Court Appointed Special Advocates program in the First District and worked closely to get the first women's shelter up and running in Coeur d'Alene. He also worked on numerous Idaho Supreme Court committees over his tenure and helped coordinate the pre-trial conferencing process in northern Idaho's Magistrate Division of the District Court. Judge Swanstrom also worked to get court administration up and running in the First District and is very proud of his work in coordinating the move to have the Magistrate Judges in Kootenai County hold involuntary mental health commitment hearings at the hospital instead of transporting participants to court. Now fully retired, Judge Swanstrom spends his time practicing photography and is looking forward to getting back to skiing soon. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children and 14 grandchildren. They greatly enjoy spending time involved in their grandchildren's activities.

Hon. Mikel H. Williams, Boise, ID

Mikel H. Williams is a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1969. After law school, Judge Williams received a commission in the United States Army, Judge Advocate General Corps. Judge Williams served four years on active duty and another 20 years in the United States Army Reserves, and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Retired. Upon leaving active duty, Judge Williams returned to Boise with a position as an Assistant United States Attorney. In 1977, he left the United States Attorney's Office and became a partner in the Boise law firm of Collins, Manly & Williams. In 1984, Judge Williams was appointed as the first full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho. Since retiring in 2008, Judge Williams has served on recall status assisting the Court by conducting settlement conferences and serving on various Court committees. While on recall status, Judge Williams helped establish the START Court (Success Through Assisted Recovery and Treatment) program in Boise and Pocatello to assist select individuals serving the supervised release part of their sentences. Judge Williams has participated in mediation training sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center at Tulane University and various programs within the District of Idaho. Judge Williams is a past chairman of the Ninth Circuit Magistrate Judges Association, a past member of the Ninth Circuit Defenders Committee, past Chairman and current member of the Local Rules Committee for the United States District Court, District of Idaho, a member of the American Inns of Court, a past member of the Idaho State Bar *The Advocate* Editorial Advisory Board, and a member of the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers steering committee. Judge Williams received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2012 and the Richard C. Fields Civility Award from Concordia University School of Law. He and his wife, Lorette, live in Boise and enjoy sailing, skiing, whitewater rafting, and spending time at their family cabin in Cascade with their two daughters and four grandchildren.

William "Bud" F. Yost III, Nampa, ID

Bud Yost attended Miami University (Ohio) where he earned a bachelors degree in 1961. He then attended Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and received a Master's Degree in Governmental Administration. In 1963, as a member of the United States Air Force, he was stationed at Mountain Home, Idaho. After his honorable discharge as a Captain, he was accepted into the University of Idaho College of Law where he received his J.D. In addition to his 50 years of active practice, he has been a member of the Idaho State Bar Professional Conduct Board, a member of the first Committee to Redraft the Idaho Corporations Law, and he was Past President of the Canyon County Lawyers Club. In 1999 he was elected to the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners and served as President in 2002. He was the chairman of the Third District's Citizens' Law Academy, a member of the Character and Fitness Committee, and the Legislative Compensation Committee. He has served as District Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America, Chairman of the Canyon County United Way, Board of Directors of the Nampa Rotary Club, Chair of the Board of Directors of Mercy Medical Center, Board of Directors of the Snake River Stampede, and President of the Nampa Industrial Corporation. Bud received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1998, Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2006, Service Award in 2012, and Pro Bono Award in 2017. He is a recipient of the Richard C. Fields Civility Award from Concordia University School of Law. Bud and his wife, Joan, are parents to five children and grandparents to 10 grandchildren. Being a grandparent is a special role that Bud enjoys. Bud's father used to say that the greatest legacy a person can leave is their children and grandchildren. In his free time he enjoys continuing his education, trips to the gym, traveling with Joan, and fly fishing.

60 YEARS OF ADMISSION

Hon. Howard L. Armstrong, Pocatello, ID

Judge Armstrong decided as a young boy that being an attorney was what he wanted to do with his life. He first earned an undergraduate degree in history and then went on to finish law school at Brigham Young University. Judge Armstrong practiced general law as a sole practitioner for about 20 years then became a Bannock County District Judge for another 20 years before becoming a senior judge and retiring. He enjoyed all aspects of practicing law but mostly the idea of helping people. He recalls a case early in his career where a mother was killed in an auto accident. The insurance company did not want to provide an adequate settlement to the family saying that as a homemaker she wasn't worth a larger settlement. Judge Armstrong brought in a witness from Idaho State University who outlined what this homemaker did each day and assigned a comparative market value to each task using minimum wage. The total sum was so astounding it not only procured a good settlement for the woman's family but impressed upon those present just how much being a homemaker was "worth." These days Judge Armstrong enjoys traveling with his wife, Marilyn, and visiting family and friends. He has eight children, approximately 50 grandchildren, and a "whole bunch" of great-grandchildren.

Hon. Robert C. Huntley, Jr., Boise, ID

Bob continues to enjoy the practice of law, especially three current cases seeking funding for Idaho schools. He says of the practice, "It is one of the last frontiers of the free man." He received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Idaho, his Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law, and later his Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia. He has served on the Pocatello City Council, as a State Representative from Bannock County, an Idaho State Bar Commissioner, and received the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award and the ATLA Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 2017. Bob served on the Idaho Supreme Court from 1982 through 1989. He was also a Director of the Idaho Law Foundation from 1983 to 1986. Bob practices law with his son, Christopher, at The Huntley Law Firm in Boise. He and his wife, Elfriede, have two sons, Chris and Tony, and one grandson, Sebastian.

R. Lavar Marsh, Boise, ID

Lavar, having known lawyers he admired and reading about Abraham Lincoln, made the decision to practice law very early in his life. He attended Boise Junior College and Brigham Young University. He graduated from law school at the University of Utah with his J.D. and a rare Bachelors of Science in Law having completed the four year program. He then practiced with the firm of Malar, Collister & Marsh. Lavar enjoyed trial work early in his career and practiced for many years with the Idaho Attorney General's Office where he did appellate work. He advises young attorneys that their personal integrity and demeanor is very important in their practice of the law. Lavar now enjoys reading, writing, and spending lots of time with his family. He is married to Carolyn and they have six children, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandson with another on the way.

Hon. Robert G. Newhouse, Henderson, NV

Judge Newhouse studied accounting at the University of Idaho. However, in his own words, he was "just supposed to be a lawyer." He ultimately earned a law degree from the University of Idaho College of Law. After graduation he practiced in Fairfield as the prosecuting attorney for 11 years before becoming a District Judge. He says an early mentor for him in the profession was District Judge Charles Scoggin. Judge Newhouse says he loved being a judge. His sage advice to new attorneys is to "work hard and the profession will take care of you." He is enjoying retirement in Nevada with his wife, Gretchen.

William D. Olson, Boise, ID

Bill received his undergraduate degree from Idaho State University. He went on to Washington University at St. Louis where he earned his J.D. in 1959. In his early career, Bill clerked for Judge Fred Taylor. He later partnered with Lou Racine and Robert Huntley in the firm of Racine, Huntley & Olson in 1963. Bill served as President of the Sixth District Bar Association and as a long-standing member of the Character and Fitness Committee. He received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2008. The things he most enjoyed about the practice of law were the trial work and the camaraderie of the practice. Last year at the Idaho State University Commencement Ceremony, he received the Professional Achievement Award. The advice he offers to new attorneys is to "be very polite to the judges and respect the court." Bill enjoys fishing, traveling, and golfing. He and his wife, Diana, are parents to three children, two of whom also became attorneys. Bill enjoys spending time with his seven grandchildren.

65 YEARS OF ADMISSION

Richard Anderson, Boise, ID

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Growing up in a home where his father was a lawyer, Richard has been exposed to law since he was a child. After graduat-

ing from the University of Idaho College of Law he went to work as a general practice lawyer. Richard's father taught him a lot about being a lawyer and had a great influence on his career. Through the years he has noticed lawyers are becoming more specialized and his advice to young lawyers would be to find the area of law you like and become the best specialist in your field. In his spare time Richard enjoys golfing and reading. He and his wife, Joanne, have been married for 62 years and have a large family.

William T. Goodman, Rupert, ID

Bill's father was one of the biggest influences in his life. Describing his father as old school, Bill says if he told you to do something you did it. While growing up, his father and grandfather were morticians and he knew he didn't want to be a mortician. He decided to go into law and received his L.L.B from the University of Idaho. One of the biggest influences on his career was Judge Sherman Bellwood, whom Bill worked for starting in 1954, and eventually the two of them became partners. One of Bill's professional accomplishments is being able to help people whenever he could. Bill has noticed over the years the law profession changing - "new lawyers want to work in a firm or public service, instead of starting their own practice." He was a recipient of the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2016. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, hunting, and fishing, as well as playing bridge. Bill was married to his wife, Norma, for 61 years until she passed in December 2013. They are the parents of three children; his son, Alan, is also an attorney.

Harry B. Turner, Twin Falls, ID

Losing his eye sight at a young age, Harry was determined to lead a normal life. While growing up he liked to argue and debate; his father and his teachers all told him to be a lawyer. It took Harry five years to receive his J.D. from the University of Idaho, all without braille or a guide dog. His close friends read him all his law school lessons and he passed the bar on the first try. Two years later he was elected to the Idaho State Legislature and served for eight years, after which he was a part-time Federal Magistrate for 10 years. He practiced general law as a sole practitioner and received the Professionalism Award from the Idaho State Bar in 2004. The biggest influence on his career was his dad for always being supportive. He considers one of his professional accomplishments to be when he won his first case in the Idaho Supreme Court. His advice to young lawyers is "to listen, respect one's elders, realize that many times members of the office staff may know as much, or more, than you do about a particular issue. Pay attention to advice from judges and experienced members of the Bar." Harry enjoys water skiing, snow skiing, kayaking, cross country skiing, swimming, and life with his spouse, Gerry.

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Richard "Dick" B. Eismann, Nampa, ID

Dick knew he wanted to be a lawyer when he was 15 years-old. He looked at it as a profession that could take you in many directions and present many challenges. Dick was influenced by his parents and siblings who provided encouragement and recognition in his early years. He received his undergraduate and J.D. from the University of Oregon. One of the things he enjoys is the feeling of being able to help someone with a significant problem. He would advise young lawyers to "pick the geographical area in which you want to live, start practicing in that area, and carefully prepare for each legal task you undertake". In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, and boating. He and his wife, Geri, are the parents of six children; Dan and Debra are lawyers, Kathy and Karen are court reporters. He is most pleased in life by seeing his children and grandchildren progress with their accomplishments and is actively involved with them all.

William H. Foster, Mesa, AZ

William went into the practice of law after becoming discouraged with the political arena he witnessed while overseas during wartime. After graduating from the University of Idaho he mainly practiced in Burley and Grangeville as a general practitioner rather than specializing in order to better serve the people there. William has three children, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren with one more on the way. He enjoys visiting with his family as often as he can. William is currently living in Mesa, Arizona where he enjoys walking his dogs, playing bridge, and visiting the library and gym every day.

Cope R. Gale, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Cope received his undergraduate in political science and his law degree from the University of Idaho. He graduated in 1949 and entered into private practice after graduation. After his father-in-law, William D. Keeton, was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court in March of 1949, Cope took over his practice. Cope said he enjoyed dealing with people and liked helping them with their personal problems. He received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2003. Cope recommends that new attorneys "develop a practice with people you would like to do business with and that are good for your practice." He has five children, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He and his wife, Dawn, enjoy gardening, doing puzzles, and watching his grandson play baseball for the Oklahoma City Dodgers.

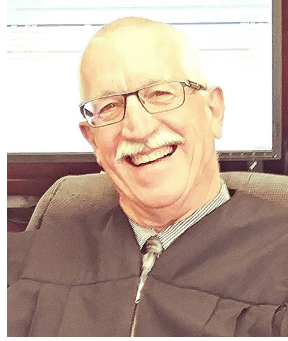
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Edward is a graduate of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law.

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