

Idaho State Bar and Law Foundation Electronic Communications Policy

Content:

1. Electronic messages, website announcements, and social media posts must be on issues, events or activities directly related to the Idaho State Bar or Idaho Law Foundation or of benefit or interest to members of the Idaho State Bar and shall align with the Idaho State Bar's mission and goals.
2. Messages containing any of the following content will not be posted or disseminated:
 - a. Advertisements for commercial enterprises;
 - b. Fundraising activities not sponsored by the Idaho State Bar or Idaho Law Foundation;
 - c. Messages that engage in legislative or political activity as prohibited by Idaho Bar Commission Rules 1106 and 906;
 - d. Messages for personal gain.
3. Messages or announcements may be sent or posted for the following entities:
 - a. Idaho State Bar;
 - b. Idaho Law Foundation;
 - c. District Bar Associations;
 - d. Committees of the Idaho State Bar;
 - e. Committees of the Idaho Law Foundation;
 - f. Sections of the Idaho State Bar;
 - g. Idaho Supreme Court;
 - h. U.S. Courts for the District of Idaho;
 - i. Law Schools in Idaho;
 - j. American Bar Association.
4. The Member Services staff will follow internal procedures to review and approve all messages and announcements and reserves the right to edit or deny any requests.
5. Electronic messages, website announcements, and social media posts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
 - a. Relevance to a significant portion of the members;
 - b. Reliability and accuracy of the information;
 - c. Timeliness;
 - d. Whether the content of the message or announcement promotes the mission of the Idaho State Bar and/or Idaho Law Foundation.

Distribution

1. To reduce the number of emails to our members, we encourage the use of the weekly email, the Weekly Brief.
2. Requests to post a message or announcement on the website, or the Thursday Weekly Brief, should be submitted to the Member Services staff. Messages or announcements for the next Weekly Brief need to be received by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. MT.

3. Requests to send broadcast emails should be submitted to the Member Services staff at least 48 hours in advance of the desired distribution.
4. Weekly Brief announcements may be posted three times at the discretion of the Idaho State Bar staff.
5. Announcements on the website will generally expire after 20 days.
6. Broadcast emails can be sent to the entire ISB membership or to selected groups such as practice sections or District Bar Association members. Emails may require permission from leadership.
7. Requests may be made for content distribution via official Idaho State Bar/Idaho Law Foundation affiliated social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Requests must be sent to the Member Services Staff. All social media content must follow the respective platforms' Terms of Service and Community Guidelines, both of which are agreed to by users upon utilizing the platform.

Release of Email Addresses:

1. Member email addresses may be purchased in the following instances only:
 - a. To candidates for ISB Bar Commissioner and Idaho judicial office for communications related to their candidacy;
 - b. To District Bar Associations and Practice Sections for purposes related to their operations, activities or functions. Only the email addresses of the members of the specific group making the request will be released to that group.

Contact Information

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