

RUDOLPH E. “RICK” CARNAROLI, District Judge for the Sixth Judicial District, was appointed to the District Bench in January of 2018 by Governor C. L. “Butch” Otter.

Judge Carnaroli was raised in Waterford, Connecticut and received his B.A. in Economics, English and Philosophy from Pacific University in 1980, and his J.D. from Willamette University in 1985. He was admitted to the Idaho State Bar and the Idaho Federal Bar in 1985, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1993 and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1999. He began his practice in 1985 with the law firm of Green, Service, Gasser & Kerl and moved to take a position with the City of Pocatello as its Chief Civil Deputy and Risk Manager in 1994. He was appointed a Magistrate Judge in the Sixth Judicial District in 2004 and served in that position until appointed as a District Judge.

He recently completed a three-year term as the Administrative District Judge for the Sixth Judicial District. He has presided over the Sixth District Veterans Treatment Court since its inception in April 2012. He is the Co-chairperson for Idaho’s Tribal Court State Court Forum and serves as the Idaho judiciary’s representative on the Idaho Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Committee. Judge Carnaroli has served on the Idaho Pro Bono Commission from 2008 to the present; has served as a Statewide Mentor Judge since the inception of the program; served as an Officer of the Idaho Magistrate Judges Assn. from 2013 until his appointment to the District Bench; and on the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners from 2003 until 2006.

Judge Carnaroli and his wife Drema have four adult children, two grandchildren Jackson and Levi and reside with their six dogs and two cats in the mountains east of Pocatello. Judge Carnaroli joined the Idaho Judicial Council as a member in January 2026.