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Gov. Little announces new appointments

Boise, ID – Governor Brad Little announced today his appointments of **Theodore J. Fleming** and **Gene A. Petty** to serve on the Idaho Court of Appeals

Idaho Court of Appeals

Theodore J. Fleming

Fleming has served as a District Judge for Idaho's Fourth Judicial District since his appointment to the district bench in September 2022. He previously served as a magistrate judge in Elmore County from 2016 to 2022. Fleming has also presided over the Elmore County Drug and DUI Court and the Ada County Drug Court. Prior to his judicial service, he was a partner at Fleming Law Offices, PLLC in Emmett and was a deputy prosecuting attorney in the Canyon County Prosecutor's Office from 2006 to 2013. He holds two bachelor's degrees from the College of Idaho, a J.D. from Oklahoma City University School of Law, and a Master's in Public Administration from Boise State University.

"I am deeply humbled and honored by Governor Little's confidence in selecting me to serve on the Idaho Court of Appeals," Fleming said. "I have strived over the last 21 years of my legal career, all but three of which I have dedicated to public service, to serve the people of the State of Idaho and my community with honor, integrity, and a firm commitment to the rule of law."

Fleming will fill the vacancy on the Court of Appeals created by the retirement of the Honorable Judge David Gratton.

Gene A. Petty

Petty has served as a District Judge in Idaho's Third Judicial District since his appointment in 2017 and was re-elected in 2018 and 2022. He serves as presiding judge for the Canyon County Mental Health Court and as a member of the Idaho Behavioral Health Council, and he has also chaired both the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers and the Idaho State Bar's Professionalism and Ethics Section. Prior to the bench, he practiced civil litigation in the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for more than 13 years and served as an adjunct professor at Concordia University School of Law. Petty earned his bachelor's degree from California State University, San Marcos and his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

"I am honored by this appointment and grateful for the opportunity to serve our state as Judge of the Idaho Court of Appeals. I appreciate Governor Little entrusting me with this important responsibility." Petty said. "Serving the people of southwest Idaho as a district judge in the Third Judicial District for the past nine years has been an immense privilege, and I am thankful for the support of my fellow judges and our dedicated court staff. As a

member of the Idaho Court of Appeals, I will remain devoted to upholding the rule of law, ensuring justice, and discharging my duties with humility and integrity.”

Petty will fill the vacancy on the Court of Appeals created by the retirement of the Honorable Judge Molly Huskey.

Idaho Code § 1-2101 et seq. governs the process for filling judicial vacancies in the Idaho Supreme Court, Idaho Court of Appeals, and District Courts. Under Idaho law, the Idaho Judicial Council submits a list of at least three qualified candidates to the Governor for appointment.