## IDAHO APPELLATE PRACTICE SECTION

## https://isb.idaho.gov/member-services/practice-sections/apl/ MEMBER MEETING – June 8, 2017, 12:00 p.m. Minutes

Section Vice-Chair, Brian Dickson presiding.

- 1. Brian welcomed those attending and introduced the guest speaker, Past-Chairperson Christine Salmi. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently selected Christine as the Lawyer Representative for the District of Idaho.
- 2. Christine updated section members about the upcoming all-day CLE in October. The afternoon portion of the CLE will cover federal court practice and procedure. The Section's Governing Council is in the process of developing other topics of interest for the CLE.
- 3. Christine then presented information on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' pro bono and mentoring programs.

Some highlights of the presentation included the following facts. The Ninth Circuit established the pro bono program in 1993. The purpose of the program is to provide pro bono counsel to pro se litigants. The program also assists the court in processing civil pro se appeals more efficiently, while also giving attorneys experience appearing before the federal court.

Those attorneys who volunteer as pro bono counsel, including those new to federal practice, receive several benefits for their time spent. Volunteer attorneys receive prescreened cases, they gain valuable practical experience before the federal court(s) and support is provided, from mentors (seasoned attorneys), throughout the life of the case if requested.

A copy of this presentation will be placed on the IAPS webpage at the Idaho State Bar's website.

- 4. Upon conclusion of Christine's presentation, the member meeting was adjourned.
- 5. 2017's remaining IAPS meetings

Governing Council meetings:

• July 13, 2017

August 10, 2017

• October 12, 2017

November 9, 2017

Member/CLE meetings:

• September 14, 2017

December 14, 2017