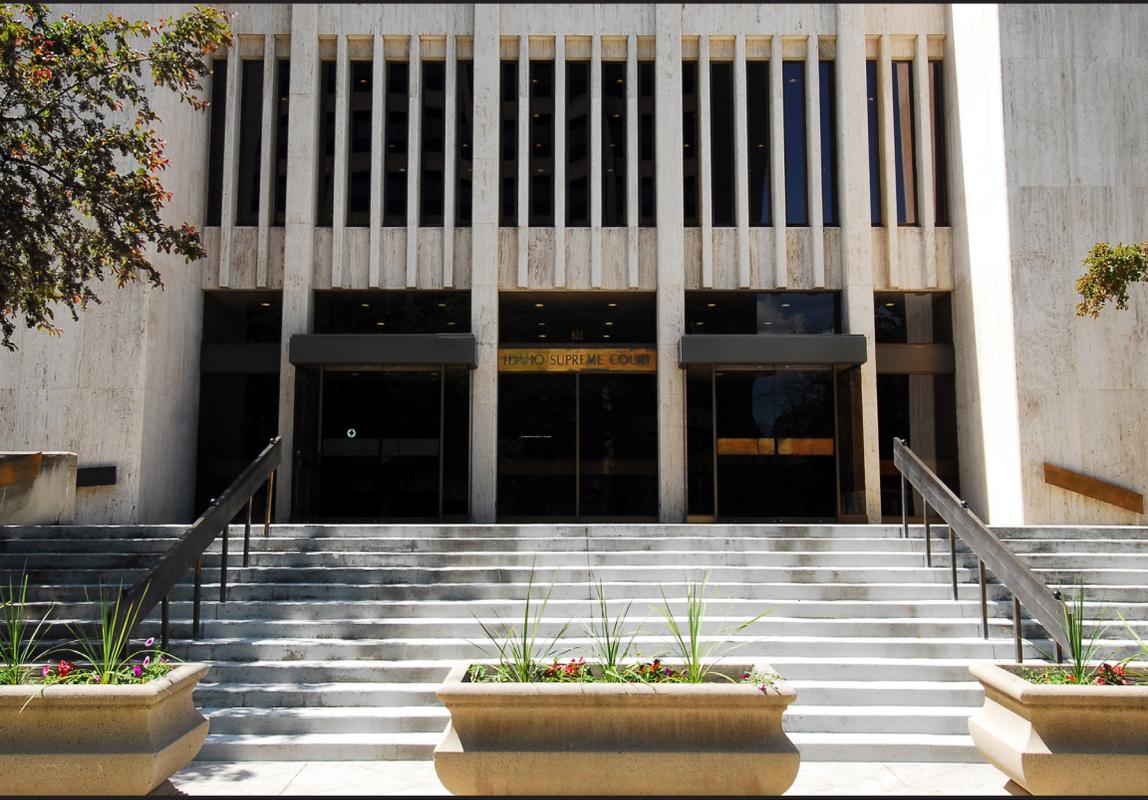


# Judicial Branch

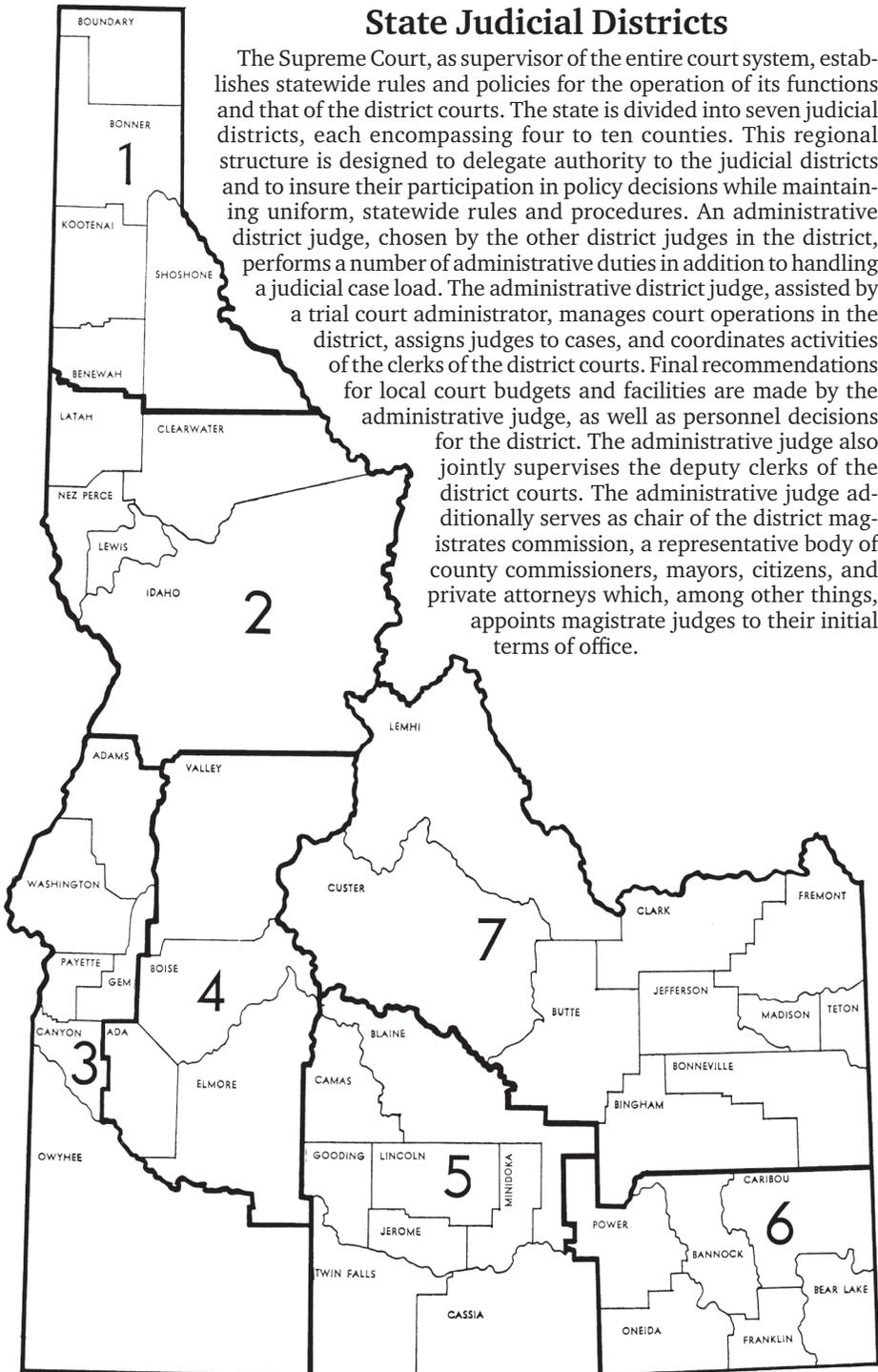


*Idaho Supreme Court*

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## State Judicial Districts

The Supreme Court, as supervisor of the entire court system, establishes statewide rules and policies for the operation of its functions and that of the district courts. The state is divided into seven judicial districts, each encompassing four to ten counties. This regional structure is designed to delegate authority to the judicial districts and to insure their participation in policy decisions while maintaining uniform, statewide rules and procedures. An administrative district judge, chosen by the other district judges in the district, performs a number of administrative duties in addition to handling a judicial case load. The administrative district judge, assisted by a trial court administrator, manages court operations in the district, assigns judges to cases, and coordinates activities of the clerks of the district courts. Final recommendations for local court budgets and facilities are made by the administrative judge, as well as personnel decisions for the district. The administrative judge also jointly supervises the deputy clerks of the district courts. The administrative judge additionally serves as chair of the district magistrates commission, a representative body of county commissioners, mayors, citizens, and private attorneys which, among other things, appoints magistrate judges to their initial terms of office.



## Idaho Courts

Idaho's court system today is recognized as a model for other states. Constitutional amendments in the early 1960's gave the Idaho Supreme Court management authority over the trial courts, firmly establishing the Supreme Court's rule making powers and providing a method of supervising trial operations. The judicial reform efforts

which culminated on January 11, 1971, streamlined Idaho's trial courts by consolidating the various probate, justice and municipal courts into a general jurisdiction District Court, with a division for special types of actions. Thus unified, Idaho's court system is one of the nation's most modern in design.

### Supreme Court

The history of the Supreme Court of Idaho begins with the history of the Idaho Territory. Idaho was made a territory in 1863 and the first Justices of the Territorial Supreme Court were appointed by President Abraham Lincoln. When Idaho became a state in 1890, the Constitution provided for three Justices. By an amendment in 1919, the number of Justices was fixed at five, composed of a Chief Justice and four Justices. That is the present size of the Court.

The Supreme Court of Idaho is the State's court of last resort. The Court hears appeals from final decisions of the district courts, as well as from orders of the Public Utilities Commission and the Industrial Accident Commission. It has original jurisdiction to hear claims against the state and to issue writs of review, mandamus, prohibition, and habeas corpus, and all writs necessary for complete exercise of its appellate jurisdiction. The Court may also review decisions of the Court of Appeals upon petition of the parties or its own motion. For the convenience of litigants, the Idaho Supreme Court is one of the few "circuit riding" supreme courts in the country, and holds terms of court in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Lewiston, Pocatello, Rexburg, Idaho Falls, Caldwell and Twin Falls.

The Supreme Court is also responsible for the administration and supervision of the trial courts and Court of Appeals, as well as the operations of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the combined Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Clerk's Office and the State Law Library. The latter operations are located, along with the Justices' offices and courtroom, in the Supreme Court Building in Boise.

The Justices of the Supreme Court are elected at large, on a non-partisan ballot, for a term of six years with their terms being staggered so continuity on the Court will be maintained. A candidate for Justice must be a qualified elector and a duly qualified attorney-at-law. The Chief Justice is selected by a majority of the members of the court to serve a four year term, with the responsibility of presiding over the Court activities during this term.

Since the primary judicial work of the Idaho Supreme Court consists of hearing appeals and motions, procedures in the Supreme Court are much different from those in the trial courts. The appellant, usually the losing party in the trial court, attempts to convince the Supreme Court that error was committed in the lower court, and that judgment against him or her is erroneous. The respondent, usually the winning party in the lower court, argues that the judgment below was correct. No witnesses are heard at a regular session of the Court and there is no jury.

A case on appeal is presented to the Court upon the record of a lower court or administrative agency and upon the briefs and arguments of attorneys for the parties. The briefs are the written explanations of the appellants' and respondents' versions of the case prepared by their attorneys. During the sessions, attorneys for the parties present their arguments and the Justices of the Court may ask questions on their own if they feel that a particular point of law needs clarifying.

## Court of Appeals

The Idaho Court of Appeals hears appeals from the district courts which are assigned by the Supreme Court. While review of decisions of the Court of Appeals may be sought from the Supreme Court, the Supreme Court is not required to grant

the appeal. In most cases, decisions by the Court of Appeals are final.

The Court of Appeals has four judges who review cases as a panel. While chambered in Boise, the judges may hear appeals arguments anywhere in the state.

## Trial Courts

The district court is the trial court of general jurisdiction. A magistrate division exercises limited jurisdiction. The magistrate division, in turn, has a small claims department. While individual judges may serve either in district court cases or magistrate division cases, it is one integrated court.

The district court judges have original jurisdiction in all cases and proceedings. They may issue extraordinary writs, and may also hear appeals from the magistrate division, and certain agencies and boards. There are 42 district court judges, who sit in each of the 44 counties. They are Idaho attorneys, elected by nonpartisan ballot within the judicial district in which they serve. Each district court judge is served by a court reporter who makes a record of all proceedings and testimony in a case.

Judges of the magistrate division may hear civil cases where the amount of damages requested does not exceed \$10,000; proceedings in a forcible entry, forcible detainer and unlawful detainer; for the limited enforcement and foreclosure of common law and statutory liens on real

or personal property; proceedings in the probate of wills and the administration of estates of decedents and incapacitated persons; juvenile proceedings; criminal misdemeanor offenses; proceedings to prevent the commission of crimes; may issue warrants for the arrest or for searches and seizures; and may conduct preliminary hearings to determine probable cause on felony complaints.

There are 87 magistrate judges, with at least one magistrate judge resident within each county. Magistrate judges also hear small claims cases. These are minor civil cases where \$4,000 or less is involved. The small claims department is designed to provide a quick, inexpensive solution to such claims, including cases to recover possession of personal property up to a value of \$4,000. No attorneys are allowed in small claims cases, nor are there jury trials. Appeals from small claims decisions are taken to a lawyer magistrate judge. Additionally, seven district trial court administrators assist the Administrative District Judge and the Administrative Director of the Courts with the administration of the district court.

## Administrative Director of the Courts

The Administrative Director of the Courts, acting under the supervision and direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, has a number of statutory duties which are specified in *Idaho Code* Section 1-612, including collecting statistical information about court operations, reporting the need for assistance in the handling of pending cases in the trial courts, preparing an annual report for the Supreme Court and Governor, examining the administrative and business methods and systems employed in the offices of the judges, clerks and other offices of the courts, and making recommendations to the Supreme Court for

the improvement of the judicial system. The Supreme Court prescribes the following additional duties to be performed under the supervision and direction of the Chief Justice, which include:

1. Compile and prepare the annual judicial appropriations request for consideration and approval by the Court;
2. Develop and administer judicial training seminars and educational programs for the judges and court clerks of Idaho.
3. Review and recommend to the Court calendar management policies.

4. Advise the news media and the public of official functions of the Court and matters of general interest concerning the courts in Idaho.

5. Liaison for the court system as a whole with the legislature.

## Supreme Court Clerk

The constitutional office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court performs a variety of important tasks for the judiciary. The clerk's office administers the processing of appeals, special writs, petitions, and provides other clerical functions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court Clerk manages the calendars of both appellate courts, maintains an automated register of actions, which assures proper flow of cases and distribution of final opinions. The Supreme Court Clerk's Office is a valuable resource to district court clerks

in providing assistance and advice regarding the preparation of the clerk's record and other relevant documents associated with an appeal of a trial court decision. The publication of the Idaho Reports is coordinated by the Supreme Court Clerk's office. Opinions of both the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals are posted on the internet within 24 hours of their release, these opinions can be found at: [www.isc.idaho.gov/judicial.html](http://www.isc.idaho.gov/judicial.html)

## State Law Library

The Idaho State Law Library was established in 1869 under an Idaho territorial statute. It is operated by the State Law Librarian and is open to the public. The Law Library is a research library not a lending library, that is widely used by the judiciary, public officials, lawyers, students, researchers and the general public. The state law library contains more than 130,000 bound volumes and thousands of pamphlets and unbound publications. In addition, the library is a depository for U.S. government

publications.

The bound volume collection includes the reported cases of all federal and state courts of last resort, the statutes and session laws for each of the 50 states, together with some statutes and case reports of other English-speaking peoples. The State Law Library offers access to automated legal research tools such as WESTLAW and LEXIS. The internet address for the State Law Library is [www.isll.idaho.gov/](http://www.isll.idaho.gov/)

## Judicial Council

The Idaho Judicial Council is empowered by statute to nominate to the Governor persons for appointments to vacancies in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and district courts. It may make recommendations to the Supreme Court for the removal, discipline and retirement of judicial officers. It is comprised of seven members: the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who is chairman, a district court judge and two lawyers appointed by the governing board of the Idaho bar with the consent of the state senate and three non-attorney members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the senate. Sitting in its disciplinary capacity, the Council may investigate complaints against justices, court of appeals judges or judges of the district courts or magistrate divisions, and in appropriate cases it may recommend to the

Supreme Court the removal, discipline or retirement of a justice, judge, or magistrate judge. For additional information contact:

David W. Cantrill, *Executive Director*  
Website: [judicialcouncil.idaho.gov/](http://judicialcouncil.idaho.gov/)

### Administrative Director and Court Staff

Supreme Court Building,  
451 W. State, Boise 83720-0101

Sara Thomas, *Administrative Director*  
Christina Iverson, *Director of Court Mgmt*  
Lori Fleming, *Staff Attorney*

A complete directory can be found at:  
[isc.idaho.gov/files/judicial\\_directory.pdf](http://isc.idaho.gov/files/judicial_directory.pdf)



## **Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court G. Richard Bevan**

Justice G. Richard Bevan was born and raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1977. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from BYU, graduating in 1987 from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar that same year.

Justice Bevan was a practicing attorney in Twin Falls for over sixteen years before his appointment to the bench by Governor Dirk Kempthorne in November 2003. He also served as Twin Falls County Prosecutor from 1993 to 1997 and was certified as a family and civil mediator in 1999, successfully mediating over 200 cases before becoming a judge.

While a practicing attorney, Justice Bevan was elected President of the Fifth District Bar Association and served on a number of statewide law-related committees. He was the presiding judge of both the Fifth Judicial District Mental Health Court and the Veteran's Treatment Court and for eight years was the Administrative District Judge for Idaho's Fifth Judicial District. Justice Bevan is presently the chair of the Idaho Supreme Court's Drug and Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee and the Security Committee.

Justice Bevan is a 2014 graduate of the National Center for State Courts Toll Fellowship Program, a national leadership training program located in Lexington, Kentucky.

He was involved in youth programs in Twin Falls for many years and is a past president and board member of the Magic Valley YFCA and the CARES advisory boards.

Justice Bevan has been married to his wife, Pam for 37 years. They are the parents of five children engaged in various stages of adult life and the proud grandparents of eight.

Salary: \$163,400

Term Expires: January 2025



## Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robyn M. Brody

Justice Robyn Brody practiced law for nearly 20 years in the Magic Valley until her election to the Idaho Supreme Court in November of 2016. She graduated from the University of Denver, earning a law degree and a master's degree in international business. Justice Brody moved to Twin Falls with her husband after law school and joined the prominent law firm of Hepworth, Lezamiz & Hohnhorst, where she practiced for 13 years. Justice Brody and her family moved to Rupert in 2010 where she started her own law firm.

Justice Brody was named as Mountain States Super Lawyer and Rising Star; recipient of the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism Award – 2014; received the highest ranking from peers for understanding the law and commitment to the rule of law in a survey conducted by the Idaho State Bar; served as the President of the Fifth District Bar Association, the Theron W. Ward American Inn of Court, and the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association; and spent time volunteering to strengthen Idaho's legal community. She served as a mentor and presenter at the Idaho Trial Skills Academy, a new lawyer training program.

Justice Brody and her husband have been married for 20 years, and the couple have two active boys, ages 9 and 11. She enjoys spending time with her boys in numerous sports and activities, including football, tae kwon do and piano. She is an active member of the Catholic Church and is a past president of the School Board of St. Nicholas Catholic School.

Salary: \$160,400

Term Expires: January 2023



## **Idaho Supreme Court Justice John R. Stegner**

Justice John R. Stegner was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court on May 22, 2018, by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Warren E. Jones. Justice Stegner was sworn in on June 5, 2018, as the 57th Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court.

Justice Stegner is a native Idahoan, having been born and educated in Grangeville. He is a 1977 graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. He began law school at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow in the fall of 1979. During his second year he was a staff member, and during his third year he was Managing Editor of the IDAHO LAW REVIEW. He graduated from the University of Idaho in the spring of 1982 and was admitted to practice by the Idaho State Bar that same year.

Following law school, Justice Stegner clerked for U.S. District Judge Harold L. Ryan for two years in Boise. He then joined the Lewiston firm of Clements, Brown & McNichols and practiced law there for more than twelve years. His practice involved a broad range of civil litigation. He left the practice in January 1997, after Governor Phil Batt appointed him to be a district court judge in Latah County. While a district judge, he established Latah County’s Drug Court (2002) and Mental Health Court (2012). He continuously presided over both from their inception until his appointment to the Supreme Court.

Justice Stegner is a recipient of the George G. Granata Jr. Award given by the Idaho Judiciary and the Distinguished Jurist Award presented by the Idaho State Bar Association. He was the first judge to receive both of these awards and to be so recognized by the Bench and Bar.

John and Laurie Stegner (née Elgee) were married on August 8, 1981, at Seattle’s First Baptist Church. The couple have three daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Katherine, of whom they are fiercely proud. In 2017 their daughter Sarah and her husband, Matthew Purdy, graced them with grandson George Purdy.

Salary: \$160,400

Term Expires: January 2027



## Idaho Supreme Court Justice Gregory W. Moeller

Justice Moeller graduated from South Fremont High School (St. Anthony, Idaho) in 1981. After spending two years in Japan, he graduated magna cum laude from B.Y.U. in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He then attended the J. Reuben Clark Law School at B.Y.U. where he received his juris doctor degree in 1990. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar that same year.

Immediately following law school, Justice Moeller began working for the Rexburg law firm of Rigby, Andrus & Moeller, Chtd., where he became a partner in 1994. During his years as an attorney, he focused on civil litigation, water law, and criminal defense, trying large and small cases across Idaho in both state and federal courts. From 2007 to 2009, he

taught upper division classes in Media Law & Ethics as an adjunct professor at BYU-Idaho.

In April 2009, after 19 years in private practice, Justice Moeller was appointed by Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter to be a district judge. His resident chambers were in Madison County, but he presided throughout the ten counties comprising the Seventh Judicial District (an area roughly the size of West Virginia). He also presided over both the Upper Valley Drug and Mental Health Courts, and served on five Idaho Supreme Court committees, including the faculty for training new judges.

On November 30, 2018, Justice Moeller was appointed by Governor Otter to serve on the Idaho Supreme Court. He was sworn-in on January 3, 2019, becoming the 58th justice of the Supreme Court. Justice Moeller had been previously named twice as a finalist for Supreme Court vacancies by the Idaho Judicial Council.

Justice Moeller is a frequent speaker on various legal topics across the state and has spoken at national conferences. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, he served as a judicial representative on the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission and the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board. In 2015, he received the Professionalism Award from the Eagle Rock Inns of Court, and in 2016 was named Public Servant of the Year by the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Justice Moeller and his wife, Kathy, have been married for over 33 years. They have five children and currently six grandchildren.

Salary: \$160,400

Term Expires: January 2027



## Idaho Supreme Court Justice Colleen D. Zahn

Colleen Zahn was appointed as the 59th justice of the Idaho Supreme Court by Gov. Brad Little on June 1, 2021. She was sworn in on July 1, 2021, and is the fourth female justice to serve on the Court.

Justice Zahn joined the Court after working for nearly 20 years as an attorney, both in private practice and in state government. Her career has encompassed both civil and criminal law with a focus throughout on issues related to government, employment and constitutional rights.

Justice Zahn graduated from the University of Idaho in 1995, cum laude, with a bachelor's in communications with an emphasis in public relations. She graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law with her Juris Doctor in 2000, magna cum laude. After graduation, Justice Zahn clerked for one year with Fourth District Judge Ronald J. Wilper, then clerked for the following year with Idaho Court of Appeals Judge Darrel R. Perry.

Following her clerkships, Justice Zahn spent nearly 10 years in private practice, first with the Boise firm of Naylor, Hales & McCreedy and then with Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton. Her private practice focused on defense of local government entities, employers, and small business and property owners. She litigated a wide variety of civil issues, including constitutional, property, contract and employment claims. She also assisted clients with wills, probates and adoptions. In 2004, Justice Zahn received the Idaho State Bar's Service Award for her work with Idaho State Bar committees and the Fourth District's Citizens Law Academy.

Justice Zahn joined the Idaho Attorney General's Office in 2011. She first served as a deputy attorney general assigned to the Idaho Department of Correction before moving to the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Division. In those roles Justice Zahn prosecuted disciplinary actions for a state licensing board, counseled clients and provided state entities with training on employment and labor law issues. She also defended state entities in a variety of civil litigation. Her litigation practice focused on employment law, complex civil cases and constitutional matters.

In 2019, Justice Zahn became chief of the Attorney General's Criminal Law Division. In that role, she oversaw the management and operations of the largest division in the Attorney General's Office while also providing legal advice on a variety of criminal law issues. During this time Justice Zahn also served as the Attorney General's representative on the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council and the Idaho Grant Council.

Justice Zahn and her family reside in Boise. She enjoys camping with her family and spending time in Idaho's beautiful outdoors.

Salary: \$160,400

Term Expires: January 2023

# Supreme Court Justices

## 1891 – 2021

### FIRST POSITION

Name / Party	Term of Office	Remarks
Sullivan, Isaac N. (R)	01/05/1891 to 01/01/1917	Elected 1890, 1892, 1898, 1904, 1910
Rice, John C. (NP)	01/01/1917 to 01/01/1923	Elected 1916
Lee, William E.	01/01/1923 to 01/17/1930	Elected 1922, 1928; resigned 01/17/1930
McNaughton, W.F.(R)	01/20/1930 to 12/31/1931	Appointed; resigned 12/31/1931
Leeper, Robert D. (D)	01/02/1932 to 12/19/1932	Appointed; died in office
Wernette, N.D. (D)	02/10/1933 to 01/07/1935	Appointed
Ailshie, James F.	01/01/1935 to 05/27/1947	Elected 1934, 1940, 1946; died in office
Hyatt, Paul W.	08/30/1947 to 03/01/1949	Appointed; resigned 03/01/1949
Keeton, William D.	03/30/1949 to 01/04/1959	Appointed; elected 1952
Knudson, E.T.	01/05/1959 to 12/31/1965	Elected 1958, 1964; resigned 12/31/1965
Spear, Clay V.	01/01/1966 to 10/21/1971	Appointed; elected 1970; resigned 10/21/1971
Bakes, Robert E.	12/30/1971 to 02/01/1993	Appointed; elected 1976, 1982, 1988; resigned 02/01/1993
Silak, Cathy R.	02/25/1993 to 12/31/2000	Appointed; elected 1994
Eismean, David T.	01/01/2001 to 08/31/2017	Elected 2000, 2006, 2012, resigned 08/31/2017
Bevan, Richard	08/29/2017 to present	Appointed 2017; elected 2018

### SECOND POSITION

Huston, Joseph W. (R)	01/05/1891 to 01/07/1901	Elected 1890, 1894
Stockslager, Charles (D)	01/07/1901 to 01/07/1907	Elected 1900
Stewart, George H. (R)	01/07/1907 to 09/25/1914	Elected 1906, 1912; died in office
Budge, Alfred (R)	11/28/1914 to 01/03/1949	Appointed; elected 1918, 1924, 1930, 1936, 1942
Porter, James W.	01/03/1949 to 12/09/1959	Elected 1948, 1954; died in office
Joseph J. McFadden	12/18/1959 to 09/30/1982	Appointed; elected 1960, 1966, 1972, 1978; resigned 09/30/1982
Huntley, Robert C., Jr.	10/01/1982 to 08/07/1989	Appointed; elected 1984; resigned 08/07/1989
Boyle, Larry	08/22/1989 to 03/31/1992	Appointed; elected 1990; resigned 03/31/1992
Trout, Linda Cople	09/01/1992 to 08/31/2007	Appointed; elected 1996, 2002; resigned 08/31/2007
Horton, Joel	09/18/2007 to 12/31/2018	Appointed; elected 2008, 2014; resigned 12/30/2018
Moeller, Gregory W.	01/03/2019 to present	Appointed; elected 2020

# Supreme Court Justices *(cont.)*

## THIRD POSITION

Name / Party	Term of Office	Remarks
Morgan, John T. (R)	01/05/1891 to 01/04/1897	Elected 1890
Charles, Ralph P. (P-D)	01/04/1897 to 01/05/1903	Elected 1896
Ailshie, James F. (R)	01/05/1903 to 07/20/1914	Elected 1902, 1908; resigned 07/20/1914
Truitt, Warren (R)	09/14/1914 to 01/04/1915	Appointed
Morgan, William M. (NP)	01/04/1915 to 01/03/1921	Elected 1914
Dunn, Robert N. (R)	01/03/1921 to 01/17/1925	Elected 1920; died in office
Taylor, Herman H. (R)	01/03/1925 to 02/22/1929	Appointed; elected 1926; died in office
Varian, Bertram S. (R)	03/04/1929 to 01/02/1933	Appointed
Morgan, William M. (D)	01/02/1933 to 10/16/1942	Elected 1932, 1938; died in office
Dunlap, S. Ben	12/31/1942 to 01/01/1945	Appointed
Miller, Bert H.	01/01/1945 to 12/21/1948	Elected 1944; resigned 12/21/1948
Taylor, C.J.	03/30/1949 to 01/06/1969	Appointed; elected 1950, 1956, 1962
Donaldson, Charles R.	01/06/1969 to 10/09/1987	Elected 1968, 1974, 1980, 1986; died in office
Johnson, Byron	02/01/1988 to 01/03/1999	Appointed; elected 1992
Kidwell, Wayne	01/04/1999 to 12/31/2004	Elected 1998
Jones, Jim	01/03/2005 to 01/05/2017	Elected 2004, 2010, resigned 06/28/2008
Brody, Robyn M.	01/05/2017 to present	Elected 2016

## FOURTH POSITION\*

McCarthy, Charles P. (R)	01/03/1921 to 01/05/1925	Elected 1920
Givens, Raymond L. (R)	01/05/1925 to 01/03/1955	Elected 1924, 1930, 1936, 1942, 1948
Anderson, Donald B.	01/03/1955 to 12/16/1956	Elected 1954; died in office
McQuade, Henry F.	12/22/1956 to 03/17/1976	Appointed; elected 1960, 1966, 1972; resigned 03/17/1976
Bistline, Stephen	05/20/1976 to 12/01/1994	Appointed; elected 1978, 1984, 1990; resigned 12/01/1994
Schroeder, Gerald F.	01/20/1995 to 07/31/2007	Appointed; elected 1996, 2002
Jones, Warren	06/26/2007 to 06/28/2017	Appointed; elected 2008, 2014
Stegner, John R	06/29/2018 to present	Appointed; elected 2020

## FIFTH POSITION\*

Lee, William A. (R)	01/03/1921 to 09/07/1926	Elected 1920; died in office
Lee, T. Bailey (R)	10/04/1926 to 01/02/1933	Appointed; elected 1926
Holdon, Edwin M.	01/02/1933 to 07/17/1950	Elected 1932, 1938, 1944
Thomas, Darwin W.	01/01/1951 to 11/22/1954	Elected 1950; died in office
Smith, E.B.	12/10/1954 to 01/06/1969	Appointed; elected 1956, 1962
Shepard, Allan G.	01/06/1969 to 05/27/1989	Elected 1968, 1974, 1980, 1986; died in office
McDevitt, Chas. F.	08/31/1989 to 08/31/1997	Appointed; elected 1992; resigned 08/31/1997
Walters, Jesse R.	09/02/1997 to 07/31/2003	Appointed; elected 1998; resigned 07/31/2003
Burdick, Roger S.	08/01/2003 to 06/30/2021	Appointed; elected 2004, 2010, 2016; resigned 06/30/2021
Zahn, Colleen D.	07/01/2021 to present	Appointed 2021

\* Fourth and fifth positions were added to the Supreme Court by constitutional amendment in 1920.

Note: Judges were elected on nonpartisan ballots from 1913 to 1918, and from 1934 to date.

## Idaho Court of Appeals



**Chief Judge  
Molly J. Huskey**

Judge Molly J. Huskey received her undergraduate degree and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in 1993. She served as a public defender and as a prosecutor in Bonneville County before joining the newly-created Office of the State Appellate Public Defender in 1998. She was appointed as the State Appellate Public Defender in 2002 by Governor Dirk Kempthorne. She remained in that position until her appointment to the Canyon County District Court bench in 2011 by Gov. Otter who subsequently appointed her to the Idaho Court of Appeals in July 2015.

Salary: \$153,400      Term Expires: January 2023



**Judge  
David W. Gratton**

Judge Gratton was born and raised in Emmett, Idaho. He attended Boise State University, graduating in 1982 with a B.A. in political science. Judge Gratton received a Juris Doctor from the University of Idaho, College of Law in 1985. He served as an intern law clerk for Ninth Circuit Judge J. Blaine Anderson in 1984 and law clerk to United States District Court Judge Harold L. Ryan from 1985 to 1987. Judge Gratton joined the law firm of Evans Keane LLP in 1987, becoming a partner in 1993, until his appointment to the Idaho Court of Appeals in 2009. He and his wife, Robin, have three children, John (deceased), Kevin and Breanne.

Salary: \$150,400      Term Expires: January 2025



**Judge  
Jessica M. Lorello**

Judge Jessica M. Lorello is an Idaho native who graduated from Boise High School in 1989. She received a Master’s Degree in Health Care Administration and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After law school, she worked in private practice at Givens Pursley LLP until 2004 when she joined the Criminal Law Division of the Idaho Attorney General’s Office where she worked in the Appellate Unit and the Capital Litigation Unit. Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter appointed Judge Lorello to the Idaho Court of Appeals in 2017.

Salary: \$150,400      Term Expires: January 2025



**Judge  
Amanda K. Brailsford**

Hon. Judge Judge Amanda K. Brailsford is an Idaho native who grew up in Hagerman, Idaho. She attended the University of Idaho, where she received an undergraduate degree in English, cum laude, in 1989 and her Juris Doctorate, summa cum laude, in 1993. After graduation, she worked as a civil litigation attorney in the regional law firm of Holland & Hart LLP for eighteen years before founding a civil litigation boutique in Boise, Idaho. While in private practice, she represented hundreds of Idaho-based clients in complex litigation matters with a primary focus on agriculture issues.

Before entering private practice, Judge Brailsford was a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas G. Nelson of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Governor C.L.

“Butch” Otter appointed Judge Brailsford to the Idaho Court of Appeals in 2019.

Judge Brailsford and her husband have been married for more than twenty years, and they have three children.

Salary: \$150,400

Term Expires: January 2027

# Court of Appeals Judges 1982 – 2021

*Created in 1980, funded in 1981, and began operation on January 4, 1982*

## FIRST POSITION

Name / Party	Term of Office	Remarks
Walters, Jesse R.	01/04/1982 to 09/02/1997	Appointed 1982; elected 1984, 1990, 1996; appointed to Idaho Supreme Court 09/02/1997
Schwartzman, Alan	10/02/1997 to 01/15/2002	Appointed; resigned 01/15/2002
Gutierrez, Sergio A.	01/16/2002 to 01/02/2019	Appointed; elected 2002, 2008, 2014; resigned 01/02/2019
Brailsford, Amanda K.	01/02/2019 to present	Appointed; elected 2020

## SECOND POSITION

Burnett, Donald	01/04/1982 to 01/16/1990	Appointed 1982; elected 1986; resigned 01/16/1990
Silak, Cathy R.	09/01/1990 to 02/25/1993	Appointed; elected 1992; appointed to Idaho Supreme Court 02/25/1993
Lansing, Karen	06/07/1993 to 06/30/2015	Appointed; elected 1998, 2004, 2010
Huskey, Molly J.	07/02/2015 to present	Appointed 2015, elected 2016

## THIRD POSITION

Swanstrom, Roger	01/04/1982 to 01/31/1993	Appointed 1982; elected 1988; resigned 01/31/1993
Perry, Darrel R.	08/06/1993 to 09/29/2009	Appointed; elected 1994, 2000, 2006; resigned 09/30/2009
Melanson, John M.	09/30/2009 to present	Appointed; elected 2012; resigned 06/30/2017
Lorello, Jessica M	11/01/2017 to present;	Appointed 2017; elected 2018

## FOURTH POSITION

Gratton, David W.	01/05/2009 to present	Appointed to newly added seat 2009; elected 2012, 2018
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## Administrative District Judges

### **First Judicial District**

Richard Christensen  
PO Box 9000  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-9000

### **Second Judicial District**

Gregory FitzMaurice  
Idaho County Courthouse  
320 W. Main Street  
Grangeville, ID 83530

### **Third Judicial District**

George W. Southworth  
1115 Albany Street  
Caldwell, ID 83605

### **Fourth Judicial District**

Steven Hippler  
Ada County Courthouse  
200 W. Front Street  
Boise, ID 83702-7300

### **Fifth Judicial District**

Eric Wildman  
PO Box 2707  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-2707

### **Sixth Judicial District**

Robert C. Naftz  
624 E. Center, Rm. 220  
Pocatello, ID 83201

### **Seventh Judicial District**

Dane Watkins, Jr.  
605 North Capital Avenue  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

## Trial Court Administrators

### **First Judicial District**

Karlene Behringer  
PO Box 9000  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-9000

### **Second Judicial District**

Roland Gammill  
Nez Perce County Courthouse  
PO Box 896  
Lewiston, ID 83501

### **Third Judicial District**

Doug Tyler  
Canyon County Courthouse  
1115 Albany Street  
Caldwell, ID 83605

### **Fourth Judicial District**

Sandra Barrios-Lovewell  
Ada County Courthouse  
200 W. Front Street  
Boise, ID 83702-7300

### **Fifth Judicial District**

Shelli Tubbs  
Twin Falls County Courthouse  
PO Box 126  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126

### **Sixth Judicial District**

Kerry Hong  
Bannock County Courthouse  
624 E. Center, Room 220  
Pocatello, ID 83201

### **Seventh Judicial District**

Tammie Whyte  
Bonneville County Courthouse  
605 N. Capital Avenue  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

# District Court Judges

## FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Richard Christensen - Administrative Judge	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Lamont Berez	215 South 1st Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864
Barbara Buchanan	215 South 1st Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864
Lansing Haynes	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Cynthia Meyer	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
John T. Mitchell	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Scott Wayman	PO Box 527, Wallace, ID 83873

## SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Gregory FitzMaurice - Administrative Judge	320 W. Main St., Grangeville, ID 83530
Jeff Brudie	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501
Jay Gaskill	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501
John Judge	PO Box 8068, Moscow, ID 83843

## THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

George W. Southworth- Administrative Judge	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Andrea Courtney	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Christopher Nye	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Gene Petty	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Davis VanderVelde	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Thomas Whitney	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Susan Wiebe	1130 3rd Ave. N., Payette, ID 83661

## FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Steven Hippler - Administrative Judge	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Deborah A. Bail	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Peter Barton	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Nancy Baskin	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
James Cawthon	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Samuel Hoagland	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Jonathan Medema	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Patrick Miller	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Lynn Norton	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Michael Reardon	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Jason Scott	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Cynthia Yee-Wallace	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702

## FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Eric Wildman - Administrative Judge	PO Box 2707, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Jonathan Brody	PO Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350
Ben Cluff	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Rosemarr Emory	233 W. Main St., Jerome, ID 83338
Roger Harris	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Michael Tribe	1559 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318
Ned Williamson	201-2nd Ave. S., Ste. 110, Hailey, ID 83333

## SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Robert C. Naftz - Administrative Judge	624 E. Center, Rm. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Mitchell Brown	PO box 775, Soda Springs, ID 83276
Rick Carnaroli	624 E. Center, Rm. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Javier Gabiola	624 E. Center, Rm. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201

## SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dane Watkins, Jr. - Administrative Judge	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Steven Boyce	PO Box 389, Rexburg, ID 83440
Bruce Pickett	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Darren Simpson	501 N. Maple, #310, Blackfoot, ID 83221
Stevan H. Thompson	210 Courthouse Way, Ste. 120, Rigby, ID 83442
Joel Tingey	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402

# Magistrate Judges

## FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

County	Name	Address
Benewah	Douglas Payne	701 College Ave., St. Maries, ID 83861
Bonner	Tera Harden	215 S. 1st Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864
Bonner	Lori Meulenber	215 S. 1st Ave., Sandpoint, ID 83864
Boundary	Justin W. Julian	PO Box 419, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
Kootenai	John Cafferty	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Robert Caldwell	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	James Combo	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Anna Eckhart	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Clark Peterson	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Ross Pittman	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	James Stow	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Timothy Van Valin	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Kootenai	Mayli Walsh	PO Box 9000, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816
Shoshone	Barbara Duggan	700 Bank St., Wallace, ID 83873

## SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Clearwater	David Judd	PO Box 586, Orofino, ID 83544
Idaho	Jeff P. Payne	320 W. Main, Grangeville, ID 83530
Latah	Megan Marshall	PO Box 8068, Moscow, ID 83843
Lewis	Victoria Olds	510 Oak St., Rm. 1, Nezperce, ID 83543
Nez Perce	Michelle M. Evans	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501
Nez Perce	Sunil Ramalingam	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501
Nez Perce	Karin Seubert	PO Box 896, Lewiston, ID 83501

## THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Adams	John Meienhofer	PO Box 48, Council, ID 83612
Canyon	Matthew Bever	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Dartanyon Burrows	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Susan Clark	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Chad Gulstrom	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Jerold W. Lee	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Dayo O. Onanubosi	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Debra A. Orr	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Thomas Sullivan	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Canyon	Courtnie Tucker	1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605
Gem	Tyler D. Smith	414 E. Main, Rm. 300, Emmett, ID 83617
Owyhee	T. Shane Darrington	PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650
Payette	Robert Jackson	1130 3rd Ave. N., Rm 106, Payette, ID 83661
Payette	Brian Lee	1130 3rd Ave. N., Rm 106, Payette, ID 83661
Washington	David Eames	485 E. 3rd St., Weiser, ID 83672

## FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Ada	Christopher M. Bieter	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Fafa Alidjani	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Ransom Bailey	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Kira Dale	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Andrew Ellis	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Laurie Fortier	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Theresa Gardunia	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	John Hawley	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Jill Jurries	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Joanne Kibodeaux	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Adam Kimball	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Michael Lojek	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Cathleen MacGregor Irby	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702

## Magistrate Judges (cont.)

County	Name	Address
Ada	David D. Manweiler	6300 W. Denton, Boise, ID 83704
Ada	Annie McDevitt	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Lynette McHenry	6300 W. Denton, Boise, ID 83704
Ada	Michael Oths	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Daniel Steckel	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Theodore Tollefson	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Diane Walker	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Ada	Thomas P. Watkins	200 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
Boise	Roger Cockerille	PO Box 126, Idaho City, ID 83631
Elmore	Brent Ferguson	150 S. 4th E., Mountain Home, ID 83647
Elmore	Theodore Fleming	150 S. 4th E., Mountain Home, ID 83647
Valley	Adam Dingeldein	PO Box 1350, Cascade, ID 83611

### FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Blaine	Jennifer Haemmerle	201 2nd Ave. S., Ste. 106, Hailey, ID 83333
Camas	Daniel Dolan	PO Box 430, Fairfield, ID 83327
Cassia	Blaine Cannon	1459 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318
Cassia	Mick Hodges	1459 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318
Gooding	Casey U. Robinson	PO Box 477, Gooding, ID 83330
Jerome	Stacy Depew	233 W. Main St., Jerome, ID 83338
Jerome	John Lothspeich	233 W. Main St., Jerome, ID 83338
Lincoln	Mark A. Ingram	PO Drawer A, Shoshone, ID 83352
Minidoka	Douglas Abenroth	PO Box 368, Rupert, ID 83350
Twin Falls	Calvin Campbell	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Twin Falls	Ben Harmer	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Twin Falls	Thomas Kershaw	PO Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303

### SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bannock	Scott Axline	624 E. Center, Ste. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Bannock	Thomas W. Clark	624 E. Center, Ste. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Bannock	Carol “Tippi” Jarman	624 E. Center, Ste. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Bannock	Bryan K. Murray	624 E. Center, Ste. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Bannock	Aaron Thompson	624 E. Center, Ste. 220, Pocatello, ID 83201
Bear Lake	R. Todd Garbett	PO Box 190, Paris, ID 83261
Caribou	David R. Kress	PO Box 775, Soda Springs, ID 83276
Franklin	Eric Hunn	39 W. Oneida, Preston, ID 83263
Oneida	David Hooste	10 Court St., Malad, ID 83252
Power	Paul Laggis	543 Bannock, American Falls, ID 83211

### SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bingham	Cleve B. Colson	501 N. Maple, #402, Blackfoot, ID 83221
Bingham	Scott H. Hansen	501 N. Maple, #402, Blackfoot, ID 83221
Bonneville	Wiley Dennert	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Bonneville	Steven A. Gardner	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Bonneville	Michelle Mallard	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Bonneville	L. Mark Riddoch	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Butte	Ralph Savage	PO Box 171, Arco, ID 83213
Clark	Kent Gauchay	605 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Custer	James Barrett, Jr.	PO Box 385, Challis, ID 83226
Fremont	Faren Eddins	151 W. 1st N., Rm. 15, St. Anthony, ID 83445
Jefferson	Robert Crowley	210 Courthouse Way, Ste. 120, Rigby, ID 83442
Lemhi	Andrew Woolf	206 Courthouse Dr., Salmon, ID 83467
Madison	David Hunt	PO Box 389, Rexburg, ID 83440
Teton	Jason Walker	89 N. Main St., Ste. 5, Driggs, ID 83422



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