

Idaho State Bar and Idaho Law Foundation Select New Executive Director

Boise, ID—Longtime Idaho State Bar and Idaho Law Foundation (ISB/ILF) Executive Director, Diane Minnich, has announced her retirement after 39 years of dedication and commitment to the advancement of Idaho attorneys and to the administration of justice.

Diane notes, “Serving as Executive Director has been challenging, interesting and very rewarding. So many of the bar leaders, judges and staff have become good friends--relationships I do and will cherish. I will miss the staff and the many volunteers who I have had the privilege of working with over the past 39 years. We have committed, competent and experienced staff and volunteers, I know and trust that our good work will continue.”

The Idaho Law Foundation and Idaho State Bar leadership are pleased to announce that Maureen Ryan Braley has been selected as the new ISB/ILF Executive Director. Maureen joined the ISB/ILF staff in 2011 as the Director of Admissions, and in 2019 she became the Associate Director. Maureen is a “double Zag,” with an undergraduate degree in history and a law degree from Gonzaga University. After law school, she clerked for the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. Following her clerkship, she spent 6 years in private practice focusing on real estate and construction law.

Maureen is committed to serving the legal profession and the public. Prior to joining the ISB/ILF staff, she was the chair of the ISB Young Lawyers Section, board member and board chair of the Idaho Foodbank, and an active member of the Fourth District Bar Association. In her current role, she has served as chair of the Council on Bar Admission Administrators, participated in several committees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, is a graduate of the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, and she established and continues to coordinate the Access to Justice Fund Run. She was honored by the Idaho Business review as a Leader in Law and Accomplished under 40.

Maureen states: “I am thrilled and humbled to become the next Executive Director of the Bar and Foundation. To say I have big shoes to fill is an understatement. I am looking forward to the new professional challenges and working with our members in this new role.”

Maureen’s official start date is November 1, 2024. Diane Minnich, the current Executive Director, will continue at ISB/ILF until the end of the year to assist with the transition.

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