

G. RICHARD BEVAN

G. Richard Bevan was appointed as the 56th Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter on September 1, 2017. He was born and raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1977. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from BYU, graduating in 1987 from BYU’s J. Reuben Clark Law School and was admitted to the Idaho State Bar that same year.

Justice Bevan practiced law in Twin Falls for over sixteen years, serving as the Twin Falls County Prosecutor from 1993 to 1997. While a practicing attorney, he was elected President of the Fifth District Bar Association and served on a number of statewide law-related committees. He is also a past president and board member of the Magic Valley YMCA and the CARES advisory board.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne appointed Justice Bevan as a district judge in November 2003, where he served for fourteen years. As a judge, he presided over both the Fifth Judicial District Mental Health Court and the Veteran’s Treatment Court. He also served for eight years as the Administrative District Judge.

Justice Bevan has now been elected by his fellow justices to serve as the 43rd Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court – beginning his service on January 1, 2021. He is presently the chair of the Idaho Supreme Court’s Appellate Rules Advisory Committee and the Administrative Conference.

Chief Justice Bevan is a 2014 graduate of the National Center for State Courts Toll Fellowship Program. In 2019 he was awarded the *Leaders in Law Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Idaho Business Review.

Chief Justice Bevan now makes his home in Meridian with his wife, Pam. They are the proud parents of five children and eleven grandchildren. In addition to his work on the bench, he enjoys the arts, is active in his church and appreciates the beauty that Idaho offers by getting outdoors as often as possible. In 2019 he performed in Carnegie Hall with his children and grandchildren as part of the Treasure Valley Millennial Choir and Orchestra.