

# C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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### **ADA COUNTY DEPUTY PROSECUTOR NAMED TO FILL THIRD DISTRICT COURT VACANCY**

(BOISE) - Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced the appointment today of **Gene Petty**, a veteran Ada County deputy prosecutor, to fill the Caldwell-based Third District Court vacancy left by the recent retirement of long-time Judge Juneal Kerrick.

Petty, an Oklahoma native, received his bachelor's degree from California State University-San Marcos and his law degree from Loyola University Chicago. He was a law clerk in the Illinois Attorney General's Office before joining the Civil Division of the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in November 2003.

He also is an adjunct professor at the Concordia University School of Law in Boise and chairman of the Steering Committee for the Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers.

"Governor Otter has appointed many excellent judges throughout our state, and I am honored to be selected by him to serve as a district judge in the Third Judicial District. I also want to thank the Idaho Judicial Council for submitting my name to Governor Otter," said Petty, who was among four candidates forwarded to the Governor by the Judicial Council. "I believe that judges help people through some of the most difficult and trying times in their lives, and I look forward to serving the people of the Third Judicial District."

"The people who work most closely with Gene have the most praise for his professionalism, fairness, decision making and disposition. That speaks well for his capacity to successfully tackle the diverse legal issues he will face as a district judge," Governor Otter said. "Local leaders supporting his candidacy also cited Gene's integrity, empathy, impartiality and humility as qualities that will serve him well on the Canyon County bench, and I agree."

Petty and his wife Mollie have two daughters.