

HONORABLE JOHN T. MITCHELL received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Communication-Journalism from the University of Idaho in 1980 and graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Law with a Juris Doctorate in 1985. Judge Mitchell practiced law in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho from 1986-1996 with Thomas A. Mitchell, and from 1996-2001 as solo practitioner. He is married and the father of three children.

In 2001, Judge Mitchell was appointed as a District Judge with chambers in Coeur d'Alene. He started the Kootenai County Mental Health Drug Court in September, 2004. This was the second of its kind in the State of Idaho. The court has grown from five participants in 2004 to 50 participants, and we have graduated 118 people. He started the Juvenile Mental Health Docket in January 2012, which started with five juveniles and increased within a year to its 15 juvenile participant maximum.

Judge Mitchell has served on several boards and committees since his appointment to the bench. He received the University of Idaho Jim Lyle Service Award, the University of Idaho Alumni Association Service Award, an award from the State of Idaho Legislative Subcommittee on Mental Health (Idaho State Planning Council on Mental Health) for excellence in public mental health issues in Idaho and the Idaho State Bar Pro Bono Award. Judge Mitchell joined the Idaho Judicial Council in February of 2018.