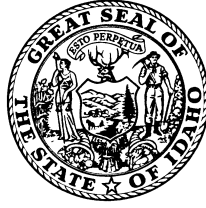


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# Press Release

## ***NEW BONNEVILLE COUNTY MAGISTRATE JUDGE ANNOUNCED***

The Seventh Judicial District Magistrates Commission has selected Steven Alan Gardner as the new Bonneville County Magistrate Judge. Mr. Gardner will fill the vacancy left by the Honorable Linda J. Cook. Judge Cook has served the people of the State of Idaho, the Seventh Judicial District, and Bonneville County as a Magistrate Judge for 35 years.

The Magistrates Commission Chair, Administrative District Judge Jon Shindurling, announced the appointment. Judge Shindurling indicated that there were four highly qualified applicants interviewed and that both he and the Magistrates Commission were confident that the people of Bonneville County would be well served by the appointee, Steve Gardner.

Mr. Gardner, a native of Nampa, Idaho, received his B.A. from Brigham Young University in 1977, and completed his law degree at Gonzaga University School of Law in 1980. He played varsity football for BYU as an undergraduate. Mr. Gardner was then admitted to the Idaho State Bar and has maintained a civil practice of law in Idaho Falls since 1980. He has been actively involved in civic and religious affairs and has served on the City of Idaho Falls Civil Service Commission since 1997, as a Special Deputy Attorney General for the State of Idaho since 1993, and also served as President of the Seventh District Bar Association in 1993.

Upon appointment, magistrate judges serve an 18-month probation, after which they stand for retention election in the county in which they are seated and, if retained, serve a term of four years.