



## Spring 2019 LTL! Northern Idaho Event

April 12, 2019

### EVENT SUMMARY

<b>Event Title:</b>	Kootenai County Courthouse Event and Court Observation	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	April 12, 2019	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	Kootenai Co. Courthouse, 324 W. Garden Ave., Coeur d’Alene	
<b>Number of Students:</b>	Approx. 45 Students and 2/3 Chaperones attended.	
<b>Participating Schools:</b>	Lakeland HS, Rathdrum, Idaho	

**Participating Judges, Attorneys, and Staff:** Hon. Richard Christensen (Dist. Judge), Hon. Tim Van Valin (Magistrate), Deputy Kootenai County Prosecuting Attorney Destry Randles, Deputy Kootenai County Public Defender Casey Drews, Attorney Kinzo Mihara, and Mr. Derrick Gordon (Bailiff)

#### Summary of Events:

I arrived at the Kootenai Co. Courthouse at approximately 8:30am with pre-purchased sodas, plates, and trash bags and staged them in the jury deliberation room. I then coordinated with the court security staff about how they’d like to move the students and chaperones through the courthouse. I coordinated with Judge Christensen’s courtroom deputies and Judge Van Valin’s staff about moving his docket from Courtroom 3 to Courtroom 1 so as to accommodate the large number of students.

The Lakeland HS students and chaperones arrived at approximately 9:00 am and were all passed through security. They then moved to the courtroom for instruction on proper courtroom etiquette.

The students, chaperone, and Bailiff Gordon, and Attorney Mihara then observed sentencings for misdemeanor drug offenses and probation violation admit/deny hearings.

After the hearing, the students heard from Judges Christensen and Van Valin, Deputy Prosecutor Randles, Deputy Public Defender Drews, Attorney Mihara, and Bailiff Derrick Gordon. Each gave a talk about their personal and educational backgrounds, answering the students’ questions as the program progressed.

After the discussions, the pizza arrived and the students, chaperone, and attorneys ate in Courtroom 1. Afterwards, the students helped pick up. As usual, excess sodas and pizzas were donated to courthouse staff and the bailiffs for their support of our program.

Prior to departing, the students and chaperones were shown the holding cells at the jailhouse complex. This is always a highlight of our programs. They locked each other up and were

The students and chaperones departed at approximately 1:00pm.

**Participant Profiles:** At least 25 participants (no distinction between students and chaperones), filled out LTL! Background Information forms, and Event Evaluations. Some did not, as the instructions were that filling out the forms was totally voluntary.

#### Demographic Background Information.

See forms previously provided. Students exhibited a wide array of demographic background.

**Student/Teacher Feedback:** See forms previously provided.

#### Event Evaluations.

The event evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. The biggest complaint was the hard seats – which we have no control over. One student asked that a non-pizza alternative be offered for lunch in the future, and while it would certainly add to the logistical puzzle of putting one of the events on, it is a small request to acquiesce to.

#### **Costs Associated with Event:**

The Love the Law! Subcommittee authorized \$300.00 for this event. The event came in a little over under budget and was approximately \$310.06. It should be noted, however, that we served approximately 45 students where we usually had only 25-30 students attend in the past. Receipts were also submitted and Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses (Attorney Mihara covered the expenses out of pocket, up-front and has been authorized reimbursement from the ISB – I have NOT received the reimbursement check):

Expense	Amount
Sodas, plates, paper towels, etc.	\$34.40
Pizza Hut Pizzas	\$206.46
Misc. (Tip and Mileage)	\$69.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310.06</b>

The Idaho State Bar and Diversity Section allowed for the students and chaperones to attend the event and luncheon for free.