



## United States Courts for the District of Idaho

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# **Nicole Hancock Appointed as New Lawyer Representative by Federal Court**

BOISE – The United States District and Bankruptcy Courts, District of Idaho are pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Hancock as the newest Lawyer Representative. She was selected from among a pool of highly qualified applicants from the 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District and will serve a three-year term, replacing outgoing Lawyer Representative J. Walter Sinclair. Ms. Hancock joins current Lawyer Representatives Howard D. Burnett (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Districts) and Lori Nakaoka (3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts).

Nicole Hancock is a partner and a trial attorney for Stoel Rives LLP in their Boise office. Ms. Hancock chairs the firm's Food and Agribusiness Initiative. She represents corporate clients in a variety of legal issues that include contractual disputes, trade secret defense and enforcement, intellectual property enforcement and litigation, licensing disputes, and other corporate matters.

Ms. Hancock graduated from Western Oregon University and obtained her law degree from the Willamette University College of Law in 2002 (*magna cum laude*). She was named one of Idaho's Leaders in the Law by *Idaho Business Review* in 2014, America's Leading Lawyers for Business by *Chambers USA* in 2011-2015, *Mountain States Super Lawyers* in 2011-2015, Top 50 *Mountain States Women Lawyers* in 2015, *Rising Stars* by *Mountain States Super Lawyers* in 2010, and *Idaho Business Review's* Idaho Women of the Year Award in 2008. Ms. Hancock is licensed to practice law in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, District of Idaho and the Ninth Circuit.

In 2002 Ms. Hancock began her legal career clerking for the Honorable T.G. Nelson a resident Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals judge in Boise. After her clerkship she joined Stoel Rives and has spent a great deal of time practicing in federal court.

Supporting the legal community through civic activities is very important to Ms. Hancock. She was a member of the Idaho State Bar's Fourth District Law Day Committee, served as President of the Idaho Women Lawyers from 2011 to 2014, member in the first class of the Idaho

Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) in which she currently sits on the IALL advisory board, and has been a member of the Federal Bar Association for 10 years.

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