

APPENDIX I

Commissioner Biographies



Cochair Bart Davis

Bart M. Davis was born in South Dakota in 1955, but raised in Idaho. He has been married to Marion Woffinden Davis since 1976, has six children and fourteen grandchildren. He is active in his church and Rotary Club. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Davis has been awarded the prestigious “AV Preeminent” rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards. Mr. Davis received a *B.A.* in 1978 from Brigham Young University and *J.D.* in 1980 from University of Idaho. He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, United States District Court District of Idaho, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court. He was co-counsel on a tax case before the United States Supreme Court in 1990 (*Davis vs. United States of America*, 495 U.S. 472). He has practiced in the areas of construction, real property, business, and commercial law, including

bankruptcy. Mr. Davis was a Trustee of the Museum of Idaho.

From 2017 to 2021, Mr. Davis was the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho. He served on three Attorney General Advisory Council subcommittees and working groups: *the Native American Issues Subcommittee*, the *Border and Immigration Subcommittee*, and the *Marijuana Working Group*.

From 2001 to 2017, Mr. Davis was a commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He served on the *Committee on Relations with other Organizations*, *Committee on Federalism and State Law*, *History Committee*, *Committee on State and Federal Relations*, *Committee on Revisions to the Uniform Parentage Act*, and *Committee on Parliamentary Practice*.

In 1998 Senator Davis was elected to the Idaho State Senate. He was the Senate Majority Leader from 2002 to 2017. He was a member of *Judiciary & Rules Committee* and *State Affairs Committee*, and a member of *Legislative Council*. He was a commissioner on the Governor's *LINE 2 Commission*, and the proceeding *Leadership in Nuclear Energy Commission*. He served and chaired multiple interim committees and on the *Idaho Bond Bank Authority*. He also served on Idaho's *Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission* and the *Capitol Restoration Advisory Committee on Legislative Relocation*.

As a member of the Council of State Governments (CSG) and CSG-WEST, Senator Davis' service included: CSG Chair, CSG-West Chair, Governing Board & Executive Committees, 21st Century Foundation, Committee on Suggested State Legislation, Co-Chair – International Committee, Chair – Futures Committee, Chair – Toll Fellows Selection Committee, Chair – Legal Task Force (12 member “Federalism” national task force to determine *amicus curiae* participation before the US Supreme Court), National Governance Working Group (organic instruments), and CSG-West Working Group Chair. In 1999, he was awarded the *Toll Fellowship*.

Mr. Davis is active in the Idaho State Bar (ISB). He served the state bar, federal bar, and the Idaho Supreme Court in many ways, including the Judicial Independence and Integrity Committee. He served the federal courts for six years as a Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (including Conference Executive Committee), eleven years on the Bankruptcy Court Rules Committee (Reporter from 1998 to 2001), Chapter 13 Plan Subcommittee (Reporter), and Long-Range Planning Committee. He is a frequent speaker at legal continuing education programs. He was a founding board member and past-chair of the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section. He was also the chair and member of the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Council, and on the Idaho Law Review Advisory Board, and the 2007 College of Law Conclave. Mr. Davis is a co-author of *Use of Legislative History: Willow Witching for Legislative Intent*, 43 University of Idaho College of Law Review 585 (2007), and author of *Idaho's Messy History with Term Limits: A Modest Response*, 52 University of Idaho College of Law Review 463 (2016).

Mr. Davis was honored to be presented the *Award of Legal Merit* from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2021 and the *Leaders in Law Award Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Idaho Business Review in 2020, as well as an *ICON Award* in 2021. He was awarded a *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Idaho Republican Party in 2018. He was also honored to be designated as Idaho Fraternal Order of Police 2016 *Legislator of the Year*; Idaho Library Association 2012 *Legislator of the Year*; Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute 2011 *Angel in Adoption Award*; Idaho Judicial Conference 2010 *Special Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions to the Improved Administration of Justice in Idaho*; Idaho Association of Cities 2010 *Professor Boyd A. Martin Award*; Idaho State Republican Party 2009 *Legislator of the Year*; Idaho Republican Party Region VII 2007 *Outstanding Republican Elected Official*; Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce *Leadership to Eastern Idaho Award*; *Cesar Chavez/Dolores Huerta Farmworker Justice Award*; Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section, ISB *Professionalism Award*; and State Government Affairs Council 2009 *Leadership Award*

and 2004 Shooting Star Award; and Idaho Chooses Life 2002 Hero of the Pro-Life Movement. He was also honored to participate with the American Jewish Committee and CSG on the Project Israel Interchange.



Cochair Dan Schmidt

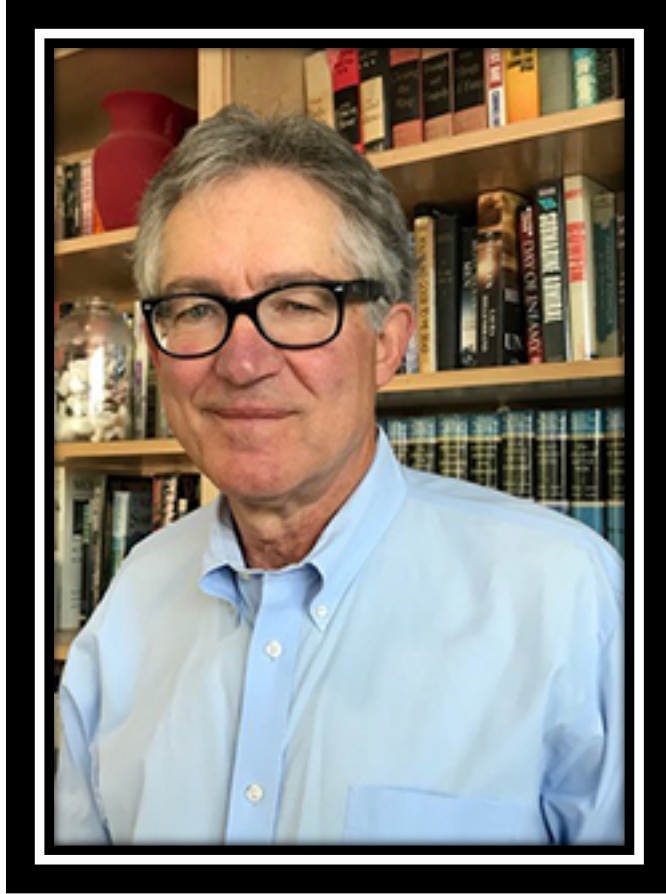
Dan Schmidt has lived in Idaho since 1977. He graduated from the Idaho/UW WWAMI medical school in 1986. He and his wife, Martha, returned to Moscow, Idaho in 1989 to practice family medicine and raise their four daughters. He has served his community both in elected office as county coroner, and on the hospital board and medical chief of staff. He continues to practice family medicine, though now just part time.

Dan served one term as State Senator for District 6 (Latah County), then two terms for District 5 (Latah and Benewah Counties).



Commissioner Tom Dayley

Born in Burley, Idaho; 5th generation Idahoan; 9th of 12 children; with spouse Catherine, has 2 children and 4 grandchildren; B.A. Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; M.A. University of Southern California, Oxford, England; U.S. Air Force veteran; Reagan Administration in several capacities; worked for Idaho Congressional Delegation; U.S. Presidential Appointee in Idaho; Idaho State House of Representatives; Chair of the Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee; Vice-Chair of the Agriculture Committee.



Commissioner Nels Mitchell

Briane Nelson (“Nels”) Mitchell grew up in Boise, attending North Junior High and Boise High. Nels was awarded a scholarship to Columbia University where he received his college degree. Nels then attended the University of Idaho College of Law for his law degree.

During his forty-year legal career, Nels had a wide-ranging practice and handled matters in more than twenty-five different states and several foreign countries. In 2004, Nels was appointed as a Senior Officer in the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Nels has served on the Advisory Board at the University of Idaho Law School and spent several years as a part-time professor teaching trial advocacy, remedies, torts, and moot court. In 2014, Nels was the Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate in Idaho.



Commissioner Amber Pence

Amber has been active in Idaho politics and government for over seventeen years. Pence currently works as a Special Assistant to the Teton County Commissioners in Driggs. Amber's professional credentials include having worked in the Idaho Legislature for a total of 11 Legislative sessions, 5 sessions as Chief of Staff for House Democratic Leader Wendy Jaquet (2004-2008) and 6 sessions as the Director of Governmental Affairs for Mayor Dave Bieter (2013-2019). She also has assisted with numerous political campaigns. To name a few, her experience varies from local city, bond, and levy campaigns, to statewide campaign work, and on Presidential campaigns. Amber spent 3 years in Oregon working for House Democratic Leadership and on a public health campaign in Portland. As a sixth generation Idahoan, born in Weiser and raised in Burley, she has profound pride in her home state. Amber is known for her ability to work across party lines to accomplish

what is best for Idahoans. Pence studied Geography at Utah State University and currently resides in Tetonian with her husband and son.



Commissioner Eric Redman

Happily married to Sue, they have five children and 16 grandchildren. Raised on a farm 12 miles north of Moscow, Idaho. Attended Washington State University. USAF Vietnam War veteran. Owned several businesses in northern Idaho 1970 – 2013 Marina Lake Pend Oreille, real estate brokerage, insurance agency. Idaho State Representative 2014-2018. Past board member several non-profits; presently on Reach America/Sower Christian book and gift store.