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### DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NAMED TO IDAHO COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter announced the appointment today of Deputy Attorney General Jessica Marie Lorello of Meridian to the Idaho Court of Appeals vacancy created by the June 30 retirement of Judge John Melanson.

Lorello will serve out the balance of Melanson’s term, which expires in January 2019. She then must choose whether to seek election to remain on the bench.

“I am honored that Governor Otter has appointed me to the Idaho Court of Appeals. It has been my pleasure to serve the State of Idaho for the past 13 years, and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of this State in this new role,” Lorello said. “I commit to do all I can to advance the rule of law and to maintain and enhance confidence in the judiciary.”

The Boise native has worked in the Criminal Law Division of the Attorney General’s Office since 2004. She has a bachelor’s degree in management from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and both a master’s degree in healthcare administration and a law degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

“Jessica’s extensive experience in criminal appellate cases was a strong factor in choosing her and will be a great help to the Court of Appeals, which has a heavy caseload of criminal appeals,” Governor Otter said.

“The breadth of her work in the Attorney General’s Office has prepared her well for this new responsibility.”

Lorello was among four candidates nominated to Governor Otter by the Idaho Judicial Council to serve out the final year of Judge Melanson’s term. The veteran jurist was presiding judge in the Snake River Basin

Adjudication, a 5th District judge in Minidoka County and a magistrate in Lincoln County before Governor Otter appointed him to the four-member Court of Appeals in 2009.

In addition to her work as a deputy attorney general, Lorello is an adjunct professor at Concordia University School of Law in Boise.