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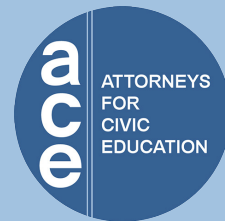
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Access to Justice raises funds to support civil legal services for poor and vulnerable Idahoans. The generous contributions from our 2021 donors make it possible for Idaho Legal Aid Services, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, and Disability Rights Idaho to provide crucial legal services to communities and individuals statewide.

Attorneys for Civic Education supports civics education programs throughout Idaho. Donations benefit Idaho High School Mock Trial, We the People, and YMCA Youth in Government. ACE sincerely thanks its 2021 donors and encourages all Idaho attorneys to join us in 2022 to help foster civics education for all Idaho students.



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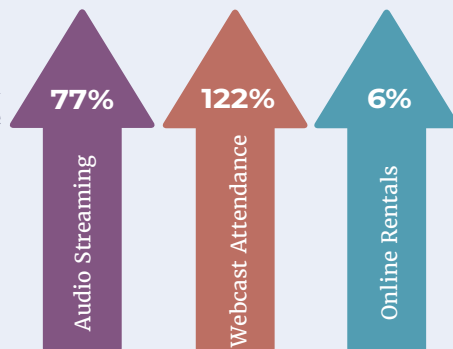
Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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- * Judging opportunities for the [Idaho Mock Trial Competition](#)

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In the last year Idaho's Continuing Legal Education Program saw a significant increase in remote learning.



Did you know that when you attend Idaho Law Foundation sponsored Continuing Legal Education you help support the work of our other Foundation programs?

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In my wildest dreams, I never imagined that so much could change in such a short period of time. When I think back just two years, it feels like we were all going about our normal lives and then suddenly everything changed. But what didn’t surprise me was how quickly the Law Foundation adapted.

The small Foundation staff did a lot of heavy lifting to overcome the challenges of 2020 and 2021. In my experience, the Foundation is a well-oiled machine that has been governed by professionals for many years. But in these past two years it’s seemed more like each staff member has done the work of five employees!

Even with the additional burdens and pressures that the pandemic brought, our staff continued to provide premium services and programs to our community and legal profession – they did not miss a beat as they improvised and overcame whatever obstacles were thrown their way.

I enjoy working with the Foundation staff because their commitment and passion for our programs is truly inspiring. I am constantly impressed by their hard work, dedication, and outstanding results. And I am honored to work side by side with a diverse group of dedicated Board members including esteemed professionals in their fields. To find myself in that kind of company is humbling.

I have enjoyed witnessing the inner workings of the Foundation and how committed everyone is to serving its mission. And that has been especially true in recent times. What I have learned through my involvement as a Board member is how important our programs are to the legal profession and communities in all parts of Idaho. As President I plan to support the continued success of the Foundation and its programs.

The Foundation gives Idaho attorneys the opportunity to serve their communities in a variety of ways that suit individual attorney’s interests, strengths, and skills. I think most people would be surprised to truly understand the wide array of work the Foundation does – from our statewide mock trial program to the volunteer lawyers program. The Foundation does everything from providing legal information to our youth through the 18 in Idaho publication and website to helping adults in a legal crisis and need urgent access to the legal assistance.

The Foundation and its staff are excellent stewards of the time and money they are given. In my opinion every hour or dollar invested in our programs has a great rate of return for our communities and our profession. I encourage all Idaho attorneys to do what you can to keep the foundation moving and growing.

I know it is sometimes easier to give money than time, but I would urge attorneys to do both. Get educated on the programs and find a spot where you can donate and

volunteer. The personal return on your commitment is really priceless.

This pandemic has brought drastic challenges and losses to us all in different and radical ways, both professionally and personally. My wish is that in this coming year, we see the impact of the pandemic wane as we settle into and accept the lasting and likely permanent changes.

My wish for 2022 is that we will once again be able to gather safely and in person with our loved ones, our colleagues, and our friends and share unveiled smiles, lots of hugs, and a new appreciation and respect for our time together. And when someone asks us at the end of 2022 what words or phrases we will use to describe this year it is my hope that the list includes words like restored, hopeful, normal, and strong.

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Pro Bono Celebration at The Stil in Boise

The American Bar Association started Pro Bono Celebration week in 2009 as a way to connect pro bono providers and attorneys across the nation and to showcase the incredible difference that pro bono lawyers make to our nation, to our system of justice, to our communities, and most of all, to the clients they serve. Due to the pandemic, IVLP had to

cancel the 2020 Pro Bono Celebration event, so staff was enthusiastic to regroup for the 2021 event.

Jenni Jordan, IVLP Project Manager said of the event: “We wanted to hold a celebration that was family friendly and informal and would allow an opportunity for the people closest to the attorneys in attendance to see them making pro bono service a priority.” That helped the staff decide to hold the event at a local ice-cream shop and include an opportunity to participate in interactive music with the Boise Music Lessons group.

As part of the celebration, IVLP honored the 2021 winners of the 6.1 Challenge. The challenge is named after Idaho Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1 and is meant to encourage and formally recognize pro bono and public service activities from members of the Fourth District Bar through office or “team” participation. A team can consist of a solo practitioner, a firm, or a government or corporate law group.

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The 2021 6.1 Challenge winners are as follows:

Solo Practitioner: Robert L. Aldridge of Robert L. Aldridge, Chartered

Robert completed over 100 hours of pro bono or reduced fee legal services to people of limited means or organizations serving them, as well as participated in over 220 hours of activities to improve the law, our legal system and the profession. Activities included working with the AG's office to create an online form for charities and advising several churches regarding a variety of legal matters.

Large Firm: Perkins Coie

As a firm, Perkins Coie completed over 1600 hours of pro bono service and had 19 attorneys participate. Attorneys volunteered in several organizations/programs including the CASA program, Idaho Military Legal Alliance clinics, the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, churches, and other nonprofit organizations.



Robert Aldridge and Robert Maynard (Perkins Coie), 2021 6.1 Challenge winners

Staff from the Idaho Law Foundation were happy to host the 2021 Pro Bono Celebration and look forward to hosting another event in 2022. More information about Pro Bono Celebration Week can be found on the [American Bar Association's website](#). More information about Idaho's 6.1 Challenge can be found on the [Foundation's website](#). For questions about Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program contact [IVLP Director Jennifer Schindele](#).

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Wendy believes Idaho needs different and better tools to reach 16- to 18-year-olds. "Young people need to know that when they turn 18, the legal ramifications

are different." So, she approached the Law Related Education Program and Attorneys for Civic Education with her idea to develop videos on legal topics important to teenagers, tied to LRE's *18 in Idaho* publication, a popular magazine and website that helps young people understand their legal rights and responsibilities.

ACE Chair Texie Montoya indicated that ACE is always looking for projects that align with their mission to make civic education more accessible to Idaho students. "The *18 in Idaho* curriculum is an excellent real-world application of civic education and ACE was excited to help bolster the curriculum with the addition of educational videos."

Once ACE was on board, they reached out to the University of Idaho Law School to see if they were interested in adopting the video project as a pro bono project for their law students. Kristi Denney, the law school's Pro Bono Director, was excited to join the project. "I am always looking to connect our students to opportunities that benefit our communities, including providing education about legal rights and responsibilities in a way that enhances public trust in our legal system."

Kristi was certain the project would be beneficial to participating law students. She worked with ACE to pair law students with supervising legal practitioners to develop content, allowing students to gain substantive legal knowledge and giving them the opportunity to work closely with practicing attorneys and judges. "Building these relationships and learning from experienced lawyers is one of the great benefits of our pro bono program. I am grateful that our students have the opportunity to partner with the Idaho Law Foundation and Attorneys for Civic Education to create content that will be valuable to so many Idaho citizens."

Attorneys are regularly called upon to distill complex information into its simplest terms for clients and juries. The areas of law covered in *18 in Idaho* are relevant to daily interactions like buying a car, signing a lease, or encountering the criminal justice system. Kristi said that "law students gain an in-depth understanding of these relevant legal topics in a way that will stick with them and provide them with the ability to better explain them to others. One of the best ways to learn difficult content is to find ways to teach the material to someone else."

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Participating students and attorneys reported to have both learned a lot from the *18 in Idaho* video project and enjoyed the experience. Law student Brian Mendoza remarked that he wished he'd had materials like this when he was 18. "I had knowledge of the benefits you get when you turn 18 years old, but never understood any legal consequences. So, I decided to get involved in this project to help educate individuals who might be in a similar position."

Another participating student, Brittany Mertz, had taught *18 in Idaho* at Life's Kitchen in Boise. She enjoyed the opportunity to provide the content to students, many of whom were learning the information for the first time. So when she was given the chance to be a part of a video project she was very excited to be part of the team. "I am grateful to have worked on this project with so many wonderful people in the Idaho legal community."

One of the mentors for this project was Hon. Jessica Lorello. She said that working with the law students was a wonderful experience. "Between the students' creativity and the content from the *18 in Idaho* publication, some terrific videos were produced that will hopefully be an asset to classrooms and young people throughout the state."

All the partners involved with this project were pleased with the outcome. Wendy Olson put it best when she said, "The teamwork of the Law Foundation, the University of Idaho Law School and Attorneys for Civic Education has been so inspirational. Taking the existing content from *18 in Idaho* and making it even more accessible to as many students as possible is definitely a satisfying outcome."

The new *18 in Idaho* videos will be available at 18inidaho.org later in the spring. For questions about the videos or the *18 in Idaho* publication, contact Law Related Education Director [Carey Shoufler](#).