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Court of Appeals Judge Announces Retirement

Boise, ID – Judge Karen Lansing of the Idaho Court of Appeals announced Wednesday she will be retiring after 22 years on the bench.

Judge Lansing is an Idaho native who was born and raised near Orofino. She earned a political science degree from the University of Idaho and went on to graduate from the University of Washington's school of law in 1978. Judge Lansing started her law career working as an assistant city attorney for the City of Boise. In 1979, she joined the Boise-based law firm of Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley. She became a partner with the firm six years later.

In 1993, Governor Cecil Andrus appointed Judge Lansing to Idaho's Court of Appeals. Since her appointment, Judge Lansing has sat on approximately 9,000 cases and authored more than 2,600 appellate decisions. She served three terms as the Chief Judge of the Court. While on the bench, Judge Lansing has chaired the Idaho Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Idaho Rules of Evidence, co-chaired the Judicial Recruitment Committee and served on the Appellate Rules Committee and the Fairness and Equality Committee.

"The opportunity to serve Idahoans as a Court of Appeals judge has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Judge Lansing. "It has been a privilege and joy to serve with colleagues, past and present, who have brought such skill and dedication to their work serving this state. I look forward to continuing to contribute to the judiciary on a part-time basis as a senior judge."

Judge Lansing's last day with the Court of Appeals will be June 30.

Applications for Judge Lansing's position will be accepted by the Idaho Judicial Council. Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter will name a replacement later on this year.

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