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Over two dozen lawyers in Blaine County, Idaho have offered to provide free legal services during the COVID-19 emergency to those providing essential services in Blaine County and to those in Blaine County victimized by the virus. Those eligible for the legal services include doctors, nurses, hospital staff, EMTs, pharmacists, police and fire personnel, grocery store clerks and persons who have lost their job or face eviction from their home due to the virus. There is no financial criteria applicable to qualify for the program.

The attorneys have joined together to make their services available reasoning that those battling the virus or victimized by it should not also have to contend alone with legal problems. Ed Lawson, one of the attorneys involved in the program observed "It comes down to the fact we all live and work here and appreciate the skill and courage exhibited by those on the front line fighting the virus and sympathize with those victimized by it. The least we can do is watch their backs."

The Idaho State Bar is coordinating with the attorneys to screen and connect those eligible for the services with an attorney familiar with the appropriate area of law. The practice areas include wills, living wills, landlord-tenant, employment, collections, family and criminal law.

Those interested in obtaining the legal services should contact Susan R. Pierson, Director Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program by filling out the on-line application at the following web address: <https://laserfiche.isb.idaho.gov/Forms/Blaine-Co> , or by sending an email to spierson@isb.idaho.gov.

If you would like more information about this matter please call Ed Lawson at Lawson Laski Clark, PLLC telephone 208-725-0055 or email eal@lawsonlaski.com.