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Justice Gregory W. Moeller
Idaho Supreme Court
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Dear Justice Moeller:

I am writing to you because you are the head of the Media committee for the court. As I understand it, the Idaho Supreme Court either has or had a Media and Court Conflicts Resolution Panel that was also known as the Fire-Brigade. Unfortunately, I have not discovered how one refers a matter to this panel, so I am contacting you directly.

I am a retired criminal defense lawyer, licensed and inactive in Oregon and Arizona. I am an author under contract with a publisher to write a book about the Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell cases. The case numbers are CR22-20-0755, CR22-21-1623, CR22-20-0838, and CR22-21-1624. The case is assigned to your Fremont County District Court successor, Judge Stephen Boyce. I have been covering this case since the beginning, and I have recently found information that I find very troubling.

Since the cases began in March 2020, Judge Boyce has ordered what is, in my experience, an unusual number of documents sealed. The number of sealed documents led me to research the criteria for sealing documents in Idaho cases. I discovered that Judge Boyce had not followed the procedures set out in ICAR 32. He did not hold a hearing after notifying parties and interested parties and did not make written findings.

As a media member, I filed motions on July 30, 2022, to unseal the documents. I filed a motion to intervene in the case to challenge the sealed documents. Judge Boyce denied

