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Foreword

Justice Roger S. Burdick

Idaho Supreme Court

Without a clearly worded, thoroughly and honestly researched theory, followed by a logical analysis of facts to the theory, practitioners and students will not be successful in advocating their client's cause. *Idaho Legal Research* can help students acquire the skills they need to research legal theory and apply the law to their client's problems; it can also help Idaho practitioners refresh and update their research skills.

This book will give you a framework with which to go forward in the preparation of zealously advocating for your client. It not only provides a general framework that can be found in a number of general research guides, but most importantly for those of us practicing in Idaho, it is specific to our needs. This tailoring of general to specific is especially helpful in the use of our constitutional history, our specific quirks of procedure and pleading, and our use of authority. This book contains material, advice, and techniques that every attorney should consult over the course of her career. *Idaho Legal Research* integrates all methods of research and details the sources of law that are important to Idaho attorneys.

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