

Travis Thompson is one of Idaho's leading water lawyers, representing individual farmers, ranchers, irrigation organizations and municipal providers statewide. Known for his client-first approach, Travis brings practical insight and steady guidance to resolving complex environmental and natural resource challenges with common sense and integrity.



Travis L. Thompson

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Biography

With 25 years' experience representing individual water users, canal companies, municipal providers and irrigation districts, Travis handles all aspects of water right permitting, adjudication and administration throughout the State of Idaho. Travis continues to advise clients in several general stream adjudications including the Bear, Coeur d'Alene-Spokane, Clark Fork-Pend Oreille, Palouse, and Snake River Basins.

Travis also counsels clients on general business, administrative, real property matters and related litigation, including an emphasis on nonprofit corporations. He regularly appears before Idaho's adjudication courts and the Idaho Department Water Resources and has advised on a variety of real property and water right sales. Travis has successfully represented local canal companies and irrigation districts before the Idaho Supreme Court, securing important decisions protecting senior water right interests. A native Idahoan, Travis is uniquely familiar with water rights and land issues that have touched all parts of the state from east to west, north to south.

Travis is a former chair of the Idaho State Bar Water Law Section and is a member of the Fifth District Bar Association and Theron W. Ward American Inn of Court. Travis also participates in and advises committees serving the Idaho Water Users Association and Water District 01.

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Capabilities

Water Rights, Quality & Infrastructure

Environmental & Natural Resources

Public Lands

Agriculture

Real Estate

NEPA

Environmental Litigation &
Administrative Appeals

Corporate

Licensed/Admitted

Idaho

U.S. District Court, Dist. Of Idaho

Washington

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Experience

City of Idaho Falls et al. v. Idaho Dept. of Water Res., 2025 WL 3771308 (Idaho 2025)

South Valley Ground Water Dist. v. Idaho Dept. of Water Res., 173 Idaho 762, 548 P.3d 734 (2024)

3G AG LLC v. Idaho Dept. of Water Res., 170 Idaho 251, 509 P.3d 1180 (2022)

Roberts v. Jensen, 167 Idaho 838, 477 P.3d 892 (2020)

City of Blackfoot v. Spackman, 162 Idaho 302, 396 P.3d 1184 (2017)

In re SRBA (Basin Wide Issue 17), 157 Idaho 385, 336 P.3d 792 (2014)

A&B Irr. Dist. et al. v. Spackman, 155 Idaho 640, 315 P.3d 828 (2013)

A&B Irr. Dist. v. Idaho Dept. of Water Res., 153 Idaho 500, 284 P.3d 225 (2012)

Clear Springs Foods, Inc. v. Spackman, 150 Idaho 790, 252 P.3d 71 (2011)

American Falls Res. Dist. #2 et al. v. Idaho Dept. of Water Res., 143 Idaho 862, 154 P.3d 433 (2007)

Accomplishments

Academic

Juris Doctor, cum laude, University of Idaho, 2000

B.A., University of Idaho, 1997

Associations

Professional

Idaho State Bar, Water Law Section, Environment & Natural Resources Law Section Business & Corporate Law Section

American Bar Association

Fifth District Bar Association

Theron W. Ward American Inn of Court

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Community

Idaho Water Users Association

Director, University of Idaho Foundation (2023-present)

President, Blue Lakes Country Club (2022)

President, University of Idaho Alumni Association (2016)

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