## UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF IDAHO NOTICE

June 2015



## TO: INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE IDAHO STATE BAR

The Judges of the United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho intend to appoint a Lawyer Representative to serve on the Ninth Circuit Conference of the United States Courts for a three-year term to replace Walter Sinclair. In addition to Walter Sinclair, the District of Idaho's current Lawyer Representatives are Howard Burnett and Lori Nakaoka.

Effective November 1999, the Board of Judges adopted a Lawyer Representative Selection Plan, based upon current bar membership, which ensures state-wide representation. This plan calls for selection of lawyer representatives as follows:  $2016 - 4^{th}$  District;  $2017 - 1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  District;  $2018 - 4^{th}$  District;  $2019 - 6^{th}$  and  $7^{th}$  District;  $2020 - 3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$  District; 2021 repeat above.

Based upon the Plan, this year's lawyer representative must come from the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

## Applicants are required to:

- 1. Be a member in good standing of the Idaho State Bar and be involved in active trial and appellate practice for not less than 10 years, a substantial portion of which has been in the federal court system;
- 2. Be interested in the purpose and work of the Conference, which is to improve the administration of the federal courts, and be willing and able to actively contribute to that end;
- 3. Be willing to assist in implementing Conference programs with the local Bar; and
- 4. Be willing to attend committee meetings and the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Typical duties include: serving on court committees, making recommendations on the use of the Court's non-appropriated fund, developing curriculum for the District conference, serving as the representative of the Bar to advance opinions and suggestions for improvement, and assisting the Court in the implementation of new programs or

procedures. Any persons interested in such an appointment should submit a letter setting forth their experience and qualifications, no later than August 28, 2015, to the following:

Ms. Diane K. Minnich Executive Director Idaho State Bar PO Box 895 Boise, Idaho 83701-0895

The Commission will then select six applicants for referral to the Judges of the United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho in Boise, Idaho, who will make the final selection by September 18, 2015, or as soon thereafter as possible.