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Greetings Tecla:

I am writing you in your capacity as Chair of the Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section of the Idaho State Bar on behalf of Access to Justice Idaho which I have the pleasure of chairing.

My purpose for writing is quite simple – to ask your Section to join our 2021 Campaign with a generous contribution.

Access to Justice Idaho, as you likely know, 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, Disability Rights Idaho and Idaho Legal Aid Services. Each year, donations from ISB Sections, District Bars, lawyers and judges help deliver legal advice and representation state-wide to over 10,000 vulnerable Idahoans who need legal assistance but cannot afford hiring a lawyer.

Since 2014, the ISB Sections have been dependable, stalwart supporters of this noble cause. Last year, collectively, the Sections donated over \$30,000. This is a tribute to the professionalism of all members of the Idaho Bar regardless of their areas of practice.

Nonetheless, this year, without more gifts from the ISB Sections, we will fall very short of reaching our goal. And, importantly, the ability of the pro bono programs we support to address the increasing demand for their services caused by COVID-19 and Idaho's growing population will be notably compromised.

So, as we enter the last month of our 2021 Campaign, I'm writing to make one last appeal.

At your earliest opportunity, please ask the Executive Committee of your Section to approve a generous gift to Access to Justice Idaho. We appreciate the budgets of ISB Sections vary considerably but hope your Section will do the very best it can with available year-end funds.

To the extent you or your other Section officers may need more information on the chronic demand and need for pro bono legal services affecting the programs we sponsor, **I have attached a copy of an article I wrote for the September issue of the ADVOCATE – “Pro Bono Legal Services in the Time of Pandemic.”** Please share it with your Section officers, and don't hesitate to contact me directly, if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Bill Mauk, Chair

Justice for All Begins with Access to Justice

