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## **Passing of Judge Larry M. Boyle**

BOISE – Retired United States Magistrate Judge Larry M. Boyle was laid to rest on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Judge Boyle had courageously battled Parkinson’s Disease for several years, passed away on November 23, 2018, in Boise. He was 74.

Judge Boyle officially retired in January of 2017, after 31 years of distinguished service on the federal and state courts of Idaho. He was appointed a United States Magistrate Judge in 1992, reappointed in 2000, and served as a recalled magistrate judge from 2008 to 2017. He maintained chambers in Boise.

Prior to his service on the federal bench, Judge Boyle was appointed by Governor Cecil D. Andrus to serve as a justice of the Idaho Supreme Court where he served from 1989 to 1992. He also served as a district judge in the Idaho Seventh Judicial District, from 1986 to 1989. He entered public service after a successful career as a trial litigator and co-founder of the firm of Hansen, Boyle, Beard & Martin in Idaho Falls.

Judge Boyle was actively involved in judicial governance at all levels of the federal court system. He was appointed and twice reappointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Judicial Conference’s Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System, serving from 1998 to 2006. He chaired the Ninth Circuit’s Magistrate Judges Executive Board, from 1995 to 1997, and served on the circuit’s Public Information and Community Outreach Committee, from 2006 to 2009. He also served as chief magistrate judge for the District of Idaho.

In 2007 Judge Boyle traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, to conduct hearings for U.S. citizens convicted of felony-level crimes in that country. He also served on U.S. Department of Justice teams providing rule-of-law programs in Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Ukraine and Bangladesh.

Judge Boyle had been a visiting lecturer at Notre Dame University School of Law, the University of Idaho College of Law, BYU’s J. Reuben Clark School of Law, George Mason University

School of Law, and the DOJ's National Advocacy College. A prolific writer, he contributed articles to various legal journals and publications.

He also was selected to sit on a jury while a sitting judge in 1999, in a complex racketeering trial in state court that lasted ten weeks.

In 2011, the Idaho State Bar Association honored Judge Boyle with its Distinguished Lawyer Award, which recognizes exemplary conduct, professionalism, and years of dedicated service to the legal profession.

A native of Pocatello, Idaho, Judge Boyle received his undergraduate degree in 1968 from Brigham Young University and his J.D. in 1972 from the University of Idaho College of Law, where he served as an editor of the law review. After law school, he clerked for Chief Justice Henry F. McQuade and Justice Robert E. Bakes of the Idaho Supreme Court.

In addition to his many legal and administrative accomplishments, we will miss his warm smile, his sense of humor, and his leadership.

Judge Boyle is survived by his wife, Beverly; five sons; a daughter; and 24 grandchildren, whom he adored and who adored him.

The funeral was held Tuesday, November 28, followed by burial in Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise.

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