

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN RE: APPOINTMENT AND DESIGNATION	)	Administrative Order
OF TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO	)	
HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR	)	2026-05
COURTROOM SECURITY	)	

Pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 43, the District's Trial Court Administrator is appointed to carry out the Supreme Court's constitutional responsibility to administer and supervise the state court system and to carry out those administrative duties of the District Court as delegated by the Administrative Judge, as established by statute, or by the inherent power of the Court; and

Additionally, pursuant to Idaho Code §1-907, the Administrative Judge, subject to the rules of the Supreme Court has the administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrate judges in the judicial districts. Specifically, §1-907(k) authorizes the Administrative Judge to assign duties to court personnel for the purpose of maintaining the security and efficiency of court facilities in the district; and

Further, the 1996 Court Facility Security Action Plan, approved and adopted by the Idaho Supreme Court by Order of Chief Justice McDevitt on April 30, 1996, required under Standard 1, dealing with Local Court Facility Safety, that the Trial Court Administrator shall be a member of each security committee throughout the judicial district; and

In adopting the 1996 Court Facility Security Action Plan, the Supreme Court determined that a security audit instrument be developed and that the Trial Court Administrator offer unique insight by his or her familiarity, with other courthouses and observe security risks that may not be obvious to other security team members who reside in the facility; and

By custom and practice in the Judicial District, and verbal order of the Administrative District Judge, the Trial Court Administrator has been tasked with courtroom security as a primary responsibility.

Now therefore, under the supervision and direction of the Administrative Director of the Courts and the Administrative District Judge:

- The Trial Court Administrator is to have primary responsibility for the security of courtrooms for each of the courtrooms in this judicial district.
- The Trial Court Administrator is to routinely perform a security audit on each such courtroom and make recommendations for improvement.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated this 3rd day of August 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thomas W. Whitney", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas W. Whitney
Administrative District Judge
Third Judicial District

cc: 3rd Judicial District Elected County Clerks
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