



# University of Idaho

## College of Law

### **College of Law Learning Outcomes**

The College of Law faculty has adopted the following five learning outcomes, with associated competencies, for the College's program of legal education:

By the start of their legal careers, all graduates of the University of Idaho College of Law will achieve the following learning outcomes:

#### **L1: LEARNING OUTCOME 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF LAW AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS**

Graduates will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of substantive and procedural law and legal institutions. Graduates will be able to:

- a. Demonstrate competence in the substance of foundational common law subjects.
- b. Demonstrate competence in the substance of U.S. Constitutional Law and related federal statutes.
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of tribal sovereignty and tribal court jurisdiction.
- d. Demonstrate foundational competence in the substantive law of the student's chosen area of study, including the relevance of Native American Law, if applicable.
- e. Demonstrate the capacity to engage in sophisticated statutory reading, application, and interpretation.
- f. Demonstrate an understanding of appropriate jurisdiction and choice of applicable law (i.e., state, federal, tribal, etc.).
- g. Demonstrate an understanding of the trajectory of a legal dispute or lawsuit from start to finish.

#### **L2: LEARNING OUTCOME 2 – LEGAL ANALYSIS AND REASONING**

Graduates will demonstrate the capacity to engage in sophisticated legal reasoning and analysis. Graduates will be able to:

- a. Identify the legal rules and principles applicable to a given context
- b. Identify legally relevant facts, both known and unknown, in a given legal context
- c. Identify nature and consequence of ambiguities in the facts in a given context
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- g. Construct and support an argument grounded in appropriate legal authority and policy considerations, while recognizing and addressing weaknesses thereof.
- h. Understand role of legal research in identifying applicable law and developing analysis and argumentation relevant for a particular dispute.

### **L3: LEARNING OUTCOME 3 – ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

Graduates will be proficient at communicating complex legal arguments, reasoning, and analysis, both in writing and in oral communication. Graduates will be able to:

- a. Produce written work that is logically organized, clear and concise, free of grammatical, syntactical, and other formal errors, and reflects an understanding of its audience and purpose.
- b. Orally communicate legal arguments effectively and nimbly.

### **L4: LEARNING OUTCOME 4 – PROBLEM SOLVING**

Graduates will recognize that multiple different potential resolutions to a dispute exist, including avoiding disputes before they begin. Graduates will be able to:

- a. Identify problems and classify them (i.e., legal, business, family, interpersonal, etc.).
- b. Identify possible means of resolving each identified problem, including legal and non-legal means.
- c. Assess the probability that each identified means will resolve the identified problem and quantify the anticipated costs, risks, and benefits associated with each identified means.
- d. Drawing therefrom, make a reasoned recommendation about the best course of action to attempt to resolve the identified problem.

## **L5: LEARNING OUTCOME 5 – PROFESSIONALISM, ETHICS, AND VALUES**

Graduates will understand their professional and ethical obligations to their clients, the courts and the bar, and the public. Graduates will be able to:

- a. Demonstrate competence in the Rules of Professional Responsibility.

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