

## MINUTES

### Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section

Thursday, April 3, 2025 • Noon MST • ISB Law Center, 525 West Jefferson, Boise

#### I. Call to Order, Introductions

Chairperson Angela Kaufmann called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. MST.

#### II. Introductions

Introductions of the meeting participants were skipped.

#### III. Minutes of March 6, 2025 meeting

Texie Montoya made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Stephanie Nemore. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Announcements

None

#### V. Financial Update

No significant changes in the finances since the last meeting. We have submitted our 2025 budget to the Idaho Bar for its review. Anyone who wants a copy of the budget can reach out to Emily, Angela, or Teresa at the Bar. The updated financials will be available at the next meeting.

#### VI. Attorney for Civic Education (ACE) update

Texie Montoya gave an ACE update.

#### VIII. CLE

##### Joseph Pirtle, Bar Counsel

Title: *The Idaho State Bar Disciplinary Process*

Summary of Presentation:

- Discipline: Section 5 within the Bar Commission rules
- About 150 grievances so far this year; estimating approximately 600 this year, which is about 200 more than previous years.
- Lawyers are required to cooperate in process per Bar rules
  - o Confidentiality of client information can be waived
  - o Licenses can be suspended if no cooperation with reasonable requests
- Process starts with written grievance.
  - o There is a form.

- This grievance is confidential.
- Then an investigation follows.
  - Initial review for alleged rule violations
  - If no rule violation found, then dismissed
  - If there is a violation, then respondent lawyer has a chance to respond to the allegations.
- If no clear and convincing evidence of violation, investigation is discontinued
  - Grievant can appeal to a hearing committee
- If clear and convincing evidence of violation is found, then discipline
  - Informal discipline:
    - Private discipline; not disclosed to public unless consent from lawyer
    - For lesser violations
    - Bar can impose; no need for approval from hearing committee or Supreme Court to impose
  - Formal discipline:
    - Public discipline (i.e. public sanctions, public reprimand, disbarment, probation limiting license, suspension, etc.)
    - Hearing committee imposes
      - Appeal to Idaho Supreme Court if needed

## **IX. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m. MST.