

## Idaho State Bar - Environment and Natural Resources Section

### Meeting Agenda

April 23, 2025, Noon-1:00pm

[Meeting in Person 800 W. Main St, Suite 1750, Boise, Idaho and via Zoom]

1. Introduction and Welcome (Riker)
2. Treasurer's Report (Boquist)
3. **Action Items**
  - a. Approve February 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Approve March 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - c. Donation Requests and Requests for Sponsorship
    - i. **Access to Justice** has asked our section to sponsor the Access to Justice Fund Run & Walk on May 31, 2025. We are proposing a \$600.00 donation, consistent with the amounts the ENR Section has funded in the past. At this level of sponsorship, the ENR Section receives one pre-event social media post, one post-event "thank you" on the Idaho State Bar/Idaho Law Foundation's social media page, the ENR Section name will be printed on the event t-shirt, and the ENR Section will be featured in an Access to Justice "Thank You" in the Advocate.

Access to Justice Idaho is a group of volunteer lawyers throughout Idaho who conduct annual fund-raising campaigns to supplement the pro bono efforts of the Idaho Volunteer Lawyer Program (IVLP), Disability Rights Idaho (DRI) and Idaho Legal Aid Services (ILAS). Each year, donations from ISB Sections, District Bars, lawyers, and judges help deliver legal advice and representation statewide to over 10,000 vulnerable Idahoans.
    - ii. **Idaho Environmental Forum (IEF)** has also requested sponsorship. We are proposing a \$500.00 sponsorship. At this level, the ENR section name will be listed as a website sponsor and included on all printed materials.

IEF is an informal, nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational association whose sole mission is to promote serious, cordial, and productive discourse on a broad range of environmental policies affecting Idaho. IEF takes no positions, advocate no causes, and endorses no candidates. IEF has previously co-sponsored events with the ENR Section.

4. Section Updates (Riker)

- a. Advocate Sponsorship – The ENR Section is sponsoring the October 2025 Issue of the Advocate. To submit an article for inclusion in the Advocate, the following deadlines will apply:
  - i. Deadline for Article Submissions: August 6, 2025
  - ii. Editorial Advisory Board Meeting: August 21, 2025
  - iii. Final Revision Deadline: September 4, 2025

**Please reach out to Katy Riker by email to [kdriker@hollandhart.com](mailto:kdriker@hollandhart.com) by May 15, 2025 if you plan to submit an article.**

- b. Elections – Annual elections are coming up in May 2025. There are Executive Committee and Council positions available. You can self-nominate if you are interested in becoming an officer. Please send nominations to Katy Riker at [kdriker@hollandhart.com](mailto:kdriker@hollandhart.com).

**Executive Committee:** The Chair is responsible for conducting monthly meetings, attending Idaho State Bar practice section meetings, and giving reports to the Bar Commissioners, as required. The Vice Chair plans the yearly CLE and conducts monthly meetings in the absence of the Chair. The Secretary/Treasurer keeps records of meetings, and tracks section expenditures and income.

**At-Large Council:** At-large council members are responsible for planning one lunchtime CLE per year.

5. Brief Announcements (all)

6. **Presentation by ISB Bar Counsel, Joe Pirtle – Ethics CLE covering ISB’s ethics opinions and updates**

**Presenter Bio:** Joe Pirtle joined Bar Counsel’s office in April 2022. Prior to that, Joe was a shareholder and civil litigation attorney with Elam & Burke in Boise.

Joe is an Idaho native who spent his youth in Eagle, Twin Falls and Boise. Before entering private practice, Joe served as a law clerk to Twin Falls County District Judge John C. Hohnhorst. Joe received his B.S. in Business Finance from the University of Idaho in 2001 and his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2004. Joe was an inaugural class member of the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, and later served on its steering committee. He is also a past chairperson of the Idaho State Bar Litigation Section and served as a mentor for the Idaho Trial Skills Academy. Joe currently serves on the Attorney Well Being Task Force, and previously served many years as a member of the Idaho Lawyer Assistance Program.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 28, 2025**