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Pillar Falls is a series of cascading falls accentuated by towering Rhyolite pillars. It is located in the Snake River canyon about a mile east from the I.B. Perrine Bridge.

Walkers can view the falls from above on the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail. For the more adventurous, visitors can hike the Pillar Falls Trail or kayak from Centennial Waterfront Park. The Pillar Falls trail head is located on the south side of the canyon off of Poleline Road. It is a steep 1.1 mile hike, but has some of the best views of the canyon.

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# Congratulations to Our 2022 Award Recipients!

*Lindsey M. Welfley*

Thank you for picking up the August Special Awards Edition of *The Advocate*, recognizing and honoring the 2022 Idaho State Bar award recipients.

First, our Distinguished Lawyer and Jurist Awards are presented each year to attorneys and members of the judiciary who have exhibited exemplary conduct, professionalism, and many years of dedicated service to the legal profession and the citizens of Idaho. This year's recipients are J. Ford Elsaesser, Trudy H. Fouser, William L. Mauk, the Hon. Christopher M. Bieter, and the Hon. Candy W. Dale.

The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recognizes a young lawyer (or in this case two young lawyers), who has provided service to the profession, the Idaho State Bar, the Idaho Law Foundation, Inc., and to the community, and who exhibits professional excellence. This year's recipients are Jessalyn R. Hopkin and Kolby K. Reddish.

Next are this year's Professionalism Award winners. This award is given to at least one attorney in each of Idaho's seven judicial districts who has engaged in activities in his or her community, in the state, or in the profession, which reflect the highest standards of professionalism.

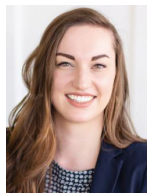
The Service Awards are presented to individuals from around Idaho who have contributed their time and talents to serving the public and improving the legal profession. We invite you to read about this year's recipients.

The Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Awards are presented to attorneys in each of the judicial districts who have donated extraordinary time and effort to help clients who are unable to pay for legal services. You will enjoy reading about these generous attorneys.

Finally, we honor the Milestone Attorneys who were admitted to the Idaho State Bar 50, 60, 65, and 70 years ago.

We invite you to read about the individuals and groups we will honor this year and congratulate your colleagues for their service and commitment to the legal profession.

Best,



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### **BRIAN L. WEBB (Suspension)**

On June 2, 2022, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order suspending Eagle attorney Brian L. Webb from the practice of law for a period of five years, with two years of that suspension withheld. The suspension is effective retroactively to January 17, 2022, the date Mr. Webb voluntarily ceased practicing law.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Webb violated I.R.P.C. 1.7(a)(2) [Conflict of interest based on personal interests of the lawyer]; 1.8(a) [Entering into business transactions with a client]; and 8.4(c) [Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty]. The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State

Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Webb admitted that he violated those Rules.

The formal charge case related to Mr. Webb's personal relationship with a female client in 2017 and 2018. Mr. Webb engaged in a sexual relationship with that client while simultaneously providing her with legal advice. Also in 2017, he drafted and entered into two loan transactions with the client without fully disclosing the loan terms in writing, advising the client in writing of the desirability of seeking the advice of independent legal counsel, and obtaining the client's written informed consent to the essential terms of the loan. Mr. Webb's firm subsequently represented the client in a civil matter, but he failed to disclose to the other attorneys in his firm his relationship with the client and that his firm was a creditor based on the 2017

loans. In 2018, Mr. Webb requested and obtained from the client medications that had been prescribed to her relative.

The Disciplinary Order provided that upon reinstatement, if any, after the three-year period of imposed suspension, Mr. Webb will serve a two-year period of probation with terms and conditions that include counseling and the immediate imposition of the withheld period of suspension if he violates the terms of his probation or admits or is found to have violated any Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct for which a public sanction is imposed for conduct that occurred during the probationary period.

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### J. Ford Elsaesser

**F**ord Elsaesser, one of Idaho's most prominent bankruptcy gurus, found himself in a career path committed to helping businesses and individuals alike who are sorting through some of the most difficult financial situations imaginable. Though bankruptcy law was not the original plan, Ford has built a practice he finds fulfilling and one he enjoys, with no plans to retire any time soon.

Ford was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio, a classic, rust belt steel mill town on the Pennsylvania border where his family goes back 10 generations and where his ancestors helped develop the steel industry. Ford's grandfather was from Switzerland, a famous goiter surgeon who worked with the Mayo brothers prior to their founding of the Mayo Clinic, and his father was an established trial lawyer. Ford attended Goddard College in Vermont graduating with his bachelor's degree in 1973.

By then, Ford's parents were retired, and he had met and married his wife, Jean – they will celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this October. After his undergraduate work, Ford began working a series of dead-end jobs, everything from running a liquor store, working at a trout

hatchery, and working for a used car sales lot. With his family history of professional, career-minded parents and grandparents, Ford had always considered going to law school and was finally ready to act on it. He chose the University of Idaho College of Law in 1974, "because tuition was reasonable and you'd get your residency after a year." With no connections to Idaho at the time, Ford and Jean drove across the country to Moscow, Idaho with their dog and cat during the summer of 1975.

Ford graduated early in December of 1977 thanks to his decision to take additional summer classes. With graduation approaching, in the fall of 1977, Ford thought on a whim that he'd ask one of his professors, Tom Cooke, if he would consider hiring an associate to work in their firm, Cooke & Lamanna, out of Priest River. Tom hired Ford before he passed the bar exam and upon his passage and admittance to the Idaho State Bar, Ford began doing general legal work until he later formed his own firm. Together with Steve Verby, Joe Jarzabek, and one other attorney, they formed what is now Elsaesser Anderson, Chtd. in February of 1980. This is where Ford has remained ever since.

During his time at Cooke & Lamanna,

Ford began doing bankruptcy work unexpectedly. In 1978, the Bankruptcy Code was changed. Since Ford was already doing a good portion of the firm's bankruptcy work out of necessity, his workload increased as he was the one expected to learn the new Bankruptcy Code. The work became more and more interesting to him and once he made the transition to his own firm, he started working almost exclusively on more complicated bankruptcy matters. In 1984, Ford was appointed as a Chapter 7 Trustee.

Later, he became heavily involved in the American Bankruptcy Institute ("ABI"). He served as Chairman (immediate past president) from 2000 to 2001, and President from 1999 to 2000. He was inducted into the American College of Bankruptcy, Sixth Class, in May 1995. He received the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1999 and Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award in 1991.

Among some of Ford's most notable cases, he recalls his first big Chapter 11 case for Riley Creek Lumber, which later became Idaho Forest Group. Working on this in the mid-1980s, Ford was able to help save the jobs of not only the people who worked in the mill, but also the jobs



of the loggers who supplied the mill. This was a particularly proud moment, coupled also with his later work to help the Idaho Alfalfa Seed Growers obtain financial help through the bankruptcy process and which resulted in the passage of a unique bipartisan federal bill to assist Northwest growers when their seed purchasers went under.

Throughout his career Ford has looked to many of his mentors and colleagues alike to model professionalism, integrity, and diligence of mind. Of these individuals, Ford recalls learning much from his long-time friend, even after law school, Professor James MacDonald. He also notes the inspiration of Tom Cooke and Nick Lamanna, who hired him straight out of law school. Ford mentions the work of bankruptcy judges Merlyn Young and Alfred “Bud” Hagan as being wonderful judges and role models for his career. And perhaps more than anyone, Ford notes such deep admiration for and inspiration from Dean Menard at the University of Idaho College of Law. Ford mentions, “He took the law school to a whole new level.”

When looking back on his distinguished career, Ford notes two things he finds himself most proud of. First, his work in growing the American Bankrupt-

cy Institute. During his time serving on the board, he was responsible for membership for a portion of those years and was able to grow the membership from 3,000 members to over 12,000 members nationwide. Second, he is constantly impressed to see the accomplishments of his former students from his time teaching bankruptcy at the University of Idaho College of Law for the past 20 years. He notes the achievements of Honorable Noah Hillen, who is “perhaps one of the youngest bankruptcy judges in the country,” and of Jason Naess, the current United States Trustee in Idaho. In nearly 20 years of teaching Bankruptcy at the College of Law he received the Order of Legal Merit, the Sheldon Vincenti Award, and was inducted into the University of Idaho’s Hall of Fame. Ford mentions the satisfaction of teaching makes you feel like you have “left a little bit of a legacy.”

Outside of his practice and the legal profession, Ford has spent many years serving members of the public and his community. He has served on the school board for Bonner County, serving as chairman for five years. He sits on the board for Bonner General Hospital in Sandpoint, having been chairman for the past 14 years. In 2001, Governor Kempthorne (and three governors since) ap-

pointed Ford as chair of the Lakes Commission, dedicated to looking after Lake Pend Oreille, Priest Lake, and the rivers of North Idaho. Ford has served on the Idaho Humanities Council, the Board of the Idaho Community Foundation, and the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Board.

Ford and his wife, Jean, have three children: Matt, the eldest, lives in Helena, Montana and owns an electronic recycling and composting business; Heidi is a cancer researcher in Toronto, Ontario, having previously worked at Scripps Hospital and University of California, Los Angeles; and Katie is an attorney practicing in the family firm since graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2013. On the weekends, Ford enjoys hiking with his and his daughter’s dogs, being out on the water in the summer, and skiing and snowshoeing in the winter.

Ford would like to especially like to thank Jean, Matt, Heidi, and Katie for their patience and support; his long-time support staff, Lois (28 years), Naomi (20 years), and Debbie (38 years); and the Bench and Bar of Idaho that has made this a wonderful place to practice and learn over the last 44 years.

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### Trudy Hanson Fouser

**T**rudy Fouser is largely acclaimed as one of Idaho's most distinguished trial attorneys. Her legal practice and work in the courtroom have resulted in the defense, much of which has been successful, of numerous health care facilities, businesses, and professionals in over 65 civil jury trials.

Trudy is a fourth generation Idaho native, hailing from the small, rural town of Malad, Idaho. She grew up in a family of very talented siblings and had parents who pushed them all to do their very best at whatever extracurricular was the pursuit of the time – for Trudy, this meant playing the flute, piano, and guitar, taking baton lessons, tap dancing, and ballet, none of which she claims to have particularly excelled at. Trudy jokes lightheartedly that her parents eventually discovered, “well, she can talk,” and began to focus her talents on that arena. Trudy joined debate and declamation speech. She found her voice and a love for addressing audiences

to persuade them of her argument.

Leaving her rural roots, Trudy pursued her undergraduate studies at Georgia State University. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a bachelor's degree in journalism with an English minor. During her time in Georgia, she received the Atlanta Press Association's Outstanding Young Journalist Award. Trudy spent some time freelancing, working for a radio station, and trying to get her articles published, but after spending this time trying to break into the market as a journalist, she realized she wasn't making a living and switched gears to wait tables and pay the bills. Trudy remembers loving it and being a little disappointed when her friends told her they probably couldn't do it forever.

As Trudy's friends began thinking about what was next for them, so did Trudy. She remembered reading about being a lawyer but recalls not knowing much about it, other than that she would be able to read a lot and would be finished in three

years. Knowing she had always been a good student and hoping she might enjoy the change of pace, she made the decision to apply to law school and ended up at the University of Idaho College of Law. Trudy mentions, “I enjoyed law school thoroughly, but if I would've thought about the bar exam, I wouldn't have done it!”

After graduating from the College of Law with her J.D., Trudy clerked for the late Hon. Charles R. Donaldson, Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, before going into private practice. After two great years at the Supreme Court, Trudy joined Elam & Burke and worked there for 17 years. As she revisits these formative years of her career, Trudy recalls her supervising attorney at the time, Carl Burke, as an amazing influence and someone with whom she worked closely in the early years of her career. He taught her what her mother would call “good manners” and to be respectful and civil even in the heat of a competition. This is a value that





Trudy Fouser and four of her five beloved grandchildren. Photo courtesy of Whitney Fouser.

has served her well throughout her career. Trudy recalls many in her peer group were similarly trying to learn the ropes and pave their own ways in the courtroom.

Trudy and her husband, Jack Gjording, have now been married for 30 years and in 2001 became professional partners, opening Gjording Fouser. Both her son, Taylor, and daughter, Whitney, work in their family firm; Taylor is a partner and represents clients in complex litigation ranging from malpractice to tort, and Whitney is the firm's Strategy Manager. Her son, Chris, worked with the firm for several years before deciding to start his own successful business where he could be outside and moving.

As she continued in her private practice, Trudy found that litigation was perfect for her and very early on decided she wanted to become an excellent trial attorney — she has worked incredibly hard to try to achieve that goal. When she started as a civil trial lawyer, very few women lawyers were in the courtroom. Even though she was told early in her career that women probably did not understand the rules of competition well enough to excel at trial work, (having not played football), she

had been raised in a family that thrived on competition, so she knew she was in the right place! With no desire to ever be a judge, Trudy intends to continue finding satisfaction mentoring and zealously advocating for her clients.

Trudy has been recognized by several organizations for her exceptional dedication to her clients throughout her career. She received the Idaho Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's Exemplary Service Award in 2009, the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 2009, and the Idaho Women Lawyers Kate Feltham Award in 2014. She was also honored as one of the Idaho Business Review's Women of the Year in 2009.

In addition to her awards and accolades, Trudy has committed herself to the service of the legal profession. In 2004, Trudy was invited to become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She was later invited to become an advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Trudy has served as chair of the Idaho State Committee American College of Trial Lawyers from 2015 to 2016, Fourth District Bar Commissioner for the Idaho State Bar from 2013 to 2016, president of the Idaho State Bar in 2016, Ninth Cir-

cuit Lawyer Representative to the United States District & Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho from 2011 to 2013, president of the Idaho Chapter of the Federal Bar Association from 2006 to 2008, and a member of the board of directors for the Federal Defender Services of Idaho from 2014 to 2019. She currently sits on the board of directors for Idaho Women Lawyers and works hard to advance women in the legal profession, and with the team, to promote female attorneys in the judiciary.

Outside of her involvement in her practice and in the legal profession, Trudy enjoys playing tennis — “lots of tennis” — and spending time with her family. She has five grandchildren, all five years and under. With all of her children and grandchildren local to the Boise area, Trudy notes this as being one of her life's most wonderful joys. Trudy is an example of a female who probably did “get it all” but she could never have had both a fulfilling professional and personal life without the support of Jack. He has cheered her on, supported every goal she set, and celebrated every accomplishment as though it were his own.





### William L. Mauk

William “Bill” Mauk has spent a career setting himself apart as one of Idaho’s premier trial attorneys. Bill’s practice has taken him through just about every area of practice, and as he notes, with a law degree being a “generalist degree” he has rarely shied away from clients with a challenging new cause.

Bill was born and raised in Pocatello, Idaho though he found himself journeying far beyond Idaho’s borders in his formative years of education. Bill attended the University of Southern California in the 1960s where he became heavily involved in student politics and served as student body president. He then attended Cambridge University in England and upon his return received a letter notifying him of his admission to Columbia University for the master’s program in political science.

After his first semester at Columbia,

Bill took leave from his graduate studies to join the national staff of the first Earth Day in Washington, D.C. Upon returning to Columbia, he began working on a thesis project regarding the state action doctrine, arguing that students attending private universities which received public funding should be entitled to due process protections in disciplinary proceedings. His many hours in the Columbia Law School library caused a pivot in his academic career. With no initial plan to be a lawyer, he finished his thesis and decided to take the LSAT.

At the time of his law school applications, Bill jokes that he ended up back in Washington D.C. due in part to the pressure of his then-girlfriend’s mother. She introduced him to a new law school opening in D.C., the Antioch School of Law, which was based on a clinical framework, rather than the traditional classroom and

lecture format. In addition to core courses, one third of the academic credits involved handling real cases with real clients under faculty supervision.

He found the law fit his temperament well, particularly the ability to “help people and be involved in making social change.” By the time he graduated, Bill had argued a claim before the national Board of Veteran Affairs, worked on a brief to the U.S. Circuit Court in D.C., and tried five criminal cases, including the first jury trial since the law school’s inception.

Another requirement of the law school was to participate in an internship. Bill was invited to take a job with the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court, however he turned it down – he recalls, “it was crunching numbers and doing stats. I wouldn’t have enjoyed that.” Instead, Bill contacted then U.S. Senator Frank Church who arranged an internship with the Gen-





Bill Mauk and his wife, Susan, enjoying one of their many whitewater rafting trips. Photo courtesy of Bill Mauk.

eral Counsel of the Senate Interior Committee.

At the time the country was in the midst of the Arab Oil Embargo and Bill recalls he had the good fortune of working on emergency legislation, contributing background to committee hearings, and supporting the Chairman during debate on the Senate floor.

For Bill, law school also brought him a wonderful love story. Bill met his wife, Susan, during law school – a fellow classmate, they were married the week before they both graduated from Antioch. After graduating, they turned West and interviewed for positions in Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Portland, Denver, and Boise. Bill was hired to clerk for the Hon. Alan Shepherd, then Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. Susan was hired as a Deputy Attorney General and later served as the attorney for the State Board of Education.

Bill transitioned to private practice in 1976 and has since been a partner in a succession of small, litigation-oriented firms in Boise. He is currently the senior partner at Mauk Miller & Hawkins.

Early in his career, Bill established a reputation as a skilled litigator handling four notorious first-degree murder defenses, often with his partners, Craig James and Michael Donnelly. The most publicized of these cases took place in a remote corner of Owyhee County where a confrontation over a poached deer be-

tween a buckaroo ranch hand and trapper, Claude Dallas, and two Fish and Game Conservation Officers escalated into a gun battle reminiscent of an Old Western, leaving both officers dead and Dallas escaping across the desert, not to be apprehended for a year. After one of the longest criminal trials and jury deliberations in Idaho history, Dallas was acquitted of felony murder, but convicted of two manslaughter counts.<sup>1</sup>

The Dallas case became the subject of a feature article in *Rolling Stone*, two books, and a television movie. Nonetheless, Bill resists those inclined to perceive it as defining his extensive legal career.

Among his most memorable cases, Bill recalls a civil rights case ordering Ada County to remove juvenile offenders from its adult jails, the first successful gender discrimination jury trial under Idaho law – others include compelling Garden City to hire female police officers, two seminal Idaho cases recognizing the covenant of good faith and fair dealing in employment law and extending the claim of wrongful discharge in breach of public policy, a series of cases establishing the collective bargaining rights of Idaho firefighters, the first case requiring the Department of Water Resources to consider the public interest and environmental impacts when issuing water permits, a landmark case establishing the right of adoption by same-sex partners in Idaho, and over-turning

the conviction of an inmate incarcerated for 20 years on Idaho's death row.

Aside from his dedication to his legal practice, Bill has also committed himself to providing pro bono legal services through several truly noble causes. In 2002 he moved to New York City for six months working for a group of volunteer trial lawyers called Trial Lawyers Care, selecting and helping present the first precedent setting claims to the *September 11 Victim Compensations Fund*.<sup>2</sup>

He currently serves on the board of Idaho Legal Aid Services and as the Chair of the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign going on six years. He proudly reports that since 2014, through the generosity of Idaho lawyers, Access to Justice has raised just shy of \$1.5 million dollars to support the delivery of pro bono legal services to over 10,000 Idahoans.

In the category of recreation and hobbies, Bill enjoys whitewater rafting, photography, and cycling. He lightheartedly jokes that it is always a fun adventure to take his New York wife on the rapids with him. Bill is also an avid fly fisherman and takes advantage of all that Idaho's wilderness has to offer. Bill and Susan have two accomplished sons, two gorgeous, bright granddaughters, and one track-star grandson.

In appreciation for his distinguished career, Bill mentions three things for which he is immeasurably grateful. First, his wife, Susan. He notes, "Not simply because she's my wife. We have had the luxury of a marriage of two lawyers lasting over 47 years, with a shared understanding of the rigors and nuances of the practice of law, as well as the law itself." Second, his clients: "All those who have put their faith and trust in me to handle their life changing cases." And third, every one of the secretaries who supported his practice: "They cared about the clients, were invested in the righteousness of their claims and committed to getting a fair measure of justice."

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### Hon. Christopher M. Bieter

**T**he Honorable Christopher Bieter has served as a staple in the Boise community for decades. He and his wife, Nerea, are pillars of the local Basque community and Judge Bieter has focused much of his career on bettering the lives of those in the Treasure Valley. His time on the bench mirrors that local legacy.

Judge Bieter was born and raised in Boise just a few blocks from where he lives now. His mother's side of the family came from the Basque country and his mother was the first generation of family to be born in the States. The oldest of five siblings, Judge Bieter attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and then Bishop Kelley High School. The year after he graduated high school, his father, a professor at Boise State University, championed a program of studies in the Basque Country during which his whole family relocated for what was "a remarkable year in a little town." They traveled with 90 American students and professors and the program is still running, now as part of a consortium of universities all over the United States. Judge Bieter learned to speak Basque with a passable level of proficiency and he recounts this as being a fundamental part of his early years.

After this incredible experience, Judge Bieter returned to Idaho to try and play football for the University of Idaho in Moscow. While his football career did not entirely pan out, he graduated from his undergraduate program in 1979 and began law school at the College of Law later that fall. The legal profession had always been something he had considered, as he felt it would be well suited to his interests and talents. Judge Bieter recalls a story from his youth:

"In the fourth grade we had this old, tough Irish pastor at St. Joe's and he would give out the report cards by calling you up to the front of the room. One day in front of everybody he accused a classmate of changing her grade; she denied it and he said, 'No it's been changed.' I felt so bad for her. I thought, maybe, if I could ever defend somebody who is accused of something like that, maybe that would be the right fit for me. And that's obviously a moment that stuck with me for this long."

During law school, Judge Bieter found very quickly that he did not particularly enjoy it; he mentioned he wasn't a great student and "it was no big secret." Beginning to doubt whether this was the right profession for him, Judge Bieter sought

out a coveted position to work as a junior law clerk for the late Judge Ray McNichols – "he was kind of a legend; no, there is no 'kind of' about it. He was a legend." Judge Bieter worked for Judge McNichols from 1981 to 1982 and notes this as being the single greatest professional experience of his life. "Ray McNichols was brilliant, hilarious, and we saw the best lawyers in the state practice [...] it changed my whole outlook."

Judge Bieter graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1983 and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar later that year. After working another year for Judge McNichols, who had then become a treasured mentor, several opportunities began presenting themselves. He interviewed for several positions with larger, local firms, but upon the recommendation of his mentor decided to go with a smaller law office. In 1984, Judge Bieter went to work for Louis and Jean Uranga. He became a partner a few years later and continued to practice with them for the next 14 years. During this time his practice encompassed a little bit of everything – family law (though he didn't much care for it), criminal defense, and immigration work, among other things. Judge



Bieter recalls one of his first immigration cases was for the owner of the Yen Ching restaurant in downtown Boise to obtain a visa for a cook.

As he continued through his practice, Judge Bieter never did forget his time working with Judge McNichols and began to revisit how well-suited he felt he may be for the bench. In 1998 he put in his application and began his way through the process of the Magistrate Commission. Judge Bieter remembers that being an experience in and of itself – “You can’t keep all of the commissioners in your field of vision when you get interviewed, so I always felt like I was ignoring about half of the room! I hoped it went well, and it did.” He was selected for the magistrate bench that year and has remained ever since.


When asked about those in whom he has found inspiration and guidance, he wholeheartedly credits the late Judge Ray McNichols. Closely following, he praises Louis and Jean Uranga; “they were so solid in the way they treated people and the way they conducted their practice.” Judge Bi-

eter recalls the early years of his practice when the Bar was making efforts to shape a more positive public perception of lawyers. He remembers thinking that if everyone would just practice law and conduct themselves like Louis and Jean, there’d be no concern at all about the image of lawyers in the State of Idaho.

Judge Bieter and his wife, Nerea, met through a mutual friend at a Basque dancing and music festival in 1988. They dated long distance for a time and later got married in 1993 in Nerea’s hometown in Basque Country. As he recalls, this was “one of those highlight experiences of life you never forget.” Nerea teaches at Boise State University and they have three children; their daughter graduated from the physical therapy program at the University of Montana and will start working in August, their middle son is a nurse working in intensive care in Oklahoma City, and their youngest son graduated from the University of Idaho in engineering and will pursue a master’s this upcoming fall.

Outside of the practice of law, Judge Bieter finds a variety of ways to give back to his community and stay true to the familial roots that are so important to him. Much of Judge Bieter’s free time is spent involved in the local Basque community. Every Tuesday they support the Basque Center’s classes for children ages three to four, where there is music education and early language learning. He and his wife also started what they argue is the first preschool in the Basque language for children ages three to five outside of Basque Country. They began this in 1995 and it is still going strong.

In Judge Bieter’s words, “Any success I’ve achieved on the bench is thanks to the examples of (after Judge McNichols and Louis and Jean), Judge Edward Lodge, Judge Duff McKee, Judge Patricia Young, and Judge Michael McLaughlin. I have had world class clerks: Liz Castaneda, Debra Urizar, and Debbie Scott – and America’s best colleagues. I truly appreciate the tolerance and good will of the probate bar who put up with my long period of on the job training.”



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### Hon. Candy W. Dale

The Honorable Candy Dale is perhaps best known for her status as the first woman to serve as a federal judge in the District of Idaho. Her contributions to the bench and bar transcend that accolade. During private practice, Judge Dale dedicated herself to zealously representing clients as a staunch advocate and litigator, while championing civility. She has long been a member and leader on a number of professional and community organizations, and is a willing mentor to law students and new attorneys. These attributes continued upon her appointment to the bench where Judge Dale has committed herself to fairness, professionalism, and the impartial interpretation and application of the law.

Judge Dale was born and raised in Boise, and graduated from Borah High School. Her mother was from South Dakota, her father from Missouri. Both found their ways to Idaho in the late 1940s after the Great Depression and after her

father was honorably discharged from service in the Navy. They met as young adults in Boise and were married in December of 1950. Judge Dale is the second of three daughters, and her parents are fondly remembered as her earliest mentors.

Venturing just a few miles away, Judge Dale began her undergraduate studies at the College of Idaho in Caldwell and remains a proud Yote to this day. Her initial intention was to pursue a teaching degree in math and English, which she did, receiving her teaching certificate.

In the fall of her junior year, however, she participated in an American exchange program in Oxford, England, where she became aware of the many experiences and opportunities available to her. Toward the end of the exchange program, Judge Dale's father had a series of two serious heart attacks, requiring her to fly home and finish her studies in what may have been a trailblazing "remote learning" structure. Far from the experience of to-

day's students, Judge Dale completed her coursework for the Oxford exchange program by pen, paper, and the mail service.

Upon her return to the College of Idaho following the exchange program, Judge Dale enrolled in a political science class which piqued her interest in the law. Two professors wisely suggested that she consider law school, prompting her to take the LSAT. Judge Dale was admitted to the University of Idaho College of Law and graduated *cum laude* in 1982, where she served as Editor in Chief of the Idaho Law Review.

After graduation, Judge Dale was an associate attorney and shareholder at Moffat Thomas Barret & Blanton, Chtd., where she had the great fortune to work with legal titans and incredible trial attorneys, including Rich Hall and Dick Fields. After quickly realizing her interest was in litigation rather than a transactional practice, her trial work began with medical malpractice defense as some employment



Judge Dale (right) with her daughter, Lindsay, (left) enjoying the great outdoors! Photo credit: Jim Dale.

law cases trickled into the firm. Then in the early 1990s as the nation's legal landscape was shifting with the passage of amendments to Title VII, the inception of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Family Medical Leave Act; Judge Dale transitioned to an employment litigation and counseling practice.

In December of 1988, Judge Dale joined a few of her colleagues to form a new firm, Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton, P.A., of which she was a founding partner. Judge Dale practiced employment law at Hall Farley and remained actively involved in the management of the firm until her appointment to the bench on March 30, 2008.

Her employment law practice brought Judge Dale to federal court frequently, and she soon became involved in several committees and other roles within the federal court. After not being selected as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative in 1993, she was encouraged by District Judge Edward Lodge to continue to apply. Judge Dale did so and was successfully appointed, serving as a lawyer representative from 1996 to 1999, followed by service on the Ninth Circuit's Advisory Council. In 2007, Judge Dale applied for the vacancies created by

the retirements of Judges Larry Boyle and Mikel Williams, making history by being selected as the first woman appointed to the Federal Court in Idaho.

Judge Dale seized the opportunity of her appointment and became one of Idaho's most well-respected jurists through her intellect, tireless work ethic, and devotion. Her professionalism, integrity, and courage are overshadowed only by her warmth, good nature, and generosity. Judge Dale served as Chief United States Magistrate Judge for eight non-consecutive years and assumed recall (*i.e.*, senior) status on April 1, 2022.

During her career, Judge Dale recalls the many positive influences on her life, both personally and professional. In addition to her parents and husband, she credits Rich Hall with whom she worked for over 25 years as a significant guiding force for how to be a consummate trial attorney, how to connect with people, and how to relate to your clients, opposing counsel, the judge, and the jury. Throughout her years, she mentions the entirety of Idaho's federal and state judiciary have served as an incredible source of inspiration. In particular, she notes the important contributions of Judges B. Lynn Winmill, Edward

Lodge, Mikel Williams, and Larry Boyle.

Among her career's greatest achievements, Judge Dale notes two distinct moments. First, after she was selected to join the bench in 2008, she was appointed by District Judge Winmill as the Federal Court Representative to the newly formed Idaho Pro Bono Commission. She attended the first organizational meeting of the Commission and worked closely with Justice Jim Jones of the Idaho Supreme Court over several years to promote pro bono work around the state. She recalls their hard work to encourage law firms to allow and support attorneys in their pro bono efforts – "Justice Jones' support was phenomenal, and it was so rewarding to be working that closely with such a respected member of the state judiciary."

Second, an appointment that, seemingly to Judge Dale came out of the blue, was her role as the Magistrate Judge Observer to the Judicial Conference of the United States. She was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts and served in that capacity from 2017 to 2019. She mentions the incredible opportunity it was to watch out for the interests of all the federal magistrate judges, observe the proceedings, and attend other committees within the Conference during what proved to be a pivotal time for the Conference. Through this role, she met the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and notes these were experiences she likely would not have had otherwise.

Judge Dale met her husband, Jim, while they were both in law school; they were married in 1984 and have one daughter, Lindsay. Having recently transitioned to recall status, Judge Dale frequently mentions that she is not finished quite yet. Outside of her professional career, Judge Dale enjoys doing anything outdoors and spends much of her free time with family in McCall, where they are either on the lake or in the mountains.

Judge Dale thanks the Idaho State Bar for this incredibly meaningful award and recognition. She expresses her gratitude and appreciation to all members of the bench and bar, all those associated with the Court and the law firms where she worked over the past 40 years, and, most importantly, her family and friends. Without all this support, "I would not have found such fulfillment and success in my life and career."



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### Jessalyn R. Hopkin

Jessalyn Hopkin was born and raised in Pocatello. Though she moved away for a short period of time for school, she returned to her hometown and has committed herself to helping the youth of Southeast Idaho.

Jessalyn attended the University of Idaho for her undergraduate studies; she graduated in 2010 and received her bachelor's degree in psychology and communications. Upon graduating, Jessalyn decided to take five years off during which she intended to become a counselor for youth. She worked in psychosocial rehabilitation, helping both youth and adults with mental health illnesses to do normal, daily functions. As she did this work, she came across a lot of children who were either currently in the foster system, recently out of the system, or bouncing in and out. This prompted a decision to return to school and tackle the big goal of changing the way the foster system works in Idaho. She returned to the University of Idaho Col-

lege of Law, attending one year in Moscow and her final two years in Boise. Jessalyn received her J.D. from the College of Law in 2018 and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar later that year.

After graduating, Jessalyn moved back to Pocatello and spent a short time in private practice for a few different firms. She developed an interest in criminal defendant's rights and volunteered for both ACLU Idaho and the Idaho Innocence Project up until she got her current job at the Public Defender's office. She requested to work in the juvenile division and has remained there for the past three years, focusing mainly on juvenile criminal matters and child protection cases.

When asked about her hobbies and interests outside of the legal profession, Jessalyn mentions that she has intentionally built her life around her work because she is so passionate about what she is doing. Much of her free time is spent either with her husband and son, or working on

one of the several projects of which she is a part. Most notably, Jessalyn has spent time working with local juvenile probation officer, Todd Mauger, to get a Teen Assessment Center in Pocatello. Through a grant from Idaho's Juvenile Department of Correction, they have worked to gather information and recruit individuals to the board – the goal: to move lower offenses like vaping and truancy to the Center so they can stay out of the court system entirely. She notes, "Once you're in the court system, it's really difficult to get out."

Jessalyn sits on the Board for the Pocatello Free Clinic, a nonprofit medical clinic for individuals with no health insurance or means to pay for medical services. She has also recently been invited to serve as a State Coordinator for Idaho to the National Association of Counsel for Children, through which she will serve as a liaison between the community and Idaho practitioners.

As she stepped into her practice, Jes-





Jessalyn with her favorite people, her husband, Casey Hazelbush, and son, David Johnson, lost in a corn maze.

Jessalyn credits Pocatello attorney Mary Shea as perhaps one of her biggest mentors; “we worked together a lot and she does great work – seeing her in Court has been a great inspiration.” Jessalyn also mentions, of course, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg as a champion and role model. Through and through, Jessalyn has been continually inspired by her juvenile clients – their resilience and optimism fuels much of her work.

Jessalyn coaches her son’s soccer team and enjoys spending time focusing on the things he is passionate about. Along with her husband, their recent trip to Disneyland was a joy to experience together!

Jessalyn is most grateful for her husband and son, as without their support, she would not have the time or energy to put into her passions. She is also grateful for the many wonderful people she has met in the legal profession, her friends who pick her up when she is feeling overwhelmed, and all of her family who raised her to always speak out against injustices.





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Kolby Reddish (right) with his wife, Camilla, (left). Photos courtesy of Kolby Reddish.

## Kolby K. Reddish

**K**olby Reddish is a fifth-generation Idaho native, born in Pocatello and raised in Nampa. His father and grandfather opened a family pharmacy in Nampa where Kolby worked during law school. Kolby lightheartedly jokes that he is the family disappointment, going into the law instead of taking over the family business.

In 2014, Kolby graduated from Provo's Brigham Young University with his undergraduate degree in micro and molecular biology. Toward the end of his undergraduate work, Kolby took a general class taught by one of the professors at the law school. It was at this time that he began more seriously considering applying to law school; the more he thought about it, the more he thought it'd be the perfect fit. Kolby attended Concordia University School of Law, graduating and gaining admittance to the Idaho State Bar in 2017.

After law school, Kolby clerked for Justice Joel Horton after having interned in his chambers. Kolby recalls this as being a formative experience for his approach to reconciling legal problems; he notes Justice Horton as one of his most valued mentors, admiring his objectivity, ability to analyze complicated issues, as well as his love and overarching knowledge of the law. Upon Justice Horton's retirement, Kolby made the switch to the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and after a year moved to the Attorney General's Office and then the Legislative Services Office, where he works today.

In addition to his commitment to his practice, Kolby possesses a deep passion for Idaho's civics education. He enjoys reading about civics, learning about history and governmental systems, and studying political theories and human behaviors. He has been involved in At-

torneys for Civic Education ("ACE") since he was a law student, currently serving as one of the chairs. One of the projects that is important to Kolby that ACE has been working on is a video series in conjunction with the judiciary to provide videos for teachers to use in their classrooms – the most recently filmed video focuses on the importance of an independent judiciary. Kolby is also currently serving as Chair of the Idaho State Bar's Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section.

Kolby credits his father and grandfather as perhaps his most important role models; "they are both incredibly hard working, honest people." As he got into the legal profession, in addition to Justice Horton, Kolby mentions Judge David Manweiler, Chief Judge Jessica Lorello, Edith Pacillo, Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff, Chad DeVeaux and Latonia Keith as being his other guiding influences. He often also



Kolby and his family enjoying a beautiful Idaho springtime.

relies on his former classmates from Concordia: Brit Kreimeyer, David DeRoin, and Alexandra Breshears. When asked what he would tell current law students as they prepare to enter the profession, Kolby says he has two things:

“First, advice. Don’t be afraid to jump in and do a project you’ve never done before. And know you might not do it perfectly.” And second, “Some encouragement would be to recognize that sometimes you’ll need to stick to your guns.” He recalls that oftentimes new attorneys will hear the phrase “that’s not how we’ve ever done things here;” he encourages law students to remember that you can read the rules and follow the rules, while not being afraid to push back on the thought that things can’t ever be done differently.

Kolby lives in Nampa with his wife and three children, ages eight, six, and three. They enjoy playing board games and hiking together.

Kolby would like to thank his parents, siblings, and in-laws for their support during law school and beyond.



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## Professionalism Awards



Top row from left to right: DeAnn Casperson, Sandra L. Clapp, Fonda L. Jovick, and Brian P. Kane. Bottom row from left to right: Lisa B. Rodriguez, Melanie G. Rubocki, Robert P. Tilley, and Frederick G. Zandel. Not pictured: Joseph A. Wright.

## Professionalism Awards

This year's Professionalism Award recipients have devoted their careers to the practice of law in a way that upholds the highest standards of civility and professionalism. Each of these individuals embodies a reputation of mutual respect and camaraderie with their colleagues. In addition to submitting biographical information, each recipient was asked to respond to the following questions:

*First, what ideals or values do you let guide your professional life?*

*And, what advice would you give your younger self as you entered your law practice or began your career?*

### **Fonda L. Jovick – First District**

**Values:** “Grace and patience must come before short-sided and short-tempered both in our personal interactions and in

our written word. We all view the world through the lens of our own past experiences. Every person that we as legal professionals interact with is viewing us and their experience with us through their own lens and filter. When we learn to look through other people's filter and lens, we can see a whole new world.”

**Advice:** “Relax! You are smart enough, you are wise enough, and you can work harder than anyone. So, take a breath and enjoy the privilege of doing this work. Be aware, this profession can be rewarding and aggravating all at the same time. But, the ability to spend each day helping others through scary and difficult life experiences is a meaningful way to spend your days.”

Fonda Jovick graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2004. She became a member of the Idaho State Bar later that year and then the Washington State Bar in 2009. After working in the

world of family law for a couple of years while she was an associate attorney, she felt ill equipped to deal with the vast array of personality issues, addiction, and parenting dynamics, so Fonda obtained a Master's Degree in forensic psychology in 2013 from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Fonda recalls it being a challenge to practice full time, be a mom, and work on nights and weekend to complete the program. But, she says, with the help of an amazing support system, she is thankful that she persevered. Fonda has practiced in many areas of the law over the years, often being kindly referred to as a “utility infielder.” After almost 20 years in the legal industry, Fonda has narrowed her focus to estate planning, probate, and trust work as well as representing municipalities and governmental entities in addition to maintaining a mediation practice. Fonda has only worked in two law firms since she began her career; Paine Hamblen, PLLP from May 2003 to December

2014 and Lake City Law since January 2015, where she was a founding member and partner.

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### **Joseph A. Wright – Second District**

**Values:** “We have an outstanding group of attorneys, judges, and court staff in the Idaho Second Judicial District which makes it easy to keep things courteous and professional. On the rare occasion that I do have to deal with a ‘difficult’ opposing counsel, I stay focused on their message and don’t get too concerned about the manner of its delivery. I always carefully listen to and consider the viewpoints of the opposition – even if I think they are wrong, a judge may think they are right about some things.”

**Advice:** “It took me awhile to figure out that the best solution to a legal problem isn’t always found in law books. Understanding the human factors involved is often more important to resolving a legal dispute than anything.”

Joseph Wright and his wife, Leslie, currently live in Grangeville. They have three adult children, Halley, Brennan, and Cooper, and two amazing young grandsons, Oliver and Cameron. Brennan and Cooper are both also attorneys and work with Joseph as his associates at Wright Law Group in Grangeville. Their daughter, Halley, lives and works in Long Beach, California. Joseph received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho in 1984. He worked as a process engineer for a silicon wafer manufacturer in Vancouver, Washington for a few years before returning to Idaho to attend law school in 1988. Joseph attended law school at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1991. After graduation, Joseph started working as an associate with Randall, Blake & Cox in Lewiston in 1991. He and Leslie moved to Grangeville in 1997 when he took a job as deputy prosecutor for Idaho County. Joseph also established his local private practice in Grangeville at that time. Around 2005, he started working as an associate for Olds & Associates handling product liability defense cases in the U.S. and Canada for a major ATV/snowmobile manufacturer while also continuing his

local law practice part-time. He went to full time local law practice around 2012. Brennan and Cooper both joined the firm as associates upon their graduation from law school.

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### **Robert P. Tilley – Third District**

**Values:** “It seems trite to claim that the golden rule is the value that guides your life. But I can’t think of a more important idea than to treat everyone with dignity and respect.”

**Advice:** “As a lawyer, especially in the areas you will practice, you will represent people experiencing some of the worst moments of their lives. Many at the end of their rope. Always keep that in mind when you work with them. Keep your eyes open and be wise, but also, always, be empathetic.”

Robert Tilley has lived in nearly every corner of this great State – Harrison in the North, Henry’s Lake in the East, Wendell, Hazelton, and Twin Falls in the South, and finally Boise with his office in Nampa. After receiving his B.A. and M.A. at Boise State University, Robert was an Upward Bound teacher at both Nampa and Skyview High Schools. He then went on to the University of New Mexico School of Law for his J.D. There, he was Managing Editor of the U.S.-Mexico Law Journal. Returning to Boise after law school, Robert was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 2002. He then briefly worked at Charlie Herrington’s immigration firm before becoming an Associate at Wiebe & Fouser in Caldwell, where he learned to be a true advocate for his clients. In 2006 he began his criminal defense and family law practice in Nampa. Along with him on this ride is his wonderful wife and son and daughter, now in college.

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### **Sandra L. Clapp – Fourth District**

**Values:** “Strongly advocate and protect the position and interests of the client while being respectful to everyone involved. Write all words as if the letter or message will be on public display. Be a mentor to other attorneys or support staff because the goal is to provide the best legal ser-

vices and better the legal environment as a whole. The practice of law is difficult, but cooperating with other counsel will more likely achieve the best for all involved. Surround yourself by people who have strong integrity and values and model your decisions through the example of those you admire.”

**Advice:** “Work hard but leave work at the office (something I still struggle with). It is easy to take a client’s legal problems personally, but it is emotionally difficult if a line is not drawn between professional services and the problems of the individual client. Sometimes you have to remember you can’t fix all problems and outcomes of a case can be outside of your control. Protect your reputation with ethical decisions because your good reputation is the best asset you have. Find a strong mentor (even if outside of your practice area) to watch and learn from. It’s okay to ask for help.”

Sandra Clapp attended the University of Idaho, receiving her bachelor’s degree in history with a minor in political science in 1988. She went on to the College of Law, graduating in 1991 and gaining admission to the Idaho State Bar later that same year. She has served as Chair of the Idaho State Bar’s Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section, Chair of the Idaho Law Foundation’s CLE Committee, and Chair of the Boise Estate Planning Council. Sandra clerked for the Honorable Stephen Trott on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and has been in private practice since 1992. She established Sandra L. Clapp & Associates, P.A. in 2004 based in Eagle, Idaho and has been there ever since. Sandra practices in trusts, estates, probate, guardianship, conservatorship, and general business matters. She is a previous recipient of the Idaho State Bar’s Service Award.

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### **Melanie G. Rubocki – Fourth District**

**Note:** *Melanie was unavailable at the time of publication and was unable to provide answers to these questions.*

Melanie Rubocki is Perkins Coie’s Boise office managing partner and heads the firm’s Corporate practice for the Boise office. With a foundation in finance and entrepreneurial studies from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Melanie brings a business sensibility and



reasonableness to her client relations and any negotiated transactions. She represents business clients through their entire life cycle, from startup formation to exit. Melanie graduated from Notre Dame Law School with her J.D. in 1997, where she was the executive editor of the Journal of College and University Law Review. She moved to Boise in 2009 and started her career in Boise as an associate at Holland & Hart before joining Perkins Coie. Melanie is also active in her community and serves on several nonprofit boards.

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### **Brian P. Kane – Fourth District**

**Values:** “A sense of service guides everything that I do. I also think that honesty and kindness are polestars of how I try to live and practice. I’m not perfect by any means, but I think these are reliable values to continue to work toward.”

**Advice:** “Be patient, establish your credibility, and invest in your personal and professional relationships. A legal career is a marathon and not a sprint, it’s easy to lose sight of that. Today’s adversary may be tomorrow’s ally.”

Brian Kane received his Bachelor of Arts in history and political science from the University of Idaho. He earned his law degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Brian began his career with the Idaho Attorney General’s office in 2001. In 2005, Brian was promoted to Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General and in 2021, he was promoted to Chief Deputy. Brian serves as Chief Legal Counsel for the Idaho Legislature as well as legal counsel to the Secretary of State, and other statewide elected officials. He acts as a liaison between the Attorney General and local, state, and federal governments. Brian is a member of the state’s IDEAL 529 Plan Board and 457 Deferred Compensation Board. Brian has authored legislation, constitutional amendments, and numerous legal articles. He serves as a faculty member for the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (“NAGTRI”). He also serves as Adjunct Faculty for the University of Idaho College of Law, teaching administrative law, and the Idaho Legislative Process. In 2012, Brian was recognized by the Idaho State

Bar with an Outstanding Service Award, and by NAAG through his selection as an International Fellow. In 2013, Brian received the NAAG NAGTRI Faculty of the Year award and the Nelson Kempsky Award for Management and Leadership from the Conference of Western Attorneys General (“CWAG”). In 2017, Brian received the NAAG Attorney General Senior Staff of the Year Award. Brian served four years in the 1st Calvary Division of the U.S. Army. Most recently Brian co-created “Counsel for the State,” a podcast about the Idaho Attorney General’s Office.

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### **Lisa B. Rodriguez – Fifth District**

**Values:** “I believe in having respect for others which includes not only clients, but opposing counsel and clients and the court. This includes being honest and forthright (even when it’s not what the client wants to hear). I also think that you need to have a healthy sense of humor and perspective in dealing with difficult situations.”

**Advice:** “It’s important to have a healthy work/life balance and know your own value. You want to work hard but work smart so that you can also enjoy your family and life. Also, don’t be afraid to ask more experienced practitioners for advice as most are willing to share their knowledge and experience.”

Lisa Rodriguez attended the University of Idaho College of Law and graduated in 2004. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in September of 2004. She clerked for District Judge G. Richard Bevan in Twin Falls County which brought her to Twin Falls. After her clerkship, she went into private practice and has done primarily family law and civil cases and in more recent years has added criminal defense. Lisa is currently a partner in Migliuri & Rodriguez, PLLC in Twin Falls, Idaho. She enjoys helping clients navigate the legal system and getting them through difficult life situations.

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### **Frederick G. Zundel – Sixth District**

**Values:** “There have been three great influences in my life. The first were my parents. My dad was a family physician and

my mom was a nurse who worked with my dad. A significant part of my dad’s practice was providing care for those with limited ability to pay for that care. According to my mom, he never turned anyone away who was in need. My dad’s defining qualities were hard work, honesty, and compassion for the less fortunate, along with a weakness for lame jokes, to which I am sometimes prone. The second influence is Jesus of Nazareth, whom I take seriously as God’s son and promised messiah, and both of whom I worship and try to follow as a member of the LDS Church. Their teachings have deeply influenced me and given my life a richer meaning than I believe I would otherwise have had. And the third is my wife, Lorna, who shares and has supported my desire to work in a legal aid setting. She has inspired me from the moment I first met her to be a better person and has been a wonderful mom for our six children.”

**Advice:** “To a young attorney I would start with Michelangelo’s statement that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle. Never stop trying to master your craft in your knowledge of the law and improving your skills in advocating for your client. Be humble and invite criticism from others with more experience. Be scrupulously honest. Be kind to all you meet and care about others, and especially your client. Be respectful to opposing counsel and their clients. If you have a partner in life and children, take regular time to nourish your relationship with them while wading through the demands of a law practice. If your practice is starting to undermine these relationships, consider finding another job. They are more important.”

Fred Zundel received his undergraduate degree at the University of California at Davis in philosophy and Greek, and his masters degree at the University of Arizona in legal philosophy. In 1983, he graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and then spent two years as an associate in the Idaho Falls law firm of Hopkins Roden Crockett Hansen and Hoopes. Fred mentions he will always be grateful to Skip French and Tim Hopkins for hiring him and letting him see first class lawyering up close. In 1985, he joined Idaho Legal Aid Services in their Idaho Falls office and transferred to their Pocatello office in 1988. As a legal aid attorney, Fred has practiced primar-

ily in representing survivors of domestic violence and over the past 15 years in drafting Indian wills for members of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and serving as a GAL in high conflict custody cases in Tribal Court. Fred notes that he has been blessed to have been able to have a genuinely meaningful and rewarding life as an attorney.

### DeAnn Casperson – Seventh District

**Values:** “Although it sounds simplistic, I’ve found that following the golden rule, to treat others with the same professional courtesy as one would like to be treated, solves many problems. Litigation is difficult. It can bring out the best in us, and the worst in us. I’ve always tried to recognize in the heat of the battle that other lawyers are just doing their jobs – zealously advocating for their client. I’ve certainly had moments that required an apology afterwards and accepted similar apologies from others. In spite of the adversarial nature of our profession, I strive to not sink

into a tit-for-tat relationship, *i.e.* if you won’t give me an extension, I won’t give you one either. Even when I’m convinced that another attorney does not deserve the courtesy, I try and give it and remember the golden rule reflects the type of attorney I strive to be.”

**Advice:** “If I could speak to my younger self, I would tell myself to embrace every time I felt that I had been thrown in the deep end of the pool. In hindsight, I realize how lucky I was to be getting real litigation opportunities early in my career. At the time, I felt I wasn’t ready, that I needed more experience, and it was wrong to assign this task to me. I would tell myself to set aside the fear of failure and not knowing what to do, and just get to work and figure it out. Actually performing litigation tasks is the only way to learn. Along with that advice, I would tell myself that there are resources all around you – attorneys who are willing to give you advice. Most attorneys, no matter how seemingly busy and important, will help. Ask for their advice by telling them the issue and what you think is the best way to address

it and why. They will give you valuable input. Finally, I would tell myself it gets easier, and my choice to become a lawyer was a good one.”

DeAnne Casperson attended law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She graduated in 1999 with honors and began a federal court clerkship with the Honorable Dean Whipple of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. After her clerkship she worked for Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City before returning to her native state of Idaho. Ms. Casperson became a member of the Idaho State Bar in 2003. She practiced at Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo for several years. In 2018, Ms. Casperson and two of her partners started their own firm, Casperson Ulrich Dustin, where she practices employment law on behalf of employees and employers. Ms. Casperson has tried numerous cases in federal and state court. She has arbitrated many cases on behalf of unions, as well. She is currently serving as an emeritus lawyer representative for the federal court.

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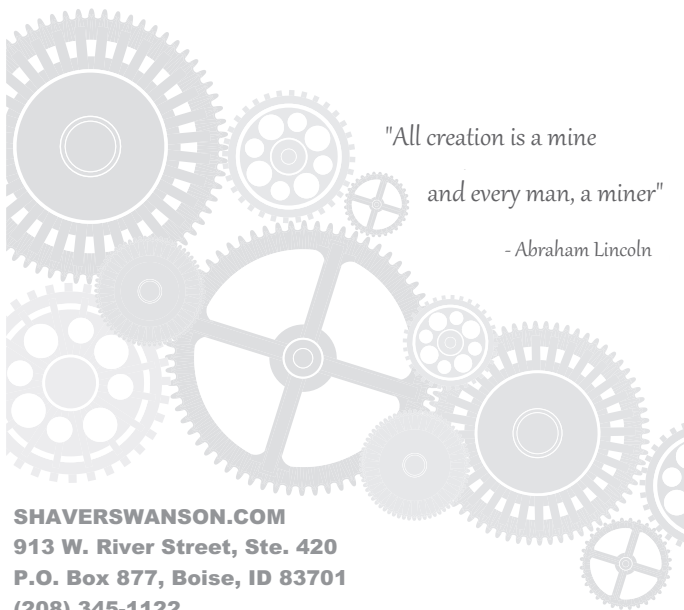


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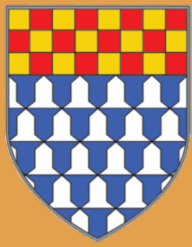
Scott Blickenstaff is an accomplished business and transactional attorney, primarily practicing in the areas of corporate and cooperative law, secured transactions, project finance, and real estate. Before joining Hawley Troxell, Scott spent four years as Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary and two years as General Counsel and Secretary for The Amalgamated Sugar Company, plus four years as Associate General Counsel at Boise, Inc. Prior to his return to Boise, Scott spent 15 years with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLC in its San Francisco and Menlo Park offices.

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Living in Emmett his entire life, Jake enjoys the opportunity to practice law and support the community where he grew up and graduated high school. After graduating from Boise State University, Jake attended Concordia School of Law where he obtained his Juris Doctorate, with the help and support of the Kassidy Amano Freedman/Welsh Scholarship Fund.

While attending law school and following graduation, his law partner Tim Fleming had a strong influence in Jake's legal career which included work as a legal assistant, limited licensed intern, and attorney.

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George Bevan, Sarah J. Clemens, Tricia J. Daigle, Mariah R. Dunham, and Leland K. Faux. Bottom row from left to right: Jennifer S. Franz, Alex S. Grande, Kris J. Ormseth, Craig W. Parrish, and Paul N.J. Ross.

## Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Awards

The late Denise O'Donnell Day, and namesake of this award, was a titan of pro bono service to underrepresented Idahoans. Her legacy of service, dedication to her community, and overall standard of professionalism in practice are pillars for any member of the Idaho State Bar to aspire to. Each year, we honor Denise's legacy by awarding attorneys in each judicial district with the Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Award, recognizing their admirable decisions to prioritize pro bono service in their practices. In addition to providing biographical information, this year's recipients were asked the following two questions:

*First, why is pro bono work important to you?*

*And, what advice would you give your younger self as you entered your law practice or began your career?*

### Mariah R. Dunham – First District

**Why Pro Bono:** "In addition to being imperative to the functioning of our system of justice, if given freely and without expectations, pro bono work allows the attorney a real sense of commitment to the practice of law and community."

**Advice:** "Accept pro bono cases willingly, without regret or expectation, when you are able to both personally and professionally. It will be one of the most rewarding things you do."

Mariah was born and raised in Benewah County. She received her B.S. at the University of Idaho in 2002 and graduated law school from Gonzaga University in 2005. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar, U.S. District Court – District of Idaho,

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court in 2005. She has been practicing with the firm of Dunham & Wolff, P.A. (formerly Morris & Wolff, P.A.) located in St. Maries, Idaho since 2010. In addition to her private practice, Mariah also serves as the Benewah County Prosecutor, having been appointed to the position in December 2021. When not working, Mariah enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband, Larry, and son, Aiden.

### Jennifer S. Franz – Second District

**Why Pro Bono:** "Everyone should have access to quality, affordable legal services."

**Advice:** "Enjoy! You are still your younger self!"

Jennifer graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in December of 2019. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in the Spring of 2020. She is committed to public service and is grateful for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program's organization and efficiency in helping her to provide pro bono services for all Idahoans.

### George Bevan – Third District

**Why Pro Bono:** “There are so many Americans who are struggling to get by – food, housing, transportation costs to and from their job site, especially day labor jobs that oftentimes pay minimum wage. So when they encounter an issue or situation in their life, often not of their own doing, where attorney services could easily resolve the situation, they simply don't have the means to obtain professional help. They just give up, figuring there is no affordable alternative. My belief is that pro bono legal services – a life line to those in that situation – are life altering in so many ways. Not only will the client experience a deep sense of relief and motivation to go forward with their everyday life and challenges, the pro bono attorney will be rewarded, knowing that his/her assistance made a positive, impactful difference in the client's life. There is no better feeling than that.”

**Advice:** “To be aware of those who are less fortunate, and to be willing to set aside time to step up and make the necessary commitment to assist in a meaningful way and make a difference in others' lives.”

George Bevan graduated from Stanford University in 1969 with a Bachelor's of Arts in economics. He served for three years in the U.S. Marines from 1969 to 1972 as an infantry platoon commander, including combat service in Vietnam followed by a post of duty training Marine recruits in San Diego, California. He then graduated from the University of San Diego with a J.D. in 1975. Thereafter, George graduated from the Georgetown Law Center with an LL.M. in taxation in 1977. He was employed as a tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service from 1975 to 1982 and then worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. He retired in January 2008 with 35 years of government service.

### Tricia J. Daigle – Fourth District

**Why Pro Bono:** “I had the great good fortune to be born of two of the best parents in the world. When you come from that background there is the tendency to believe everyone else is equally blessed. Then you get out in the world and realize that isn't necessarily the case. My parents believed in the idea of service, and they modeled that practice for their four children. [...] I believe in the dignity of others, no matter their financial circumstances. I don't vet human beings – I care for people. As a result, a significant portion of my practice is dedicated to pro bono work. I do because I can. My greatest joy is knowing that I make a real and valuable difference in the lives of others and my aspiration is to continue to be able to fortify my own corner of the world. It's the way I can pay tribute to my mother and father.”

**Advice:** “Be gentle with yourself and others. Be involved in your community. Be grateful for the advice and wisdom of others but be true to your own ideas and values.”

Tricia Daigle graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2014. Prior to law school, she graduated from St. John's College with a master's degree in the Classics, and from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Before becoming an attorney, Tricia lived overseas and lectured at the university level and owned and operated a trading cooperative. Before that, she helped to establish a charter school for the study of technology and the classics.

### Sarah J. Clemens – Fourth District

**Why Pro Bono:** “I think we all recognize that concepts like ‘access to justice’ are important in society, but to come anywhere close to reaching that requires a commitment from those of us who can do more. Pro bono work is important to me because I know that, for such a small commitment of my time, I can help someone attain that access. Even if I can only help one person, the advice and the time that I give them could have a tremendous effect on their

life – maybe they aren't evicted, or they keep custody of their child. The pro bono cases I have worked on have been some of the most rewarding experiences I have had.”

**Advice:** “Remember your why. On my first day of orientation at law school, a professor told our incoming class that we would face struggles throughout the next three years, and it was important for us to remember why we were there, why we wanted to be attorneys. Though none of us could have anticipated then how much we would all go through, remembering why we were there, why we get up each morning, what we were striving to achieve, and who we were aiming to be a voice for, helped keep me grounded and inspired.”

Sarah Clemens attended Concordia University School of Law for her first two years, and graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 2021. She is a law clerk to Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan at the Idaho Supreme Court. She also serves on the board to the Idaho State Bar's Appellate Practice Section and Young Lawyers Section.

### Kris J. Ormseth – Fourth District

**Why Pro Bono:** “I have been very fortunate in my life and pro bono service is a way to help others who have been less fortunate.”

**Advice:** “Be involved in the community, be respectful of others, and have confidence in yourself.”

Kris Ormseth graduated from law school at U.C. Berkeley in 1991 and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1992. He started at Stoel Rives in their corporate law department in 1993 and has remained there ever since.

### Alex S. Grande – Fourth District

**Note:** *Alex was traveling out of the country at the time of publication and was unable to provide answers to these questions.*

Alex Grande is an associate in the Boise office of Holland & Hart practicing in a range of complex employment and com-



mercial disputes. She graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law *cum laude* in 2014. During law school, Alex was the Chief Symposium Editor the Idaho Law Review, a member of the D. Craig Lewis Trial Team, and has since received the University of Idaho Alumni Excellence Award. Prior to law school, Alex received a B.A. from the College of Idaho, graduating *magna cum laude* in 2011. Alex's career has included practicing employment litigation, human resources counseling, compliance, and risk management, unfair competition, and commercial litigation. She dedicated over 200 hours of pro bono service in 2020 and continues to make pro bono service a top priority.

### Paul N.J. Ross – Fifth District

**Why Pro Bono:** “The majority of my pro bono work is for elderly clients. It is a privilege to return the favor and feel like I am serving them.”

**Advice:** “Get a clerkship. It will give a peek behind the curtain of how a court or firm works. I didn't have that privilege and appreciate the advantage it gave to others.”

Paul Ross blossomed in the Magic Valley, served in England and Wales, and graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelors in Law & Constitutional Studies. He worked in press relations, mortgage underwriting, and theater management in Washington D.C.; Richmond, Virginia; and Branson, Missouri. He received his Juris Doctor at Oklahoma City University. Paul gained bankruptcy admission in the three districts of Oklahoma and Northern

Texas. He was admitted to the Idaho State and Federal Courts and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2011. He opened a solo firm which operates Idaho Bankruptcy Law. His main areas of focus are bankruptcy, criminal, municipal, probate, and guardianship/conservatorship law. Paul is a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Paul seeks anthropological spelunking, enjoys historical research and writing, aids habitat renovation and reconstruction, drives classic American automobiles, contemplates religious studies, and expends excessive time at his law practice and insufficient time with his beautiful wife and four children.

### Craig W. Parrish – Sixth District

**Why Pro Bono:** “An opportunity to use my professional skills to benefit others.”

**Advice:** “Be more patient, listen more, ask more questions.”

Craig Parrish graduated from Highland High School in 1983 and immediately began attending Idaho State University. He put college on pause to serve his LDS Mission in Peru from 1984 to 1986 and upon his return transferred to Brigham Young University, from which he graduated with his undergraduate degree in 1990. Craig then went on to law school, graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1993. He clerked for the Honorable J. Woodland in 1994 and then moved to solo practice, which he has maintained ever since. His focus is on juvenile law,

private criminal and conflict public defense, small businesses, family law, guardianship, estates, and probate.

### Leland K. Faux – Seventh District

**Why Pro Bono:** “I like representing people who genuinely need pro bono assistance because the cases are typically more meaningful than just disputes over money. There are instances where you can help families avoid homelessness or fight against systemic abuse. And if you pick the right cases you can make money doing it.”

**Advice:** “Find joy in the journey, practice being optimistic, and don't be too much of a hermit (not that I would follow it).”

Leland Faux attended law school at Brigham Young University and graduated in December of 2010. He was admitted to the Nevada Bar in 2011, where he practiced insurance defense in the niche area of public works and consumer protection bonds. Leland moved to Idaho in 2016 for a change of pace and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 2017. He then began a solo practice focused on consumer rights cases such as auto fraud, debt collection abuse, and tenant rights. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he began receiving more and more calls regarding housing matters. He noted, many of the stories were very disheartening. In February of 2022, Leland sold his practice and joined Idaho Legal Aid where he currently focuses exclusively on housing matters under a federal grant.



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## Service Awards



Top row from left to right: Kimmer W. Callahan, Catherine A. Freeman, Tracy W. Gorman, and Jennifer A. Hearne. Bottom row from left to right: Jolene C. Maloney, Sherry Montosa, Jamie C. Shropshire, T. Matthew Stoppello, and Traci J. Whelan.

## Service Awards

The individuals selected for this year's Service Awards include attorneys and non-attorneys alike who have committed their time and expertise to the service of the legal profession. Whether it is serving in leadership or in a more intimate setting, these individuals are dedicated to the betterment of the profession. In addition to providing biographical information, the recipients were asked to answer the following two questions:

*First, why is serving your community, personally or professionally, a priority to you?*

*And, what advice would you give your younger self as you entered your law practice or began your career?*

### **Kimmer W. Callahan – Coeur d'Alene**

**Why Service:** "In my career, and personal life, I have had the benefit of those who

have gone before me, who have chosen to give and serve, willing to invest time and effort in helping me along the way. It is an honor to be able to do the same for others. The Idaho Bar that I joined years ago felt more like the joining of a fraternal order than of a group of advocates or competitors. It is my hope and desire that I have and will do my part to continue that legacy."

**Advice:** "Advice I wish I had received and followed was, get involved in the legal community, serve, and get to know your fellow attorneys outside of the courthouse. If we respect each other as people first, it will be easier to respect each other as advocates of clients. Advice I was given and have tried to follow: Look in the mirror every day and make sure that you are okay with the person/professional you are becoming."

Kimmer Callahan graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in

1995, and received his LL.M. (Taxation) from the University of Denver in 1996. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1995. After a few years of practicing as an associate attorney in the areas of income tax, and then estate planning, Kimmer opened his own firm, Callahan & Associates, Chtd., in Coeur d'Alene. His practice has primarily focused on the areas of estate planning, probate, and elder law. He received his Estate Planning Law Specialist designation in 2014 and was established as a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC") in 2019. He has been an active member in a variety of leadership roles in the Idaho State Bar's Taxation, Probate & Trust Law Section.

### **Catherine A. Freeman – Boise**

**Why Service:** "I love being a lawyer and I consider it a privilege to practice in our

community. Because of this, I want to do whatever I can to improve the legal system for my fellow Bar members and for other individuals involved in Idaho's legal system."

**Advice:** "Keep showing up and being prepared. This will get you farther than you'd guess."

Catie Freeman is a trial lawyer with Gjording Fouser, representing businesses, public entities, and professionals in complex business, employment, and insurance defense litigation. Catie is the current Secretary of the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism & Ethics Section and the current chairperson of the Section's Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Committee. Catie is also a member of Idaho Women Lawyers and American Inns of Court No. 130.

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### Tracy W. Gorman – Idaho Falls

**Why Service:** "Serving on the character and fitness committee and the magistrate commission has taught me so much about the professional process. I know that I am a better practitioner because of it."

**Advice:** "You do not have to take every case that comes through the door, and you should not if you do not believe in the client's goal."

Tracy Gorman is from Seattle, Washington. She started out in the Army Nurse Corps and after leaving active duty, attended law school at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. She relocated to Idaho Falls in 2002 with her family. Tracy took the Idaho Bar Exam in 2007 and began practicing family law – in her mid-40's. Being in a small community like Idaho Falls has given her so many opportunities – personally managing her caseload, taking cases to trial, and sometimes even the Idaho Supreme Court. She is grateful for the career that she has had and for practicing in an area where members of the bench and bar actually seem to like each other.

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### Jennifer A. Hearne – Boise

**Why Service:** "I have realized SO many

great benefits from serving my community. Perhaps, the most rewarding aspect has been the satisfaction that comes from helping people. There is a special type of intrinsic compensation that comes from assisting someone who would not otherwise have access to an attorney. I've also discovered a number of practical benefits to volunteer service. For example, grading bar exams or serving as an officer with the Fourth District Bar Association is much more fun than spending a bunch of money on law firm advertising. Volunteer service has been instrumental to establishing an incredible network of likeminded attorneys. We regularly consult one another and share referrals, something not always easy to do as an attorney in solo practice. Whether intrinsic or practical, the benefits I've received from serving my legal community are invaluable to my law practice and to my personal sense of self-worth."

**Advice:** "Hello Young Jen – Please don't be afraid to ask for help. There are many, smart attorneys out there who are willing to lend a hand. As you gain experience, you will have the opportunity to give back by helping others!"

Jennifer Hearne is a lifelong Idahoan and the principal of Hearne Law, PLLC where she practices employment law. Jennifer's legal clients include small business owners with a desire to become or maintain their status as an employer of choice, and individuals with an employment-related conflict. Jennifer attended Boise State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration. Fifteen years later, she was admitted to the University of Idaho College of Law where she earned recognition as a Dean's list scholar and served as the Senior Blue Book editor for "the Crit," the law school's critical legal studies journal. After graduating from law school in 2011, Jennifer spent six years as In-House Counsel and Director of Human Resources for a private post-secondary college before taking an Associate position with a law firm in Boise. In 2017, Jennifer opened Hearne Law, PLLC, allowing her the opportunity to focus her practice on employment law matters.

Jennifer is an active member of the Employment & Labor Law and Business &

Corporate Law Sections of the Idaho State Bar. She currently serves as Vice President for the Fourth District Bar Association and as Treasurer for Idaho Women Lawyers. Jennifer is also a member of the National Ski Patrol and has been a volunteer for Bogus Basin for the past nine years. Jennifer is the proud mother of two amazing sons. Together, they enjoy boating, skiing, hiking, cooking, and laughing at every opportunity.

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### Jolene C. Maloney – Boise

**Why Service:** "As attorneys we work in what is often a high stress and high stakes environment. Our clients, many of them in crisis, are under tremendous pressure. I believe these challenging and difficult realities are better managed, and better outcomes achieved, when we as professionals support and assist each other when opportunities present themselves. Support may manifest itself in many ways: simple encouragement, checking in which each other, addressing mental health, addiction and trauma, or being brave enough to be vulnerable to share our personal struggles so our colleagues feel connected in this community. Service to our legal community is important to me because I am the beneficiary of such professional kindness and grace. I have experienced its life changing impact. I must thank Bill Wellman, Anthony Geddes, the criminal defense bar, and certain members of the judiciary for their professional support and encouragement in my times of need."

**Advice:** "Practicing law as a criminal defense attorney is an intense and demanding career. The circumstances and cases we deal with matter a great deal to those affected. Doing this work demands significant attention and commitment. While we invest ourselves in our cases and clients, we must not lose ourselves in them. We must remind ourselves that our disagreements are not personal but professional. We should work hard to cultivate cordiality and respect. Recognize the good work of your colleagues. Take the time to celebrate their triumphs with them and offer encouragement at times of disappointment. The professional community that



you develop will likely have an impact on how satisfied you are in your career. Managing professional stress appropriately will give you the space to be present for your children, spouse, and friends.”

Jolene Maloney graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 2004. She has spent her career in the area of criminal law. She has a private practice in Boise, Idaho and her primary practice is working with indigent clients throughout the Treasure Valley.

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### Sherry Montosa – Boise

**Why Service:** “I worked with esteemed attorney Merlyn Clark, for 32 years and he set a fine example of giving back to the community as well as having the highest legal standards. He taught me the standards of professional conduct and I believe it is extremely important to see that our legal community meets the highest standards. I enjoy serving on the Professional Conduct Board to help the Bar assure that those standards are met.”

**Advice:** “I grew up in Boise and my younger self did not have the experience to realize that women could have a career other than housewife, teacher, nurse, or secretary. I would tell my younger self to dare to do other than the conventional. I was not exposed to the legal profession until I had embarked on my working career, knowing what I know now, I would have enjoyed pursuing a career as an attorney.”

Sherry Montosa attended Boise High School and after graduation in 1966 moved to Moscow, Idaho where she worked in the Physics Department and was secretary to eight professors and 15 graduate students – all with no computer. Her work was done on an electric typewriter with carbon paper. Sherry was excited when she got her first IBM with correction tape! She worked in the Alumni Office at the University of Idaho, then at Boise Cascade, for the Adams County Prosecutor, and then for Merlyn Clark at Hawley Troxell for 32 years. Sherry retired in 2017, was accepted to serve on the Professional Conduct Board, and has served since retirement.

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### Jamie C. Shropshire – Boise

**Why Service:** “I learned early in life from my mother the importance of sharing your resources and time with the community and your profession. She was always my best example. For many years, she operated a care house for her church that supplied food and clothing for free. She taught my brothers and me that giving to others brings joy to the giver and the receiver. As a government attorney for most of my practice, I had to find ways to volunteer for the Idaho State Bar. I chose grading and writing bar exams and volunteering on the Lawyer Assistance Program Committee. Both have been very rewarding. I was also honored to serve for 12 years on the Domestic Violence and Victims Assistance Council and was an initial member of the Juvenile Corrections Custody Review Board. As the daughter of a WWII Army Air Corps pilot and the surviving spouse of an Air Force veteran, I especially enjoy volunteering with veteran’s organizations and projects. One of which was the Wills Clinics sponsored by the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program and the Idaho Military Legal Alliance. While in Lewiston, I worked with veterans, veteran’s organizations, and the Courts in the Veterans’ Treatment Court where it was rewarding to see men and women who had honorably served this country overcome serious setbacks.”

**Advice:** “Do what you love and don’t worry about a paycheck. As attorneys, we spend too many hours at the office and too often bring work home. Learn to take care of yourself. The profession is stressful enough if you don’t enjoy your work. It affects your family and friends when you suffer from stress and anxiety. You will live longer and happier if you care about your health. As a new attorney, find someone who you can talk to about the areas of your practice with which you may be less familiar.”

Jamie Shropshire is a native Idahoan, born in Boise and raised in Nampa. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and majored in biology with an emphasis on genetics. She then graduated from Santa Clara University Law School in 1983 and was admitted

to the California State Bar that same year. She was later admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1988. Jamie retired in 2015 and is now an emeritus attorney. She lives with her four-legged only child, Allie, who brings her great joy and keeps her looking ahead. Jamie loves having time for photography and writing.

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### T. Matthew Stoppello – Boise

**Why Service:** “I am an Idaho native who grew up in Eagle, Idaho with my parents and younger sister. I was given the opportunity from them to thrive growing up with a very active outdoor lifestyle. My parents always encouraged me, our surrounding neighbors, and friends to enjoy life and pursue every opportunity we could. Whether it be sports, academics, agriculture, or anything in between. I love this state, the community, and opportunities it holds for anyone who is willing to work for it. It has been a really tough couple of years for everyone, but this community has resilience and I am lucky to be a part of this community going forward.”

**Advice:** “The advice I would give myself would be to just ‘slow down.’ There are really good members of the Bar and this community that are mentors and people that are willing to sacrifice their time and energy helping you be successful. Listen to them and learn. I was very lucky as my career started as an Ada County Deputy Prosecutor under Greg Bower. From day one, I was provided with the hands on training, assistance in learning, and opportunities to grow.”

After Matt graduated from high school he joined the United States Marine Corps. His dad, both of his uncles, and his grandfathers has served honorably in the military prior to his enlisting. After he returned to civilian life, he went to school to complete his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Upon completion he attended the University of Idaho College of Law and graduated in December of 2000. Upon graduation he joined the Ada County Prosecutor in the criminal division as a Deputy Prosecutor. He spent approximately four years with Ada County before he joined his dad’s firm for another four years. In 2008, Matt started his own

firm which he currently owns and operates with wonderful colleagues and staff that he couldn't do without.

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### Traci J. Whelan – Coeur d'Alene

**Why Service:** "It is important for each of us to be invested in rooting for and supporting the success of others. We succeed or fail as a group. I think we can see that in the current affairs in our nation. We lose our humanity when we refuse to serve those we don't know or don't agree with. This has not brought our society success

but rather we can see the destruction and division. That is why serving each other is important."

**Advice:** "I would assure my younger self that we picked the right career. Although there is a lot of exposure to the heartbreaking actions of our fellow human beings, there is also a lot of exposure to redemption and success."

Traci J. Whelan is an Assistant United States Attorney and the Branch Manager of the Coeur d'Alene Branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho. She graduated from the University of Nebraska Law College in 1991 and was

admitted to the Idaho State Bar in September of that year. Traci joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1998 after seven years as a Deputy County Prosecutor in Idaho. She has served as the tribal liaison for the Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai, and Nez Perce Tribes for 23 years. Traci has received the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement and commendations from the Director of the F.B.I. She is a member of the Idaho State Bar Professional Conduct Board. Traci's commitment to public service is based upon a belief that we have an obligation to treat people fairly and with respect.

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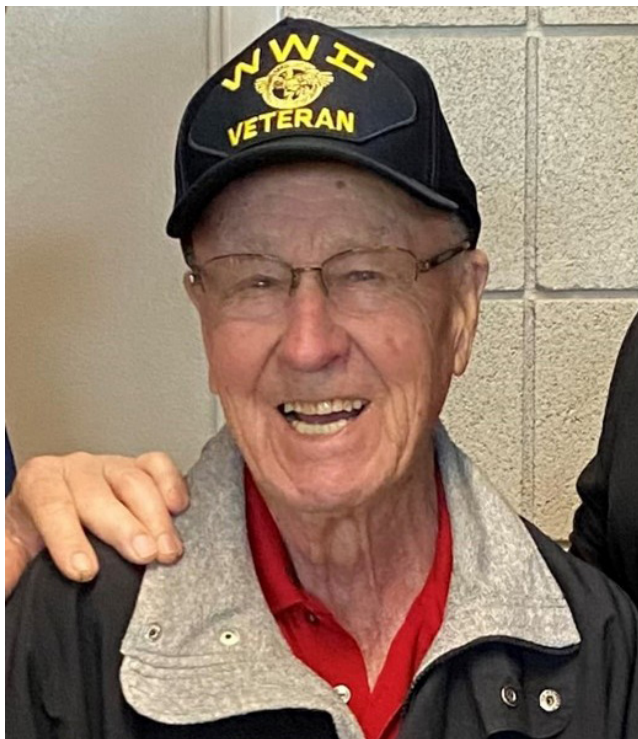
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## 70 Years of Admission: Admitted in 1952

### Leonard H. Bielenberg

Leonard H. “Len” Bielenberg of Moscow graduated from the University of Idaho with a business, and then law degree. Upon receiving his law degree in 1952, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General by Robert E. Smylie, who was a great mentor. After two and a half years in this position, he returned to his roots at the invitation of Tom Felton where he held private practice for nearly 50 years. Bielenberg practiced various types of law, later focusing on estate planning, trusts, probate, and real estate. He served three terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Latah County and from time to time was a lecturer of various courses at the University of Idaho College of Law.

Bielenberg served as a member of the Selective SVC Civilian Review Board, and was President of several community service organizations, including Lions Club, Jaycees, and Knights of Columbus, among others. Early in his practice and thereafter Len was rated AV in Martindale-Hubbell.

Len and his wife, Fern, of 69 years have four children, Terry, Anne, Paul, and Mary, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In their younger

years, they motorcycled many of Idaho’s backroads and enjoyed camping, water and snow skiing, as well as spending many years as snowbirds in Green Valley, Arizona. Len continues to be active in the Moscow Lions Club and Friendly Neighbors senior club and will be celebrating 95 years in July!

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### Reginald R. Reeves

Lieutenant Colonel Reginald Reeves enlisted in the Army in August 1945 at the age of 17. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1952. Honored with the Nathan Burkham Memorial Competition award in 1954, his military awards include National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Commander’s Award for Public Service, and Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. In 1968 Reginald was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and retired from the Army. He is revered for his pro bono work with veterans and efforts to assist local and international soup kitchens and charities. He is most proud of developing a local, national, and

international program to build computer schools and a free dental clinic in Guatemala and supplying millions of dollars’ worth of medical supplies and equipment to Vietnam, Haiti, Ghana, and the Virgin Islands. Reginald is the recipient of the Idaho State Bar Service Award in 2012, an honoree of the University of Idaho Alumni Hall of Fame, and recipient of the Governor’s Brightest Star Award for Public Service. He currently is involved in many social service activities and continues to practice family law in Idaho Falls. He and his wife Donna operate the Sun Valley Charitable Foundation.

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### Wilber L. Rowberry

Bill took the suggestion and urging of his father and made the decision to apply to law school. He graduated from the University of Idaho and with the recommendation from Professor George Bell, went to work for 37 years with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission which became the Department of Energy. Bill took two cases to the U.S. Supreme Court which took considerable time and effort. He cites his greatest personal accomplishment as rais-

ing his two sons with wife, Jeanene. He suggests new attorneys “identify the area of law you enjoy the most. Try to obtain a mentor in that field of the law and work diligently to become one of the best attorneys in your chosen field.” Since his retirement in 2012, Bill enjoys tennis, fly fishing, and travel.

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### Fred A. Schwartz

Fred Schwartz is a graduate of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. He and his wife, Gwynne, live in Sacramento, California.

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### Jay H. Stout

Jay Stout is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. He lives in Encinitas, California.



Justice Fuller at his family reunion in the Sawtooth Mountains.

## 65 Years of Admission: Admitted in 1957

### John R. Coleman

John was born in 1933 in Rexburg, Idaho and attended the University of Idaho College of Law during which he was also working at First Security Bank. Coleman's first job in the field of law was as an associate in the firm of Parry, Robertson & Jacobson in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1957. He then became partner of the firm in 1960 and continued working there until it divided in 1979. The three senior active partners at the time formed a new partnership Larson, McIntyre & Coleman.

During his 46 years of practice, he represented banks, canal companies, irrigation districts, general contractors, farmers, ranchers, doctors, accountants, and many individuals who have become dear friends. He also represented First Federal Savings Bank from 1958 until retirement.

In 1964, John was appointed by Governor Smylie to be one of five members of the Board of Trustees for the new College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and served on the board until 1980. John was instrumental in the construction of what is now a beautiful and wonderful college. In 1982 he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court while being sponsored by Senator James McClure. He is very proud of his 65 years spent as an Idaho attorney.

After retirement in 2004 John and his late wife, Marjory, served a full time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served in the Boise LDS Temple until 2008 and has since served in the Twin Falls Temple. Currently John is farming, ranching, and raising beef cattle to occupy his time. He served for 10 years as a 4-H leader of youth with livestock projects.

John's oldest daughter, Sue, was born 16 days before he entered law school, followed by his second daughter, Kathleen, the day after his last final of law school. In the time after they moved to Twin Falls, John and his wife had three more children, John A., Diane, and David A., who has since taken over as a partner of the firm now known as Coleman, Ritchie & Jacobson that John originally started in 1979. John is immensely proud of his family and will always love his wife, Marjory, of 59 years, 5 months, and 19 days who gave him a happy and wonderful marriage.

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### Wayne P. Fuller

Judge Fuller received his juris doctorate from Stanford University. He always felt that law was a natural fit and was often settling disputes between classmates.



He served as District Judge for nine years, spending most of his career practicing general law. Judge Fuller retired in 1995 but is still active as a volunteer attorney for Idaho Legal Aid. He enjoyed the challenges, opportunities, and independence of being an attorney. In 1982 Wayne received the Idaho State Bar Service Award, in 2009 the Pro Bono Award, and is a past member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. He and his wife, Margaret, have five children and seven grandchildren. His daughter, Leslie K. Smith, is an attorney practicing in Eagle, Idaho. Judge Fuller enjoys hiking, cross country skiing,

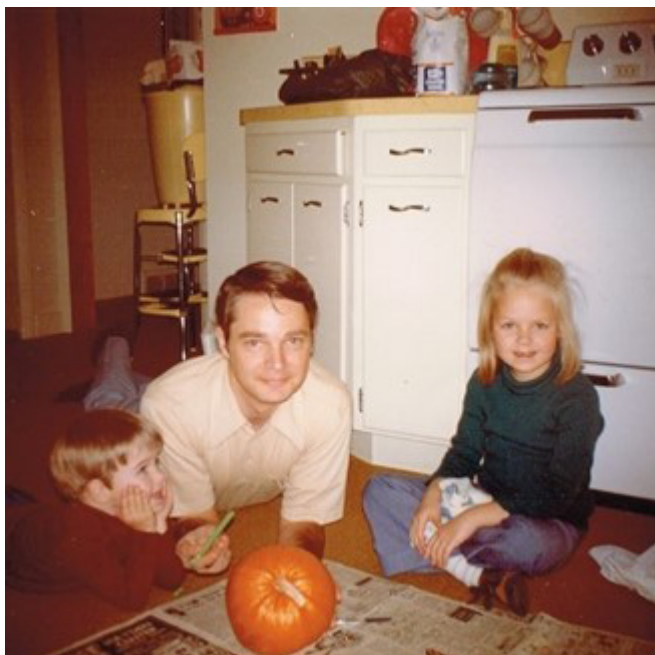
and spending time with his family in their cabin in the Sawtooth Mountains.

### Wallace M. Transtrum

After completing his undergraduate degree in sociology at the Utah State Agricultural College, Judge Transtrum entered the U.S. Air Force flight training program where he worked with members of the Judge Advocates Staff. Upon his discharge after his tour of two



years, he decided to pursue a legal career which eventually took him to serve as a Caribou County Prosecuting Attorney, Magistrate Judge, and District Judge. He passes on the same advice he was given, "Do your work the very best that you can, and on time. Treat your clients with respect and honesty." Judge Transtrum enjoys spending time with his family four wheeling in the Island Park area, traveling, golf, and playing guitar. He and his wife, Glenna, spend five months of the year in Yuma, Arizona. They have two children, three stepchildren, 16 grandchildren, and 30 (!) great-grandchildren.



Paul McCabe and his children carving Halloween pumpkins.

## 60 Years of Admission: Admitted in 1962

### Phillip M. Becker

Phil graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1961. After graduation he started off in private practice for several years before transitioning to work as a Public Defender for Gooding, Camas, Lincoln, and Jerome Counties from 1965 to 1977. He did a short one-year stint at a Prosecuting Attorney for Gooding County in 1978 before being appointed as a Magistrate Judge. Phil was given the position of District Judge for the Fifth



Judicial District in 1983. Finally, retirement came in 1996. Well, so he thought. Three days after retirement Phil got a call from Chief Justice Robert Bakes. Some sort of emergency had happened, and Chief Justice Bakes was in desperate need of a judge. Phil told him he was retired and no longer on the bench. At this point Chief Justice reminded him of his title and appointed Phil the title "Special Senior Judge". Phil made himself immediately available to start working that Monday.

Phil is very proud of his time spent as a Tribal Court Judge for Shoshone-Paiute Tribe in Nevada as well as being on the

Tribal Court of Appeals. He now enjoys spending time with his wife, Louise, and his three wonderful grandchildren, Elissa, Camas, and Kenneth. When asked about his life, Phil said it was one full of excitement and fulfillment. "As the carnival people would say – it was a hell of a ride."

### Larry R. Duff

Judge Larry Duff is a graduate of the Willamette University College of Law. He was determined to be an attorney to help others. Duff then served as a magistrate

judge for nearly 20 years in the Fifth District. He served on the first board of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association and was its second president. Larry was presented with the Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award in 1998 but states that his greatest accomplishment must be his family in which he takes pride through their accomplishments. He also touts his wife, Merry, as being his biggest supporter over the years. In Larry's free time he enjoys gardening, travel, woodworking, and a little golf.

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### **J. Dennis Faucher**

After high school in Boise and two years in the Marine Corps, Dennis earned his bachelor and law degrees from the University of Idaho. He then stayed at the College of Law for a year as a Visiting Assistant Professor and then practiced in Boise for eight years. In 1971 he left Boise and for the remainder of his career he practiced in Philadelphia, where he still resides.

Among his accomplishments as a lawyer is his pro bono representation of an Alabama death row inmate, and being a lead attorney in representing people who were World War II slave laborers in their litigation against major German companies. He has also been active in supporting the University of Idaho. He is a Jim Lyle Awardee, and is an Emeritus Director of the University of Idaho Foundation and an Emeritus Member of the College of Law Advisory Council. The Sigma Chi Fraternity has honored him as a "Significant Sig."

Dennis was married for 59 years to fellow native Boisean and Vandal, Michael Beglan Faucher, until her death in 2019. He has three sons, including Boise lawyer Bob Faucher, and 11 grandchildren. He is proud of having been a member of the Idaho State Bar for 60 years.

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### **Edward G. Johnson**

Edward Johnson is a graduate of the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law. He and his wife, Janice, live in Boise.

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### **Hon. Edward J. Lodge**

Judge Lodge has spent almost 50 years serving in various courts in Idaho. He was born in Caldwell and spent summers working on his family's ranch there before attending Boise Junior College where he was an All-American football star. He then graduated cum laude from the College of Idaho. He received his J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law. Judge Lodge was the youngest judge ever appointed to the District Court in Idaho. He a former president of the Idaho Judges Association and has received the Kramer Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration. Judge Lodge received the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism Award in 1997 and the Distinguished Lawyer Award in 2002.

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### **Paul D. McCabe**

Paul was raised in St. Maries, Idaho where he says was a good place and time to experience the "Wonder Years." He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1962; later in that same year he passed the bar and was sworn in. He then entered the military after receiving a commission through ROTC. He served for two years as lieutenant in the infantry and then was honorably discharged. After being stationed in Benning, Georgia and then at Fort Ord in California he separated from the military in 1964.

After the military he moved to Coeur d'Alene and has never left. He started his law practice in the office of Wm. Hawkins. He later partnered with David Frazier to open their own firm. Thereafter they separated and Paul was the sole practitioner until he, Sidney Smith, and Charles Hosack established an office in Coeur d'Alene. He often did general practice including Court, jury trials, and appearances before the Idaho Supreme Court and the Idaho Court of Appeals.

In 1987 McCabe took a position as Magistrate Judge in the First Judicial District which he held until his retirement on December 31, 1999. Thereafter he worked part time at the same position for an additional six years.

Paul has been married to his wife, Beverly, for 59 years. He praises her for being

a good sport and putting up with him for all these years. He says he has been blessed with two children, Melinda, and Russell. All four of them graduated from the University of Idaho and are avid Vandal fans. Although he is fully retired, Paul has maintained his membership to the Idaho State Bar for the last 60 years. He says it doesn't seem possible that all this time has gone by.

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### **William F. Ringert**

Bill started practicing law in 1962 with a monthly salary of \$300. His primary practice areas being Desert Land Entries, agriculture, and water law. He was a part of several large projects including Sailor Creek, Black Mesa, and Grindstone Butte. Bill also served on the Bureau of Land Management Board in the 1970s as well as six years in the Idaho Senate in the 1980s.

Bill moved to Hammett, Idaho in 1996 intending to still make his commute to Boise two or three days a week for work. This plan did not last long. He joined Rotary in 1997 and served on the board and as president in 2001. He was also part of the Idaho Community Foundation for two years, Board of the Elmore Medical Center for 20 years, and Idaho Hospital Association Board for six years. Bill was admitted into the Idaho Water Users Hall of Fame in 2001.

In 2000, Bill built Cold Springs Winery and planted 33 acres of wine grapes. During that time, he spent six years on the Idaho Wine Commission Board. The board also awarded him the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. The winery was sold in 2020 when Bill moved back to Boise and finally retired.

Bill has been married to his lovely wife, Bing, for 63 years. They have two children, John and Beth. Bill has two grandchildren he is very proud of, Billie, a student at Oregon State University, and AJ, a cross country runner at Eagle High School. Bill also has a brother, Gary, who is a retired Air Force Pilot and Vietnam Veteran whose last assignment was flying Air Force One.

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## Larry D. Ripley

Larry Ripley was determined to leave the small city lifestyle he had come accustomed to growing up in Wardner, Idaho; a small city in the northern Panhandle. He enrolled at the University of Idaho and completed law school in 1962. After which he joined the Army Reserve as a private on active duty for six months



at Ford Ord in California. This is where he made his first appearance as legal representation.

Ripley moved to Idaho for a job as an Assistant Attorney General spending seven years at the Idaho PUC. He was the only full time utility lawyer in the state of Idaho and remained so for a number of years. After his time there he made an impact at the firms of Elam & Burke, Evans, Koontz and Ripley. In later years of practice he became an in-house regulatory at-

torney for Idaho Power until retiring from practice in 2003.

The most memorable parts of Larry's career were the many cordial friends and acquaintances — who were executives, judges, attorneys, and consumers residing throughout the United States.

In 1968 Larry married his wife, Judy, and remained married for 54 years. They raised two sons who each have two children. Larry has enjoyed traveling and exploring the world with his wife.



Donald Burnett and his wife, Karen, at their golden anniversary dinner at the historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington.

## 50 Years of Admission: Admitted in 1972

### Dennis L. Albers

Dennis Albers, University of Idaho Law College of Law graduate, worked for Paul Keeton in Lewiston for the first year after graduation. Then, moving to Grangeville has practiced there ever since and is now “mostly retired.” He was the Idaho County Prosecuting Attorney for eight years and Deputy Prosecutor for seven both before and after his election. He had a general practice but specialized in real estate and municipal work for many towns, serving 35 years as Grangeville City Attorney.

He spent 30 years as a member of the Grangeville Border Days Rodeo Committee and was later named Border Days Grand Marshall in 2021.

Albers has two children and three grandsons. His daughter, Kim, is a VA Administrator and is admitted to practice in Idaho and California. His son is a construction manager. Albers and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 52 years and have a hobby farm in Grangeville as well as a cabin on the Salmon River. They started a title company in 1976. They travel whenever they can which included a cruise for the family of nine to Venice and Greece.

### Stephen F. Bell

Stephen Bell is a graduate of the University of Montana School of Law. He and his wife, Karen, live in Coeur d'Alene.

### Donald L. Burnett

A native of Pocatello, Don received his baccalaureate degree *magna cum laude* at Harvard University, his J.D. at the University of Chicago, and his LL.M. (Master of Laws) from the University of Virginia. He also graduated on the “Commandant's List” of the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. As a reserve officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Don's assignments included service as the reserve deputy commandant and academic director of the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, Virginia. He received the U.S. Armed Forces Legion of Merit Award and retired as a Colonel.



Jay Friedly and his wife of 52 years, Sandy.

Don's civilian career began with service as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, followed by service as an Assistant Attorney General for Idaho. He entered a general private practice in Pocatello; he ultimately received the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism and Distinguished Lawyer awards.

In 1982 he was appointed as one of the original judges of the Idaho Court of Appeals. In 1990 he received a faculty appointment, including a decade of service as the dean, at the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, where he taught criminal procedure, professional responsibility, law and economics, and judicial decision-making. While at Louisville, he co-founded the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development, and he served as presiding member of the Kentucky Governor's Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy.

In 2002, he returned to his native state to join the faculty and serve as dean at the University of Idaho College of Law. He chaired the university's Ethical Guidance and Oversight Committee, served as the coordinating dean for university-wide interdisciplinary programs, and chaired the university's Steering Committee on Diversity and Human Rights. Within the College of Law, he established the 1L orientation professionalism program, and he worked to broaden the curriculum, pro-

mote diversity, enhance fundraising, and create a branch location of the College of Law in Boise. He served as interim president of the University of Idaho; in that capacity he also chaired the Idaho Higher Education Presidents Council.

Upon resuming faculty status at the College of Law in Moscow, Don taught Professional Responsibility along with Civil Procedure and Introduction to Law. He served as the initial program coordinator for the Idaho Law & Justice Learning Center in Boise, a collaborative undertaking of the Idaho Supreme Court and the University of Idaho.

In 2016 Don received emeritus status at the University, and in 2018 law faculty bestowed upon him the Sheldon A. Vincenti Award for Exemplary Service. In 2022, recognizing Don's role in fulfilling a vision for statewide public legal education, the largest classroom at the College's building on Front Street in Boise was named for him. In retirement he remains active in continuing legal, judicial, and civic education.

Don's wife of 52 years, Karen Trujillo Burnett, is another Pocatello native. A writer, she holds degrees from the University of Chicago, Idaho State University, Boise State University, and the University of Idaho. Don and Karen have two adult sons. Don has one brother, Howard, a lawyer, and partner in the Pocatello office of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley.

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### Robert A. Bushnell

Robert Bushnell is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Law. Robert lives in Boise.

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### Steven E. Clayton

Steven Clayton is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Steven lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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### Terry E. Coffin

Terry Coffin is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Terry and his wife, Nancy, live in McCall.

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### Darrel R. Ellis

Darrel Ellis is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Darrel and his wife, Charlene, live in Cle Elum, Washington.

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### William D. Faler

William Faler has over 37 years of experience representing parties in prod-





Ken Pedersen and his wife of over 50 years, Trudy.

uct liability, commercial law, toxic tort/ environmental law, personal injury and wrongful death, and employment law. He has been involved in cases in both the federal court system and several state courts in the Intermountain West. He is admitted to practice in the State of Idaho and before the federal court in the District of Idaho and the United States Circuit Court for the Ninth Circuit. He is a member of the Idaho State Bar, American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, American Trial Lawyers Association, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Inns of Court. Mr. Faler served for five years on Evidence Rules Committee for the Idaho State Bar and played a substantial role in the complete rewriting of those rules. He has lectured on parts of the Rules of Evidence and document control in complex litigation. His interests include fly fishing and photography. He served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for 25 years, including a 10 year stint as a representative on the National Board of Directors.

### Patrick W. Fanning

Patrick Fanning is a graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law. Patrick and his wife, Margaret, live in Eagle.

### Jay R. Friedly

Jay Friedly graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law and passed the Nebraska and Idaho Bar Exams in 1972. He then moved to Idaho to work for Perce Hall as a JAG Officer for the United States Air Force in Mountain Home.

He has served as the attorney for the City of Mountain Home, the Mountain Home Highway District, Elmore Medical Center Hospital District, the City of Glenns Ferry, Grand View, and the Mountain Home School District No. 193. He recently scaled down his practice to estate planning, probate, and contracts.

Jay enjoys the outdoors and scaling mountains. He has climbed all nine 12,000-foot peaks in Idaho. He has also climbed the highest peaks of the Sawtooth Mountains, White Clouds, Boulder Mountains, Pioneer Range, as well as the highest point in Elmore County. When he is not climbing peaks he enjoys sailing, cross country and downhill skiing, biking, and scuba diving.

Jay says that one of the most wonderful things he discovered in Idaho was his wife, Sandy. They were married in 1988 and raised two children. They now have three grandchildren who continue to amaze them and bring joy to their lives.

### Michael A. Greene

When asked about his law career, Mike Greene says, "I won much, lost few, and learned a lot." After graduating from Stanford University, he practiced trial and appellate law primarily in California, Idaho, and Oregon. His first case was against the Idaho State Bar and the Idaho Supreme Court for failing to admit all out of state graduates except himself.

Greene was the president of the Multnomah Bar Association ("MBA") and founder and chair of the MBA Community Foundation. He was a Circuit Judge Pro Tem and handled over 400 cases pro bono. Being a diabetic, he is very proud of his work as a volunteer for the American Diabetes Association included service as National and Oregon Chair of Diabetes Legal Advocacy and primary Amicus Counsel for the ADA. Community service and pro bono opportunities played a huge role in Mike's life and law practice.

Mike has earned awards from many organizations, including the Distinguished Trial Lawyer, the Wendell Mayes Jr. Award for outstanding service in the Cause of Diabetes, and the Father of the Year Award. He also published many articles, including in the Journal of the American Medical Association. He was frequently asked to be an expert witness on legal malpractice, ethics, trial practice, and civil rights.

Mike has been married to his wife, Alice Radcliff, for 48 years with much joy

between them. They had a set of twins as well as an adopted daughter. They have five wonderful grandchildren. Mike loves spending time with his family and often reflects on his time teaching his children and grandchildren how to fish for trout.

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### **Quentin F. Harden**

Judge Quentin Harden is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Harden and his wife, Katheryn, live in Bonners Ferry.

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### **Clinton J. Henderson**

Clinton Henderson is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Clinton and his wife, Joann, live in Moscow.

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### **Terry Hollifield**

Terry Hollifield is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Terry and his wife, Carol, live in Hansen.

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### **Hon. Charles "Chuck" W. Hosack**

Hon. Charles Hosack began his legal career in September 1972 in Boise with Moffatt, Thomas, Barret, and Blanton. The first couple of years, the firm had him pegged for an office practice. His desire to do trial work, combined with an inability to generate billable hours as a transactional attorney, led to a quick transition into trial work. The rest of his legal career was in trial work, first as an attorney in civil litigation, and then as a district judge. He was appointed by Governor Batt to fill a newly created district judge position in the First District, chambered in Coeur d'Alene, and began his judicial career on January 1, 1988, serving three terms and surviving a contested judicial election. Judge Hosack moved to senior status in 2010, until fully retiring as of June 30, 2020.

Judge Hosack mentions his notable career achievements are his admission as an attorney to practice in the state and federal courts in Idaho, including admission to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1978 and to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1995; his appointment to First District Judge position in Kootenai County; and getting reelected to serve two additional

terms. While sitting as District Judge, he also held the position of Administrative District Judge for the First Judicial District. Given his dual career as a trial attorney and as a trial judge, he has served as president of the First District John P. Gray Bench Bar Forum. He was a long time member of the Idaho Association of Defense Counsel, and had an insignificant, but highly treasured, membership in the American Trial Lawyers Association.

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### **Robert Korb**

Robert Korb is a graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

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### **Donald W. Lojek**

Don began his Idaho law practice in 1972 with the now defunct but then prestigious firm of Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett and Blanton for a salary of \$10,000. A University of Denver graduate, Don was privileged to work with the firm's excellent trial attorneys, Dick Fields and Jack Barrett among them — a great education. He brought with him bar review outlines from Colorado. There was then no Idaho bar review course so the Colorado outlines were shared with Craig Storti and Don Burnett who were clerking for the Idaho Supreme Court. The many evening hours of study paid off as all three passed the bar exam when the pass rate was 40%. A grand total of 10 lawyers were sworn in that winter.

An insurance defense practice was not comfortable for Don so he set out in another direction becoming university counsel for Boise State University for approximately 11 years while maintaining an eclectic civil trial and appellate practice. He earned an AV rating from Martindale Hubble and was admitted to the Colorado and Utah Bars to accommodate client needs. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, numerous U.S. District Courts, and the Ninth and Tenth Courts of Appeals.

Don is a long time pilot and has now concentrated his practice in aviation matters. He taught Business Law and Aviation Law at Boise State University one evening per week for about 20 years.

He has lectured at the Stanford Law School and taught a full course in employment law at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow flying himself

there each week for a three hour class.

Don's background includes service as an Army officer where he was Airborne and Ranger qualified, a master's degree in Latin American Studies, and work as an investigator for the EEOC. He also served in Vietnam with the U.S. State Department.

Married to Cecelia, Don has three children - one now an Ada County Magistrate - and seven nearly perfect grandchildren with whom he flies, hikes, fishes, and camps at every opportunity.

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### **John K. Looze**

John Looze is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law. John and his wife, Donna, live in Boise.

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### **John S. McKinney**

John McKinney is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. John and his wife, Pat, live in Salmon.

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### **Wayne V. Meuleman**

For more than 40 years, Wayne has focused his practice in construction law, business law, real estate law, and litigation. In 1980, Wayne formed a law firm in Boise, Idaho to meet the specialized needs of the construction and real estate industries which continues today. His experience includes representing clients in matter involving federal, state, and local government construction, negotiation of commercial construction contracts, complex real estate transactions, project financing, claims and dispute resolution, including dispute review boards, mediation, and arbitration, business formation and advice, and extensive experience in complex litigation in state and federal court throughout the western United States, including practice before U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Court of Federal Claim.

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### **Kenneth L. Pedersen**

Ken graduated from the law school in 1972, joined the firm of Parsons & Smith, and was made a partner in 1973. He is well known for his zealous courtroom advocacy on behalf of his clients. He is proud to





Richard St. Clair with the catch of the day.

have fine lawyers in Idaho and other states both as partners, associates, co-counsel, and adversaries and have appeared before committed, dedicated, and honest judges and justices. Pedersen represented injured and other aggrieved people most of his career, which he saw as a great privilege. He is proud to be part of our great judicial system.

He was honored by his peers by receiving the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2007, the Idaho State Bar Distinguished Lawyer Award, and he also served as President of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association in 1983 to 1984 where he served on the Board of Governors for over 35 years.

Ken has been married to his wife, Trudy, for over 50 years. He admires her sacrifice to quit college to play a major role in raising their three children who are now fine adults with families of their own. They now have eight grandchildren.

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#### Michael G. Pierce

Mike Pierce is an Idaho native and graduate of the University of Idaho and University of Oregon with nearly 50 years of experience in the general practice of law. He is a member in good standing of the Idaho State Bar. Mike and his family have resided in Cascade for over 30 years.

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#### Richard A. Poplack

Rick Poplack graduated law school and passed the Oregon State Bar exam in 1969 after which he became an attorney with the Volunteers in Service to America ("VISTA"). As a VISTA attorney, he was assigned to Western Idaho Legal Aid in Caldwell for a little over two years. He later took the Idaho Bar

Exam in 1972 and became staff attorney with the WILA and then Idaho Legal Aid Services.

In 1978 Rick left the legal services position and began working with Internal Revenue Service in Boise as an estate tax attorney. As a tax attorney he primarily worked on estate and gift tax as well as spent many years traveling, speaking before groups of attorneys, accountants and appraisers to explain the IRS' current position on a variety of tax issues. He remained in this position until 2007. Before and after retirement, Rick was on the board of historic preservation organizations.

Rick has two children as well as two lovely grandchildren.

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#### Paul T. Smith

Paul Smith is a graduate of the Califor-



Rick Poplack enjoying the North End of Boise.

nia Western School of Law. Paul and his wife, Kimberly, live in Twin Falls.

### William R. Snyder

William is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. William and his wife, Dianne, live in Boise.

### Hon. Richard T. St. Clair

Richard St. Clair was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1972 and then attended the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's school in Charlottesville, Virginia. He completed three years of service in the Army JAGC initially at the Pentagon and then practiced military criminal appellate law before the U.S. Army Court of Military Review and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in Washington D.C. He then completed a L.L.M. degree at the George Washington University National Law Center in 1975.

From 1976 to 1996 he practiced commercial and personal injury defense law in Idaho Falls, Idaho. From 1996 to 2007 he served as an Idaho District Judge in the Seventh Judicial District. From 2007-2022 he served as an Idaho Senior Judge in the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Districts.

Richard is the proud father of three terrific children, and is presently married and enjoying retirement in Sun Valley, Idaho and Vero Beach, Florida. He travels frequently to Europe, South America, and

Africa. He has summited Mount Kilimanjaro, Mount Rainier, and Mount Borah.

### Donald G. Stone

Donald is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Donald lives in Spokane, Washington.

### Hon. Michael E. Wetherell

Mike was born in Redding, California, and was admitted to practice law in Idaho in 1972 after studying at George Washington Law School.

Wetherell has spent his career ensuring the rights of people who suffer from epilepsy as well as numerous worker's compensation cases and modified doctrine of social host liability under Idaho's Common Law. In one of his notable cases, he established that a mother's epilepsy could not form the basis for a denial of children's custody. He is most proud of his 10 years working for Senator Frank Church in Idaho and Washington D.C. From 1989 to 2022 he was a partner of the firm Hyde, Wetherell, Bray & Haff in Boise until he was made president of Boise City Council. Mike spent 12 years as District Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial District of Idaho until he retired in 2015.

Mike has been the recipient of many awards including the Idaho State Bar award for Outstanding Public Service to the Community, Who's Who of Emerg-

ing Leaders in America 1988, Epilepsy Foundation of America Outstanding Personal Achievement 1988, and Idaho Trial Lawyers Award for Outstanding Service to the Bar 1989. He has also taught several programs and has been published many times.

The last couple years Mike has spent time on the Editorial Board of the Idaho Statesman from 2016 to 2021 as well as the Board of Directors of Opera Idaho from 2016 to 2020. Mike and his wife have three daughters, Kelly, Kristen, and Katherine, who have given them 14 grandchildren! They are proud of each one of them.

### Hon. Darla S. Williamson

Judge Darla Williamson is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. Williamson and her husband, Max, live in Boise.

### Theodore V. Wood

Theodore "Ted" was an active member of the Idaho State Bar from 1972 to 1989. During that time he was a partner at the firm St. Clair, Hiller, Wood and McGrath in Idaho Falls. During those years he was a trial lawyer specializing in both plaintiff and defense work in the areas of personal injury, property damage, and product liability. From 1982 to 1983 he was president of the Seventh District Bar Association.



In 1989 he was selected as District Judge for the Seventh Judicial District. During this time he served on the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure Committee. In July 2000 he retired from the position of District Judge.

Since retirement he been active in scenic and wildlife photography, golf, backpacking in the Teton Range in Idaho and Wyoming, and travel. Most recently he traveled to Antarctica and Iran.

For the past 20 years he has been married to his wife, Eileen. They enjoy spending their winters in Rarotongo, Cook Islands. Together they have a blended family of six children, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



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## Section of the Year

The Young Lawyers Section has been a welcoming presence for newer members of the Bar since it was established in November 1989. Although the name implies that it is only for the younger generation, membership is open to those under the age of 37 or to attorneys of any age in their first five years of practice. It is a staple of the Bar's 23 Practice Sections, as it is not limited to a particular area of law, and it fosters a sense of belonging in what can seem to be a daunting profession.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the Young Lawyers Section immediately jumped into action to help its members, as well as all members of the Idaho State Bar. Over the past two years the Young Lawyers Section has sponsored or co-sponsored seven different CLEs. The topics of the CLEs varied but the first series focused on the challenges faced by the legal community due to the pandemic. Many of these CLEs set all-time attendance records.

The Section has always offered many social opportunities for members of the entire Bar and the years of the pandemic were not an exception. Many of the newer members of the Bar in the past two years have started their careers working remotely and struggled with beginning practice without the usual social networks in a workplace. The Section continued to foster interaction and to help others deal with social isolation. These events included three virtual trivia nights and then, in 2021, the Section was able to bring back their bocce ball tournament in support of the Lawyer Assistance Program and the Attorneys Against Hunger reception in support of the Idaho Foodbank.

Over the years the Section has also graciously welcomed new members of the Bar by sponsoring a reception after the Admission Ceremony. While these events were cancelled in 2020 and 2021, the Section was once again able to host the reception in April and all of the new members of the Bar over the past two years were invited to attend.

The almost 200 members of the Young Lawyers Section are commended as examples of ingenuity and vitality and are appreciated for fostering a sense of com-

munity for all members of the Idaho State Bar.

## Retiring Idaho Judges

**Hon. Robert L. Crowley** retired as a magistrate judge in the Seventh District. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1977.

**Hon. Timothy L. Felton** retired as a magistrate judge in the Third District. He graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1977.

**Hon. Jay P. Gaskill** has retired as district judge in Nez Perce County. He attended the University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1983.

**Hon. Lansing L. Haynes**, retired as a district judge from Kootenai County. He graduated from Willamette University College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1982.

**Hon. Mark A. Ingram**, retired as a magistrate judge from Kootenai County. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1982.

**Hon. David R. Kress**, retired as a magistrate judge from Caribou County. He graduated from University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1994.

**Hon. Bryan K. Murray**, retired as a magistrate judge from Bannock County. He graduated from University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1983.

**Hon. Michael J. Oths** will be retiring as magistrate judge in Ada County. He attended the University of Oregon School of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1986.

**Hon. L. Mark Riddoch** retired as a magistrate judge in the Seventh District. He graduated from the Seattle University School of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1976.

**Hon. George A. Southworth**, retired as a district Judge from Canyon County. He graduated from University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1982.

**Hon. Daniel L. Steckel**, retired as a magistrate Judge from Ada County. He graduated from University of Colorado School of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1991.

**Hon. Joel E. Tingey**, retired as a district Judge from Bonneville County. He graduated from Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1983.

**Hon. Timothy L. Van Valin**, will retire as a magistrate judge from Kootenai County. He graduated from University of Idaho College of Law and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1988.

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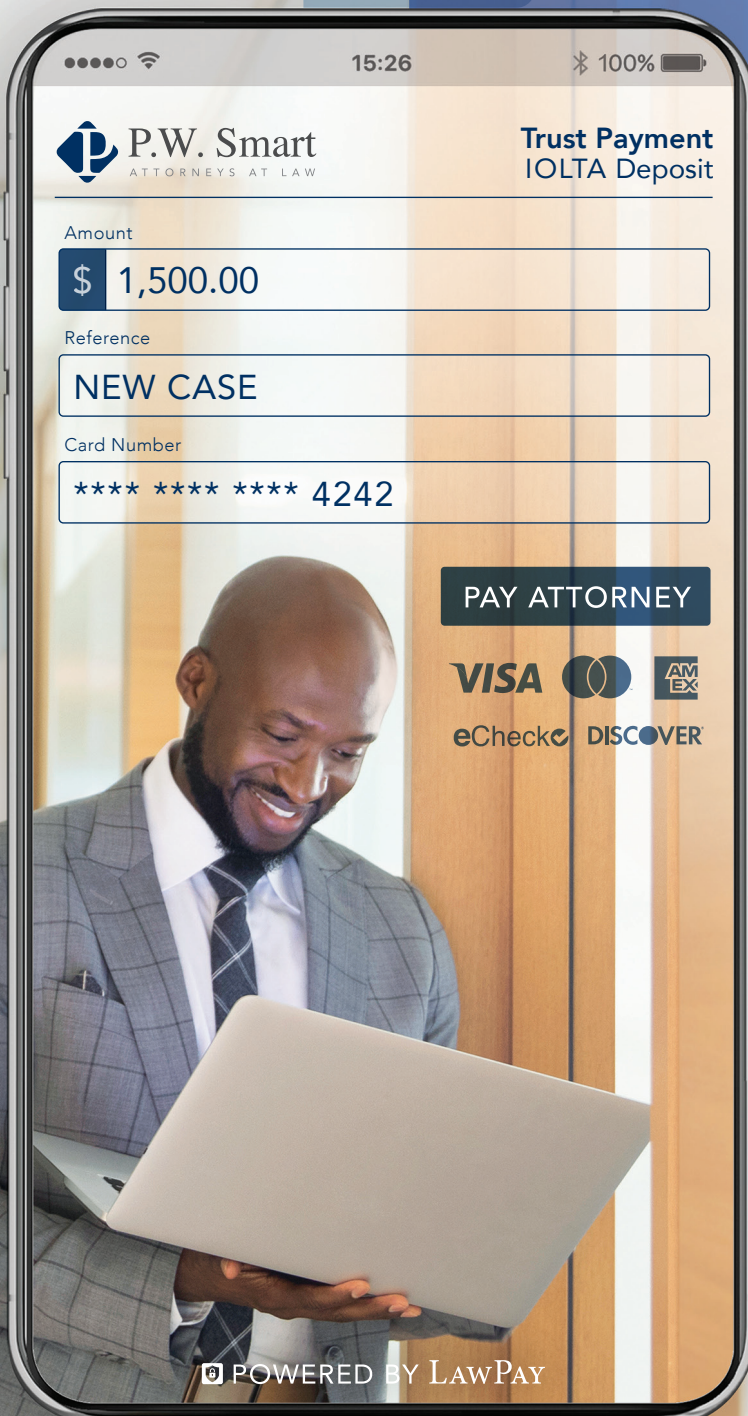
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