

IDAHO STATE BAR YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION MEMBER MEETING—April 16, 2024, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 MST

Location: In person and via Zoom

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I. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Council members in attendance: list of attendees kept by Bar.

II. New members of the governing council:

- b. Chairperson: Sarah J. Clemens, Idaho Supreme Court
- c. Vice Chairperson:
 - i. Rachael Nigro, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc – Nampa
 - ii. Alexis Vandrey, Gravis Law – Boise
 - iii. Seth M. Jaksha, Hawley Troxell - Boise
- d. Secretary/Treasurer: Abbey Schulz, Disability Rights Idaho
- e. CLE/Publications Coordinator: Alyssa Jones, Breen, Ball & Marelius, PLLC
- f. Networking Coordinator: Allie Schiebout, Exceed Legal, PLLC
- g. Three (3) at Large Council Members:
 - i. Christopher P. Slette, McAnaney & Associates, PLLC
 - ii. Ryan Spencer, Hawley, Troxell, Ennis & Hawley
 - iii. Nicole Robles, Naylor & Hales, P.C.

III. CLE – Joseph Pirtle, Idaho State Bar, will be presenting a ½ hour CLE entitled Ethical Considerations when Billing your Time

- Rule 1.5: Fees
 - o Recommended reviewing your service agreements;
 - o Check billing guidelines with your firm;
 - o Go through the time with the partners at your firm to correctly track time you are billing to clients
 - o Examples of violations:
 - Inflating billing entries – billing for work not performed.
 - Billing non-lawyer services at lawyer rates such as organizing a file, filing court documents.
 - Charging excessive fees for little work.
- Idaho state bar ethics division must have clear and convincing evidence of a rule violation to sanction lawyer – this is a higher burden than preponderance of evidence.
 - o Must have very good evidence of rule violation – he said/she said situations aren't likely to meet this.
- Accurately describe your work.
- Can always reach out to bar counsel for advice.

III. Adjourn

Next meeting 05/21/24 at 12:00 p.m.

- Discussion about AI.
- No meeting in the summer.