



Bryan Nickels was appointed by Governor Brad Little to be the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer for the newly-created Office of Administrative Hearings on September 6, 2022.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Nickels was a partner and founding member of Scanlan, Griffiths, Aldridge + Nickels, a civil trial and litigation law firm in Boise, and has more than 20 years of experience in administrative, civil, and criminal law. Mr. Nickels was also a registered civil mediator and civil litigation evaluator prior to joining OAH. His areas of practice included civil litigation, administrative law, criminal defense, medical indigency, and appellate litigation. He is a member of the Richard C. Fields American Inn of Court No. 130, and a member of the Idaho Mediation Association and Idaho State Bar Association. Mr. Nickels received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Idaho before receiving his Juris Doctorate at Boston College Law School. Mr. Nickels has also previously served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Idaho, teaching civil litigation, as well as Boise State University, teaching business law.

Mr. Nickels currently serves on the Selective Service System District Appeal Board for the State of Idaho and also serves on the governing councils for the Appellate Practice Section and the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar. Mr. Nickels has also previously served on the 4th District Magistrates Commission, as well as the Ada County Historic Preservation Council. Mr. Nickels is admitted to all state courts in Idaho, the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho, the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.