



Susan E. Buxton is the Administrator of the Idaho Division of Human Resources (DHR). She was appointed to this position in February 2016, by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter. Prior to joining DHR, Susan served as Corporate President, Shareholder and founding member of the law firm of Moore Smith Buxton & Turcke, Chartered.

Ms. Buxton served as a law clerk to the Honorable James A. Redden, Chief Judge of the United States District Court, District of Oregon from, and to the Honorable Roger Swanstrom, Idaho Court of Appeals from 1989-1990. She received her law degree from the University of Idaho and was the Symposium Editor of the Idaho Law Review. She received her Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy from Whitman College.

She has 29 years of legal experience emphasizing the areas of local government, employment, natural resources, environment, water, municipal bonds, eminent domain, administrative law and litigation. Ms. Buxton has represented clients before the federal district courts of Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada and Washington, Interior Board of Land Appeals, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Court of Claims, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the state courts of Idaho, Oregon and the Territory of Guam, and several federal and state administrative and employment law tribunals.

Ms. Buxton is a certified advanced mediator and has been registered with both the Idaho Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court of Idaho. She served as a member of the Board for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation from 2012 until her appointment as the Administrator of the Idaho Division of Human Resources.

She is a member of the following bar associations: State Courts of Idaho and Oregon, U.S. Federal District Courts for Idaho and Oregon, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Federal Court of Claims.