

Idaho State Bar Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section

Meeting Minutes

Date	May 20, 2026
Attendees	J.B., Julia, Tecla, Holly, and Rhett

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion: Tecla moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, and Rhett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Wilson Investiture

The Section contributed \$900 toward refreshments and related expenses for the judicial investiture. Members reported that the event went well. Judge Pappas spoke about the Section's 45-year history. The group discussed carrying that anniversary theme into the next conference and reviving a Drinkers and Thinkers gathering.

2027 Seminar

Tentative dates and location: February 4–7, 2027, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

Conference Format

- A speaker dinner, seminar banquet, and judges breakfast are contemplated.
- The program would open with a case law review and conclude with a judges panel.
- The banquet dinner will be somewhat informal and will recognize the Section's anniversary.
- Ninth Circuit Judge Richard Tallman has been invited.

Confirmed and Potential Topics

- Solar panel financing issues, presented from a debtor's counsel and Chapter 13 practice perspective.
- Ethics and artificial intelligence.
- Special assets or a discussion of workout transactions.
- Firm transition planning.
- A legislative update; Alex may be asked to present.
- The intersection of family law and bankruptcy.
- Partial claim mortgages.

Additional Speaker and Program Discussion

Adrian Hines, known on TikTok as the Ladylike Lawyer, may travel to the conference to present on social-media marketing or mental health. The group discussed which topic would be the better fit and also considered including a personality assessment or related interactive component.

Law Student Outreach

Members discussed the difficulty of attracting law students to the conference and considered whether Gonzaga University law students should be invited. The group also noted the posting for an Eastern District of Washington judgeship.

Brown Bag Series

J.B. will ask Heidi for an update and will raise firm transition planning as a possible Brown Bag topic.

Historical Project

The historical project remains pending. The group has not yet been able to connect with Dave.

Next Meeting and Summer Recess

The Section decided not to hold meetings during the summer. The next meeting will be held in September 2026.

Adjournment