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Stephen Adams is a civil litigation attorney who focuses his practice on insurance defense and medical malpractice defense.

Prior to joining Gjording Fouser, Stephen was a staff attorney for the Honorable Lynn Norton, Fourth Judicial District Court. Stephen was also previously an attorney at a Boise-based law firm where his practice focused on insurance defense, governmental defense and education law. From 2012 to 2014, Stephen was an adjunct professor at Utah Valley University in the Legal Studies Department of the Woodbury School of Business, where he taught Bankruptcy and Collections, Wills, Trusts and Probate, Introduction to American Law, Business Law, Evidence and Torts.

Stephen is admitted to practice in Idaho and Utah.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- At-large Board Member, Appellate Practice section, Idaho State Bar (ISB)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "The Default Judgment Tool Kit," *The Advocate*, Vol. 60, No. 2 (Feb. 2017) – *The Idaho State Bar Real Property Section earned the distinction of "Best Sponsored Issue" of The Advocate in 2016-17 for this issue.*
- Author, "Listing the Canons of Construction," *The Advocate*, Vol. 59, No. 5 (May 2016)
- Co-Author, "Excerpts from the Idaho Appellate Handbook Show its Usefulness," *The Advocate*, Vol. 58, No. 8 (Aug. 2015)
- Co-Author, "Preserving Issues for Appeal: Leaving Breadcrumbs for the Way Home," *The Advocate*, Vol. 58, No. 8 (Aug. 2015)
- Author, "Following the Recipe: A Rules Reminder for Motion Practice," *The Advocate*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (Feb. 2015) - *Stephen was awarded "Article of the Year" for writing this article by The Advocate's Editorial Board*
- Author, "Dealing with Sham Affidavits in Idaho Courts," *The Advocate*, Vol. 57, No. 8 (Aug. 2014)
- Author, "An Update on Attorney Fees in Cases Involving Governmental Entities," *The Advocate*, Vol. 56, No. 8 (Aug. 2013)

- Author, "Practical and Ethical Issues when Dealing with a Pro Se Litigant," *The Advocate*, Vol. 54, No. 3/4 (March 2011)

IRRELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Stephen once baked approximately 140,000 calories of cheesecake in one week. Amusingly, though Stephen makes a mean cheesecake, he doesn't really like cheesecake all that much.
- Stephen loves to ski. However, while he has lived in Utah and California, he didn't learn to ski until he moved to Idaho and went to Bogus Basin when he was 28.
- In 12th grade, Stephen participated in a science competition where he had to build a Rube Goldberg machine designed to get a golf ball into a paper cup (which started upside down) in exactly two minutes. When Stephen started the machine, it almost literally exploded, shooting the golf ball a good 20 yards away (luckily not hitting anyone). Despite this, Stephen still got 3rd place.

EDUCATION

- Brigham Young University, B.A. in Music, 2002
- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2006