



September 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Diversity Section of the Idaho State Bar's Love the Law! Committee would like to invite students from your school to participate in our next Love the Law! event which will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**, from 9:00 AM until 1:30 PM at the Federal District Courthouse located at 550 W. Fort Street in Boise, Idaho.

Our first ever Federal Courthouse event will provide students with the opportunity to observe a federal sentencing hearing followed by a question and answer session with courthouse staff, which may include a Federal Judge, Federal Public Defender, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and others. The event will end with a presentation by U.S. Marshall Service and a provided lunch. Over the years, Love the Law! has received many requests to host an event at the Federal Courthouse, so we are very excited to finally be able to offer such an event to your students!

There is room for approximately 60 participants at this event. Although there is no charge for attendance, the ability to participate in the event will be on a first-come, first-served basis. It is also preferred if each school sent at least one chaperone with their students. In order to make sure that as many schools as possible can participate, Love the Law! reserves the right to limit attendance to a certain number of students per school/classroom, until the RSVP deadline has passed. At that time, Love the Law! may open up attendance to any students who have been placed on a waitlist. In selecting students to participate, we ask that you consider the mission of the Love the Law! Program and the Diversity Section of the Idaho State Bar. We would like students from diverse backgrounds who might not otherwise be exposed to the legal profession to participate in this event as well as students who have not participated in our events in the past. However, all students are welcome to attend.

Please note that due to the location of this event, students and chaperones will be subject to security checks and other restrictions. Security checkpoints are set up upon entering the Federal Courthouse parking lot as well as inside the Federal Courthouse doors. Every person driving a vehicle will need to have a driver's license on them, to provide to the security upon entering the parking lot. Because of these security checks, please allow for plenty of time to get to the event, through security, and into the courthouse, prior to the 9:00 AM event start time. Love the Law! will have volunteers stationed on the first floor, inside security, starting at 8:15 AM to assist with getting students and chaperones to the fourth floor in time for an introductory presentation which is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM.

Please also note the following restrictions will be in place once students and chaperones have entered the courthouse: no photography inside the courthouse (not even in the hallways or elevators); no social media postings while inside the courthouse (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.); and all cell phones must be placed on vibrate or turned off at all times while inside the courthouse. Any violation of these restrictions may result in the students or chaperones being asked to leave the event.

Please advise your students accordingly before the event so we can ensure that everyone is aware of these restrictions ahead of time.

Further, out of respect to the Court, we request that participating students and chaperones wear business casual attire to the event. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, or, if this request may present a barrier to any student participating in this event, please contact me at (208) 336-5353, ext. 119.

There is complimentary parking available at the courthouse, including room for buses. Just be sure all drivers have a valid driver's license on them, to provide to security upon entering the parking lot.

To reserve spots for your students, please contact Love the Law! member Courtney Holthus at (courtney@disabilityrightsidaho.org) or (208)336-5353, ext. 119 with the names of the students and any chaperone(s) who will be attending. **We ask that all reservations be made no later than Friday, October 6, 2017.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (208) 336-5353, ext. 199. A Love the Law! committee member may follow-up with you via a telephone call within the next few days. We hope you will participate in this unique event!

Sincerely,

Courtney R. Holthus
Love the Law! Committee