



Winter/Spring 2022 LTL! Northern Idaho Event

November 29, 2022

EVENT SUMMARY

Event Title: Kootenai County Courthouse Event and Court Observation

Date & Time: November 29, 2022 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Location: Kootenai Co. Courthouse, 324 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d’Alene

Number of Students: Approx. 25 Students, 1 teacher and 1 chaperone attended.

Participating Schools: Lakeland HS, Rathdrum, Idaho

Participating Judges, Attorneys, and Staff: Hon. Cynthia K.C. Meyer (Dist. Judge), Ms. Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney Stan Mortensen, Deputy Prosecutor Casey Drews, Attorney Kinzo Mihara, and Mr. Brent Morris (Bailiff)

Summary of Events:

I arrived at the Kootenai Co. Courthouse at approximately 7:45am with pre-purchased sodas, plates, and trash bags. I then coordinated with the court security staff about how they’d like to move the students and chaperones through the courthouse. I then coordinated with the Bailiffs’ Office and Judge Meyer’s courtroom deputy, Denice Larsen, about where they’d like the children to sit and if they had any other instructions for the participants.

The Lakeland HS students and chaperones arrived at approximately 8:15 am and were all passed through security. They then moved to the courtroom for instruction on proper courtroom etiquette.

The students, chaperone, and Attorney Mihara then observed arraignments and probation violation hearings for drug offenses and probation violation admit/deny hearings. The students also toured the courthouse’s holding cells.

After the hearing, the students heard from Judge Meyer, Courtroom Deputy Denice Larsen, Prosecuting Attorney Stan Mortensen, Deputy Prosecutor Casey Drews, Attorney Kinzo Mihara, and Bailiff Brent Morris. Each gave a talk about their personal and educational backgrounds, answering the students’ questions as the program progressed.

After the discussions, the pizza arrived and the students, chaperone, and attorneys remained in the courtroom for discussion of the hearings and interaction with attorneys, judge, and staff.

The students and chaperones departed at approximately 12:30pm.

Participant Profiles: Participants were asked to (but not required to) fill out event review forms. Those forms have been received and are provided along with this document

Demographic Background Information. Please see student evaluation forms received.

Student/Teacher Feedback: Verbal feedback was unanimously positive. Written feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Event Evaluations. Student evaluation forms received 12/27/2022; and sent along with this document.

Costs Associated with Event:

The ISB Diversity Section authorized NTE \$350.00 for this event. The event came in well under budget at \$229.65. Receipts were also submitted and Love the Law! funds are sought to pay for the following expenses:

Expense	Amount
Sodas, plates, paper towels, etc.	\$50.16
Dominos Pizzas	\$138.36
Misc. (Tip)	\$20.00
Mileage	\$21.13
Total	\$229.65

The Idaho State Bar and Diversity Section allowed for the students and chaperones to attend the event and luncheon for free. Excess food and beverages were donated to the Bailiff and Clerk's offices in appreciation for their support.