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## **Lewiston Lawyer Tecla Druffel Appointed as Lawyer Representative by Federal Court**

**BOISE** – The United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Idaho are pleased to announce the appointment of Tecla Elizabeth Druffel as the newest of the Court’s three lawyer representatives.

Ms. Druffel will begin serving a three-year term on January 1, 2026. She joins existing Lawyer Representatives Sam Angell of Idaho Falls and Elijah Watkins of Boise. Ms. Druffel fills the position previously held by Howard Belodoff of Boise.

As a Lawyer Representative, Ms. Druffel will work to strengthen communication and collaboration between members of the bar and the judiciary, serving as a liaison between the federal bar and the U.S. Courts and assist in planning and coordinating the annual Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Ms. Druffel maintains a solo law practice in Lewiston, Idaho, where her work focuses on representing individuals and small businesses in bankruptcy, with particular emphasis on consumer matters. She is committed to assisting those facing financial difficulty and to helping debtors work toward stability and a constructive path forward. She serves on the District of Idaho Local Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee and is an active member of the Idaho State Bar’s Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section. She is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, and she regularly contributes to bar programs and continuing legal education.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina (B.A.) and the University of Idaho College of Law (J.D.), Ms. Druffel is licensed to practice in Idaho, Washington, the Eastern District of Washington, the District of Idaho, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Druffel lives on the Palouse with her husband, a fifth-generation farmer, and their two young daughters.