

Governor Brad Little News Release

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Gov. Little announces appointment to Idaho Court of Appeals

Governor Little appointed **Judge Michael Tribe** to the vacant seat on the **Idaho Court of Appeals** created by Amanda Brailsford's appointment to the U.S. District Court.

In 2017, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed Tribe as District Judge for the Fifth Judicial District with his chambers in Burley. As a District Judge, he handled criminal felony matters and high-value civil matters. He also presided over the Mini-Cassia and Jerome Felony Drug Courts. From 2005 to 2017, he was a partner in a private firm in Rupert practicing criminal law, water law, and civil litigation. He also served as a contract prosecuting attorney and was legal counsel for the cities of Rupert and Heyburn as well as the Minidoka and Cassia County school districts. Judge Tribe graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law in 2003. After graduation, he was the law clerk for the Honorable Barry Wood in the Fifth Judicial District.

"I am humbled by Governor Little's appointment to serve on the Idaho Court of Appeals. His confidence in appointing me is deeply appreciated. This opportunity to serve the people of the State of Idaho with the current members of the Court of Appeals is the highlight of my professional life. Though sad to leave my amazing staff and colleagues in Cassia County and the Fifth Judicial District, I look forward to this new opportunity. I am grateful for the support of my wife, Amber, in all aspects of my career and with whom without I would be so much less. Going forward, I am committed to upholding the rule of law in a manner and with the demeanor that has come to define the Idaho Judiciary," **Judge Tribe** said.