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To me, this quote embodies the work we do at the Idaho Law Foundation. We strive to share our love for our legal system with people all over Idaho. We share this joy through our Law Related Education Program when we distribute our popular 18 in Idaho publication to help young people understand their rights and responsibilities under the law. We provide it through Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program when we organize a legal clinic to assist people in underserved communities as they work to solve their legal issues. We offer it through high quality continuing legal education at affordable prices for Idaho attorneys.

The people associated with the Idaho Law Foundation have a keen understanding of the importance of the rule of law and we want to make sure as many people as possible have positive experiences with our legal system. This is the central principle from which we operate.

Of course, we are grateful to all Idaho attorneys who offer their continued support to our Law Foundation programs, as we join together to help others. We know that we couldn't do what we do without you. We rely on your generosity to keep us moving forward.

As we enter another year, we ask that you keep us in mind as you make your 2019 giving decision. There are many ways you can contribute. You can include a donation when you fill out your licensing form. You can [donate online](#). You can also contact our Development Director, [Carey Shoufler](#), and she will process your donation over the phone. However you give, we welcome and appreciate donations at all levels and know that your generosity allows us to expand the reach of our programs to more Idahoans.

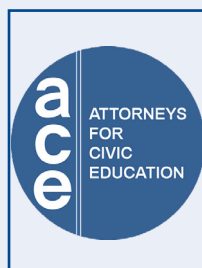
Thank you to all of you for being among our friends in service to Idaho. May your 2019 be filled with even more joy, for you and your loved ones.

## ATTORNEYS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION HONORED

Idaho Women Lawyers selected Attorneys for Civic Education as the 2019 recipient of their prestigious Innovator Award. This award honors entities promoting creative change in the legal community.

Attorneys for Civics Education was founded in 2013 by a group of Idaho attorneys who recognized the critical importance of civic education in Idaho's schools. Their vision is to increase and sustain civics education opportunities in Idaho's schools in order to ensure that Idaho's citizens will have a solid understanding of the Constitution, the rule of law, and our form of government.

According to Anna Courtney, Attorneys for Civic Education is "deserving of the award for its innovative contributions



to the Boise legal community and the community at large. Their support of We the People, Mock Trial, and the Youth in Government Program facilitates a deepening of young people's engagement in government."

Rebekah Cude, one of the Chairs for Attorneys for Civic Education shared: "This award is truly the result of a team effort over the long haul. Hanging in and working together to continue to support and promote civics education programs is not flashy, nor does it produce immediate results that are easy to point to (beyond the obvious joy and satisfaction experienced by the young people who take part in these programs, which is substantial). ACE members do the work, and have taken the long view of success, and I truly believe we are making our democracy and our legal system stronger."

The Idaho Law Foundation offers its congratulations to Attorneys for Civic Education for their well deserved honor. More information about Attorneys for Civic Education can be found on the [ACE website](#). And information about the 2019 Idaho Women Lawyer's Gala, where ACE will receive their award, can be found on the [Idaho Women Lawyers website](#).

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The Access to Justice Idaho campaign mission is to provide civil legal services, education, and advocacy to vulnerable Idahoans in need, working to reach the estimated 750,000 Idahoans who face civil legal difficulties and do not have the resources to seek the help of an attorney. These clients are Idaho's most vulnerable residents—veterans, seniors, people living with disabilities, women, children, and survivors of violence.

Idaho attorney, Bill Mauk, the 2018 Chair of the Access to Justice Idaho Campaign believes that the donations to the campaign ensure low income Idahoans have equal access to civil legal services. "As an attorney, you know how hard it is to be successful in court without a lawyer. No one should be denied access to justice because they are poor."

The Idaho Law Foundation would like to extend our gratitude to those who made the 2018 Access to Justice Campaign a success. Thanks to you, we were able to raise nearly \$190,000 to support the important work of Idaho's civil legal services providers. For more information about Access to Justice Idaho, visit the [Access to Justice web page](#).

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Audio stream programs are offered in partnership with WebCredenza and Abila and feature hour long ethics session from prominent, national presenters. Abila houses Idaho programs for self-study credits; all

other programs offer live credits. The table below provides a snapshot of the different legal education programs.

Regardless of the type of educational program, all CLE offerings are provided to fulfill the Law Foundation's goal of providing programs and services that improve opportunities for professional growth and enhance the competency of members of the Bar. These programs also help provide the necessary resources to fulfill the Foundation's goal of enriching the public's understanding of and respect for the law and legal system.

If you have any questions about Law Foundation Continuing Legal Education offerings, contact [Mahmood Sheikh](#).

PROGRAM TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PROS	CONS
In Person (Live Credit)	The majority of in person CLEs are held at The Law Center (i.e. First or Next CLE series); local courthouses (i.e. CLE Idaho – held in each of the seven judicial districts); hotels (i.e. Headline News); or convention spaces (i.e. New Attorney Program).	Networking opportunities; interaction with presenter(s); and gets attendee away from office.	Travel to and from session; time away from office; and weather and traffic conditions.
Webcast (Live Credit)	Tied to in person CLEs and intended for individuals outside the Boise area.	Ability to participate where Internet is available; convenient – no need to leave office or home; and can still ask questions to presenter(s).	Technology issues on either side, including delayed buffering; no networking opportunities; and no in-person interaction with presenter(s).
Teleseminar (Live Credit)	Operator assisted teleconference that takes place in a virtual classroom; participants can ask questions through the moderator.	Ability to participate where phone service is available; uses reliable technology; and is convenient.	Cannot see presenter(s), have to wait for Q & A session; no networking opportunities; no in-person interaction with presenter(s); and materials must be printed or downloaded ahead of time.
Audio Stream (In Partnership with WebCredenza & Abila) (Live Credit)	An audio mix of webcast and teleseminar that is played from a computer, tablet, or smart phone.	Ability to participate where Internet capabilities are available; convenient (no need to leave office or home); and can still ask questions to presenter(s).	Cannot see presenter(s); no networking opportunities; no in-person interaction with presenter(s); and often confused with teleseminar.
Streaming (In Partnership with Abila)	Recorded programs.	Anytime, anywhere where Internet capabilities are available; proceed at own pace; and opportunity to revisit program after 90 days of purchase.	Limited in the number of self-study credits (15 max); program expires after 90 days; inability to ask questions; and at times already viewed program live.

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In the spring, IVLP launched an on-line application, which allows potential clients to provide all required eligibility and contact information on a web form and submit it to IVLP with the click of a button. Those that qualify are scheduled for interviews through email or text message without the need for further intake processing. Previously all cases were screened over the phone before an interview was set up. Not only have these changes allowed IVLP to move applicants through the process faster, the ability to apply from ones' phone has increased the geographic diversity of our applicants.

Clients who do not qualify for a pro bono attorney are provided helpful referrals to other resources via email or text message in a matter of days rather than weeks, which

was the waiting period when information was exchanged primarily over the phone.

Although IVLP has dramatically reduced the time it takes applicants to go through the screening and investigation process, it continues to take too long to place each case with an attorney. To this end, IVLP has been working to encourage more attorneys to activate their accounts on the [Idaho Pro Bono Website \(PBOW\)](#). This secure site for attorneys is where IVLP posts pro bono opportunities. PBOW makes it easier for attorneys to volunteer, easier for IVLP to recruit attorneys and easier for clients to obtain the legal help they desperately need. PBOW allows attorneys to access all relevant case information, complete a conflicts check and request the case in a matter of minutes. Additionally, attorneys can report back to IVLP from PBOW when the matter is concluded. To date, more than 300 attorneys have logged on to PBOW at least once. The number represents a steady improvement from the beginning of 2018 but it is short of the number needed to ensure that cases are selected in a reasonable amount of time. In order to complete

the IVLP's technology transformation and achieve the goal of helping more Idahoans we need more attorneys to embrace PBOW.

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For the last year the Idaho Law Foundation has been working on updating our logo with a goal of building on our identification as an organization with a long history of serving Idaho's legal community. In November of 2017, the Law Foundation commissioned a new logo based on three criteria: 1) Clean design 2) Easy to work with in a variety of mediums; and 3) Built on a balance of both modern and classical elements. This project design was completed in collaboration with high school students who participate in the Two Birds program at The One Stone School in Boise.

These students recognized that scales are a universal symbol for the legal profession. They embody a search for justice and are tied to the Law Foundation mission to support the right of all people to live in a peaceful and just community. The scales are triangular in shape and represent the three programs housed at the Foundation: Continuing Legal Education, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, and Law Related Education.

While the logo design is only a part of the Foundation's overall brand, it can serve as a focal point. A logo is often our first impression and the way people recognize who we are. We can use this symbol to tell our story, build other parts of our brand, and share what's unique about us. We want to provide a positive perception for our constituencies – both attorneys and the public and invite others to engage with the services we offer – to participate in, volunteer for, and underwrite our programs.

That may seem like a lot of significance to give to one little drawing, but for the Law Foundation it serves as a call to action. With a fresh new design to guide our work, we are ready to move into 2019 and continue our commitment to helping the legal profession serve the public. To view our new logo, check out this [introductory video](#).

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As many of you know, participation in mock trial gives high school students a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and current legal issues, while they develop important critical thinking and presentation skills. In real courtrooms, before real judges and attorneys, teams try their cases – from opening statements, through direct and cross examination, to closing arguments – each team has its own attorneys and witnesses and must be ready to present either side of the case.

These competition presentations are where Idaho attorneys and other community volunteers can help. The Law Foundation's Law Related Education Program needs volunteers to serve on jury panels. Volunteers receive a judging handbook with case materials and other important information about the mock trial competition and then spend a Saturday or an evening as part of four person panels. Dates and times are as follows:

- \* **Eastern Idaho Regional:** Saturday, February 9 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Bannock County Courthouse
- \* **North Idaho Regional:** Saturday, February 16 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Nez Perce County Courthouse
- \* **Treasure Valley Regional:** Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 to 5:00 at the Canyon County Courthouse
- \* **Idaho State Competition:** Wednesday, March 13 OR Thursday, March 14 from 4:00 to 10:00 at the Ada County Courthouse

To volunteer, fill out the [online Idaho Mock Trial Volunteer Registration Form](#). If you have any questions, contact [Carey Shoufler](#). Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity.

