

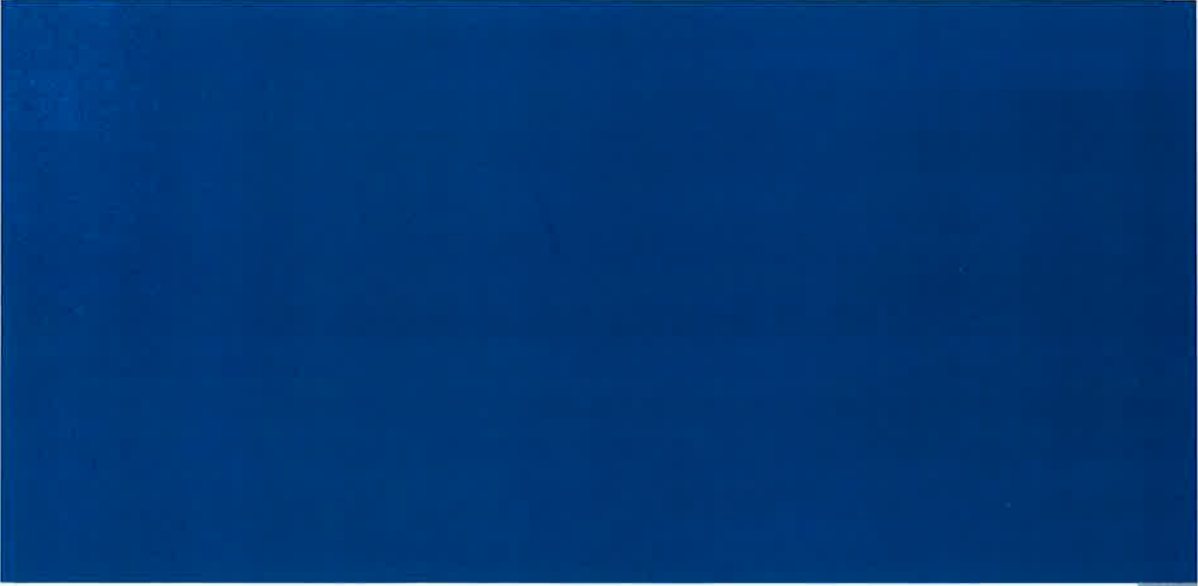
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House Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee
February 7, 2022

Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee
February 9, 2022



Today's Agenda:

Introduction

Senior District Judge Juneal Kerrick

Remote Access to Justice

Judge Matthew Bever, Canyon County

Language Access to the Courts

Judge Stacey DePew, Jerome County

Court Innovations in Ada County

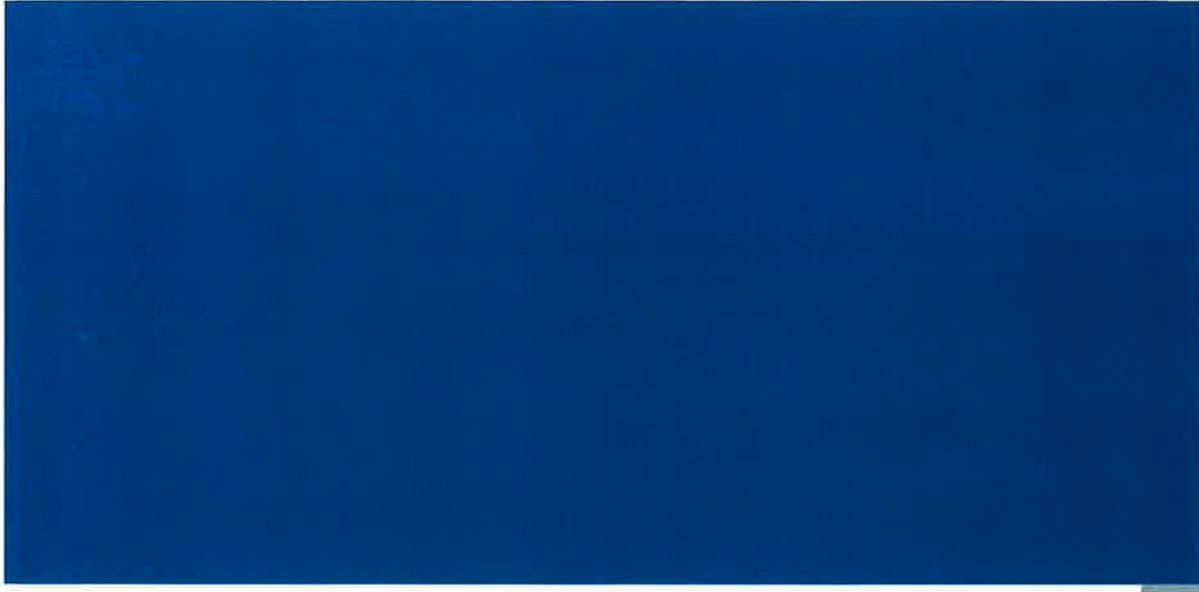
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REMOTE ACCESS TO JUSTICE

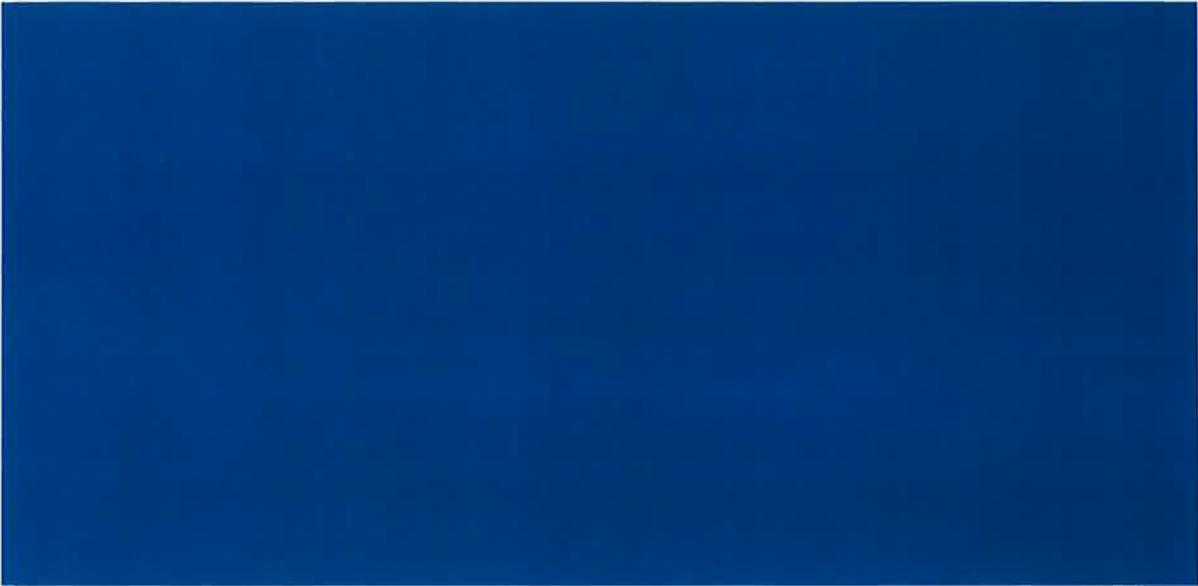
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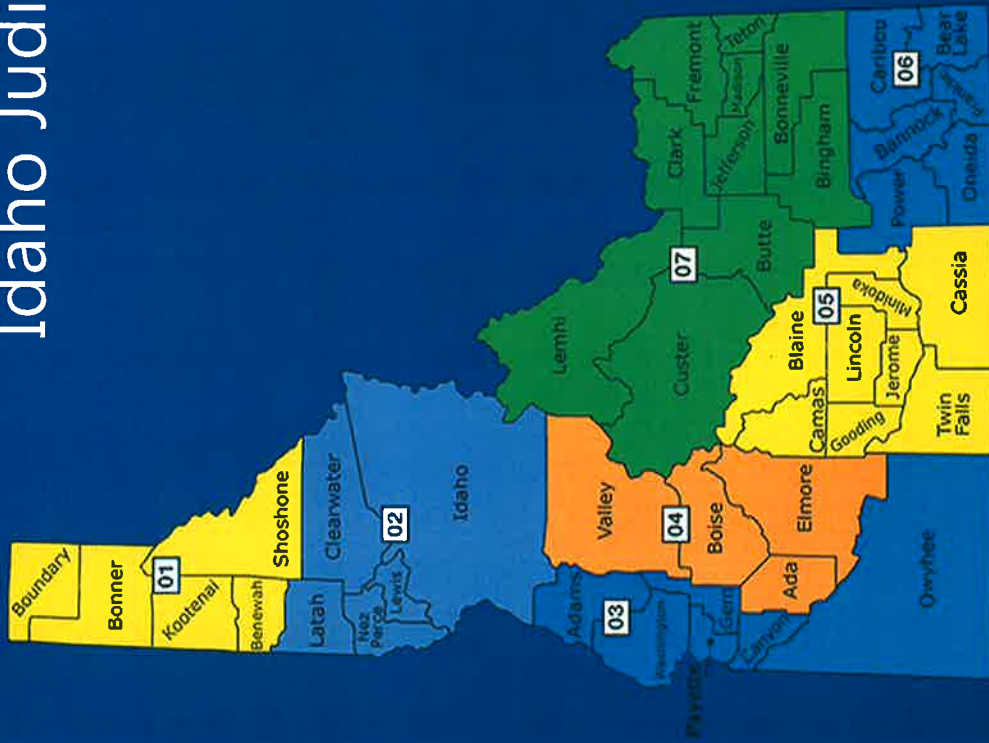


LANGUAGE ACCESS TO THE COURTS

Judge Stacey DePew, Jerome County Magistrate Judge



Idaho Judicial Districts



March 2021 to September 2021

- **8427 hearings required an interpreter**
- **43 languages were requested**
- **38 of Idaho's 44 counties held hearings requiring an interpreter**
- **Ada County in the 4th Judicial District accounted for 24% of those hearings**
- **Canyon County in the 3rd Judicial District accounted for 22% of those hearings**



The increased need in the 3rd, 4th and 6th Judicial Districts

- All three districts have seen a significant increase in population in recent years.
- The 6th district has one of the highest populations of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the state.
- The growing population has increased not only the number of hearings requiring an interpreter but also the number of languages being requested.



2019 Expenses in Ada County as Example

- 4% increase in need for interpreters in languages other than Spanish
- 25% increase in cost to the 4th District
- 100% increase in need for Swahili interpreters
- 125 % increase in need for American Sign Language interpreters





Court Innovations – Ada County

Judge Annie McDevitt, Ada County Magistrate Judge

Mission

Provide Access to Justice
by Ensuring a Fair Process
and the Timely, Impartial
Resolution of Cases





**Warrants Court:
Criminal Cases**



**Family Law Cases:
Interdisciplinary Settlement
Conferences**





Warrants Court is Designed to Quickly get Defendants Back into Court

- Deterrents to Addressing a Warrant:
 - Frightening situation;
 - Time consuming;
 - Costly;
 - Possible loss of job.

- Benefits:

- Moves case forward;
- Finality for defendants and crime victims;
- Reduces jail workload;
- Reduces overcrowding;
- Saves taxpayers' funds.



Interdisciplinary Settlement Conferences

Resolve High Conflict Custody Cases
without Trial

Process:

- Voluntary process;
- Judge, parties/attorneys, neutral attorney, clinician;
- Informal atmosphere where litigants can tell their story;
- Parties control outcome with feedback from others.



Benefits:

- Reduces number of cases going to trial
- Better for children
 - Reduces conflict
 - Reduces future litigation
 - Finality sooner
 - Cost effective for litigants
- Better use of judicial resources



Overwhelming Success:

- 48 cases, 81% success rate
- Only 2 have reopened



Thank you.

