

## CANDIDATE STATEMENT

**NAME:** Clive J. Strong  
**OFFICE TITLE:** Justice – Idaho Supreme Court

## BIOGRAPHY

I am a third-generation Idahoan who has lived, learned and worked across the Gem State. My breadth of legal experience and dedication to serving all Idahoans make me uniquely qualified to serve on the Idaho Supreme Court.

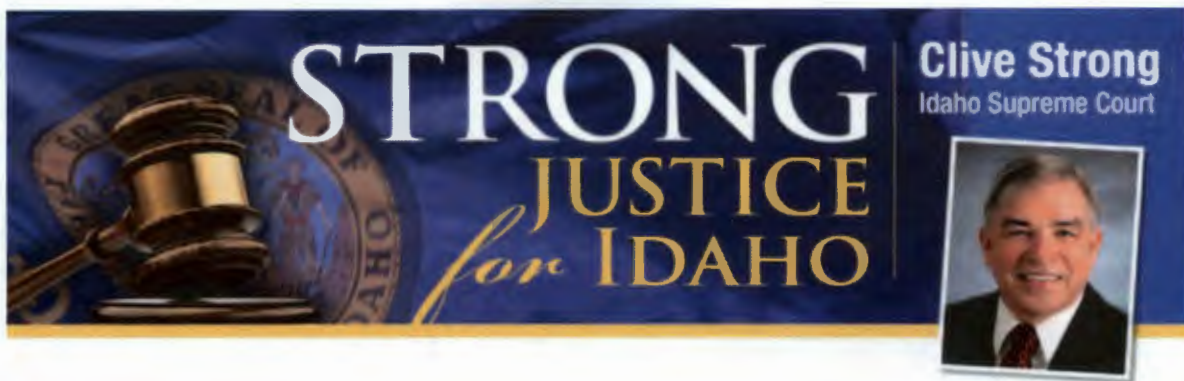
### *A Career Dedicated to Public Service*

I joined the Idaho Attorney General's Office in 1983. One year later, I was promoted to Chief of the Natural Resources Division, a position I continue to hold. On my third day, I was assigned to work on the Swan Falls water rights case, leading to the historic 1984 Swan Falls Agreement. This Agreement, in large measure, laid the foundation for my 33-year career defending Idaho's sovereignty and natural resources.

I oversee all natural resource and environmental matters for the State of Idaho. I was the State's lead attorney in the Snake River Basin Adjudication from its inception in 1987 to its completion in 2014. The SRBA was the largest judicial proceeding in Idaho history, and is nationally recognized as a model for complex litigation. I also represented Idaho in litigation over Snake River salmon and steelhead, and management of state endowment lands.

The American Bar Association recognized me as the 2014 Environment, Energy, and Resources Government Attorney of the Year. I have also received the Idaho Bar Association's Professionalism Award, the Western Attorneys General's Public Service Award, and the National Association of Attorneys General's Marvin Award for extraordinary service.

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### *A Native Idahoan and Family Man*

I was born and raised in the Magic Valley, the second of eight children. I worked for local farmers and at a wood treatment company in Tuttle to save money for college.

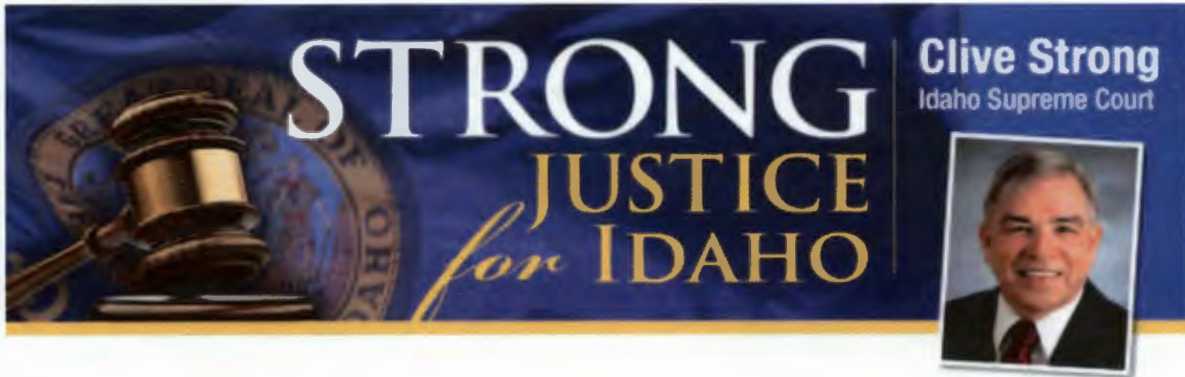
While in college at the University of Idaho, I worked for the Forest Service doing timber stand surveys and fighting fires during the summers. After graduating with a degree in forestry, I worked in Coeur d'Alene for Diamond International in lumber sales. I went back to the University of Idaho for my law degree and received a Masters of Law from the University of Michigan.

At the University of Idaho, I met my wife, Martha, on a blind date. We have been married for 41 years. We are the proud parents of three sons – James, Jason and Jeffrey. When my son was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis, I joined the Idaho Chapter of the National Arthritis Foundation, serving two terms as its President. I also spent many hours volunteering as a coach and booster for my sons' basketball and soccer teams – serving two terms as President of the Timberline High School Booster Club and as the treasurer of the White Pine Elementary PTA.

### **WHY VOTE FOR ME?**

I am running because I want to continue to serve the State of Idaho and its 1.6 million people. For the past 33 years, I have worked with Idahoans from all walks of life to provide them with sound advice, to assist them in matters large and small, and to resolve their disputes. I have found this work gratifying and see the opportunity to serve on the Court as a way to continue helping people solve everyday problems. As a justice, I will be accountable only to the people of Idaho and not to special interests.





### *Experience You Can Trust*

I have practiced law in every region of the state. I understand and appreciate the economic, cultural and geographic differences that exist in Idaho. I understand the issues that both unite and divide Idaho's citizens, and I have negotiated settlements that brought divided Idahoans together.

I have litigated federal and state constitutional law issues, arguing two cases before the United States Supreme Court and numerous cases before the Idaho Supreme Court. I have also dealt with a broad range of legal issues including administrative, bankruptcy, bonding, contracts, environmental, personnel, real estate, trust and water law.

I value my well-established reputation for fairness, impartiality and adherence to the rule of law. I have been endorsed by more than 200 Idahoans, including Governors Dirk Kempthorne and Cecil Andrus, Speakers Scott Bedke and Bruce Newcomb, legislators statewide, local elected officials, leading Idaho attorneys, business leaders, farmers, ranchers, and other community leaders. A full list of endorsements is available on my website [www.strongjusticeforidaho.com](http://www.strongjusticeforidaho.com).

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