

The **2021 District of Idaho Bench/Bar Conference "Navigating Conflict in Difficult Times"** will be held virtually on **Friday, October 15, 2021**. Although we prefer to be together in person, you'll have the opportunity to earn **FREE** CLE credit\* again this year as the conference streams live via Zoom.

The conference will open with the State of the Federal Judiciary reports given by the three chief judges for the District and Circuit Judge Ryan D. Nelson of the Ninth Circuit, followed by a special presentation recognizing the impact and efforts of retired U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald E. Bush for his many years of service as chair of the District of Idaho Bench/Bar Committee.

Spend the next hour of the conference gaining tips and insight for successful virtual mediations and settlement conferences. The esteemed panelists will discuss best practices for preparing and participating in these types of video conferences for both the practitioner and the client.

The keynote session before lunch will feature an update on recent U.S. Supreme Court cases and insights as to the Court's October 2021 Term from Tom Goldstein, one of the nation's preeminent experts on the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Goldstein, who has argued before the Court 45 times, will join us for a true insider's look at the highest court in the land.

After a break for lunch (on your own) and the presentation of a few awards, we'll jump back into the substantive portion of the conference with a discussion about the shifting and sometimes changing burdens of proof in employment law cases.

The next session focuses on our interactions with each other as attorneys. From promoting civil and professional interactions to dealing with difficult situations, our panel will delve into the ethics of practicing law.

Finally, the conference wraps up with the traditional Judges' Panel conversation, focusing this year on the just, speedy and inexpensive determination of every action, using the Federal Rules as a guidepost.

Please join us for a day of informative and lively discussions -- shoes not required! Registration information and the day's agenda can be found below. The Zoom link to join the conference will be sent out October 14, 2021.

\* 5.5 hours of MCLE credit (including 1.0 hours of ethics credit) approval pending from the Idaho State Bar.