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***COVERING THE COURTS:
THE RULE OF LAW AND THE WORK
OF AN INDEPENDENT, IMPARTIAL JUDICIARY***

**Idaho Law & Justice Learning Center
514 West Jefferson Street, Boise, Idaho
April 27, 2019**

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Material Pick-up and Refreshments

8:30 – 9:00 WELCOMING REMARKS

- Betsy Russell, reporter (*The Idaho Press-Tribune*), blogger (“Eye on Boise”), and President, Idaho Press Club
- David Lloyd, Attorney at Law, Co-Chair, Attorneys for Civic Education
- Hon. Robyn Brody, Justice, on behalf of the Idaho state judiciary
- Hon. David Nye, Chief U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for Idaho, and Hon. Joseph Meier, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Idaho, on behalf of the Idaho federal judiciary
- Jerrold Long, Dean, University of Idaho College of Law
- Participant’s Self-Introductions

9:00 – 11:45 TOPIC ONE: THE RULE OF LAW, JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND IMPARTIALITY, AND PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS SHAPED BY THE MEDIA

- **Part A: The Judicial Function in an Era of Hyper-Partisanship and “Truth Decay”**
 - Don Burnett, University of Idaho Professor of Law Emeritus
- **Part B: Perspectives from the Bench and the Newsroom**
 - Katie Ball, University of Idaho Professor of Law, convener and commentator
 - Hon. Lynn Winmill, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for Idaho
 - Hon. Greg Moeller, Justice, Idaho Supreme Court, and former District Judge, Seventh Judicial District of Idaho
 - Betsy Russell, reporter (*The Idaho Press-Tribune*), blogger (“Eye on Boise”), and President, Idaho Press Club

- General Q&A

10:30 – 10:45 Break

- **10:45 – 11:45 Part C: Workshop Session: The journalist’s craft – incorporating the rule of law into media reports of judicial decisions**
 - Professor Burnett
 - Betsy Russell

11:45 – 1:05 TOPIC TWO: COVERING THE COURTS IN CRIMINAL CASES (PRESENTED DURING A WORKING LUNCH)

- Wendy Olson, Attorney at Law and former U.S. Attorney for Idaho, convener and commentator
- Hon. David C. Nye, Chief U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for Idaho
- Jan Bennetts, Ada County Prosecutor
- Scott McKay, Nevin, Benjamin, McKay and Bartlett, LLP
- Steve Kenyon, Clerk of the U.S. District Court for Idaho
- General Q&A

1:05 – 1:20 Break

1:20 – 2:20 TOPIC THREE: WHAT’S “ON THE RECORD” – AND HOW TO ACCESS IT

- Melissa Davlin, Idaho Public Television (producer and host of “Idaho Reports”)
- Wendy Olson, Attorney at Law and former U.S. Attorney for Idaho
- Brian Kane, Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General of Idaho
- Rebecca Boone, Supervisory Correspondent and Bureau Chief, Associated Press, Boise
- Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the State Courts for Idaho
- Steve Kenyon, Clerk of the U.S. District Court for Idaho
- General Q&A

2:20 – 3:00 TOPIC FOUR: JUDICIAL SELECTION PROCESSES AND PUBLIC IMPRESSIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

- Don Burnett, University of Idaho Professor of Law Emeritus
- Hon. Ronald Bush, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for Idaho
- Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the State Courts for Idaho
- General Q&A

3:00 – 3:30 CONCLUDING SESSION

- Wrap-up discussion
- Evaluation Forms and Completion Certificates