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Idaho Court of Appeals Congratulates Judge Brailsford; Departure Leaves Opening on Court

The Idaho Court of Appeals lauded one of its own last week as Judge Amanda Brailsford formally became Idaho's newest U.S. district judge.

"The judges of the Idaho Court of Appeals congratulate our colleague, Judge Amanda Brailsford, on her appointment to the federal bench," said Judge Dave Gratton, the longest-serving of the current judges on that court. "We will miss her wisdom, her collegiality and her presence. We know she will continue to serve our state and nation in the same exemplary manner. Congratulations, Amanda!"

Judge Brailsford's departure leaves a vacancy on the Court of Appeals. Under state law, Gov. Brad Little will appoint a judge to replace Judge Brailsford from a list of applicants provided by the Idaho Judicial Council.

The new judge will serve the rest of Judge Brailsford's term, which ends in January 2027. A nonpartisan election for the next six-year term will be held in May 2026.

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