

Idaho State Bar
Environment and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Agenda
May 26, 2021
[Meeting via Zoom]

1. Introduction and Welcome (Brooks)
2. Approve April meeting minutes (Brooks)
3. **URGENT NEED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEW SECTION OFFICERS**
(Brooks)
4. Summer meeting schedule (Brooks)
5. Brief announcements (all)
6. CLE Presentation: Representative James Ruchti: *Sounding the Alarm*

James Ruchti serves as a State Representative for District 29 in Pocatello. This is his third term in office after having previously served in the Idaho House from 2006-10. From 2008-10, he served as the Assistant Minority Leader. James is a West Point graduate (1993) and served as a military intelligence officer in the U.S. Army from 1993-98. He was stationed in Germany, Arizona and Atlanta, Georgia. He also spent time in Jordan and Kuwait. James is also a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law (2001).

James was the President of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association from 2017-18 and continues to work today as a trial attorney. He and his law partner own a thriving plaintiffs litigation practice in Pocatello which serves clients throughout eastern and southeastern Idaho.

As a legislator, James is committed to supporting legislation that is backed by data, facts, and science. He is solution-oriented and seeks common ground amongst his fellow legislators whenever possible. He sits on the Judiciary and Rules Committee, the Agricultural Affairs Committee, and the Revenue and Taxation Committee and has a special interest in education, quality and affordable child care, and public lands. James has been married to his wife, Wendy, since 1993. She is an associate professor at ISU's College of Education. They have two adult sons, Spencer and Drew.