

CIVICS IN ACTION:

A Celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Bill of Rights 1791-2016

**A SYMPOSIUM of the Diversity Section of the Idaho State Bar.
Friday, September 16, 2016, Constitution Day 2016**

Friday, BOISE, September 16, 2016, Washington Group Plaza Auditorium, 720 Park Boulevard, Boise, ID

8 a.m. Registration/Coffee/Croissants

8:30 a.m. Welcome from Idaho State Bar President

8:45 The Bill of Rights in Action in Idaho

During 40 years with the ACLU, Stephen Pevar has filed more than 35 civil rights cases in Idaho. Starting with a description of the role the Bill of Rights plays in our democracy, he will discuss selected cases showing the progress and treatment of civil rights in the Courts in Idaho. Pevar lives in Connecticut, teaches as adjunct faculty and continues as a litigator for ACLU.

9:45 a.m. Break

10 a.m. A Look Back: Access to the Bill of Rights; Documents and using the Bill of Rights in your law practice.

Helane Davis and Michael Greenlee, UI Law Library. Comments on the significance of history for court argument: Judge Ron Bush will offer observations and comments.

11 a.m. Going forward: The Changing Supreme Court and the Future of the Bill of Rights (Selection of new justices, New Issues, New Trends?)

With moderator Richard Seamon, constitutional law professor from the University of Idaho College of Law, candidates for the Idaho Supreme Court, Robyn Brody of Rupert and Curt McKenzie of Boise will each be allotted half an hour to set out their personal views of the role of the Bill of Rights in state and federal jurisprudence, with a short time at the end of each person's time for discussion with Professor Seamon and answers to written questions, submitted by the audience to Professor Seamon.

Noon to 1 p.m. BY INVITATION Luncheon for speakers (55 people), Attorneys for Civic Education presenters and Love the Law! 5th Anniversary presentation. Special panel of student commentary coordinated by ACE!

1:15 p.m. First Amendment and Citizens United: How to Limit Power of Money in Politics and Comply with the First Amendment --- Can It Be Done?

Sarah Haan, University of Idaho College of Law, and Linda Pall, Moscow civil rights attorney.

2:15 p.m. 6th Amendment Right to Assistance of Counsel: The Status of Public Defense Reforms in Idaho.

Federal Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale will moderate a panel of lawyers, discussing the class action lawsuit filed by the ACLU of Idaho in 2015, Tucker v. State of Idaho, currently on appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court, challenging the public defense delivery system in Idaho's courts. The panel will discuss the Amicus Curiae brief filed by the US Department of Justice in the Tucker case and the work to date of the Idaho State Public Defense Commission. Panelists: Christina England, Assistant US Attorney, Boise; Jason Williamson, ACLU staff attorney, NYC; Kimberly Simmons, Executive Director, Idaho Public Defense Commission and Robin Crisler, member of the public.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30-5 p.m. Constitutional Rights in a Court of Law and the Court of Public Opinion: Real Life at the Intersection of Ethics and Law in Journalism. Professor Don Burnett's Boise panel for the Fred Friendly-style discussion of the hypothetical.

Boise Panelists:

Barry McHugh, Coeur d'Alene prosecutor

Michael Bartlett, Defense Counsel

Merlyn Clark, Hawley Troxell, civil litigator

Betsy Z. Russell, Spokesman Review, Spokane, WA

Federal Judge Steven Trott

Mayor Dave Bieter, citizen

William Peck, Ph.D., philosopher

5 p.m. Adjourn

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