



A LAW SCHOOL FOR A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND IMPACT.

Big enough
to matter.

Small enough
to care.

The University of Idaho College of Law
prepares students to lead, serve and
succeed through rigorous academics,
practical training and a commitment to
public impact.





YOUR JOURNEY STARTS **HERE**

Purpose. Practice. Impact.

The law is more than a profession. It is a tool for solving problems, serving communities, protecting rights and creating opportunity. At University of Idaho College of Law's J.D. program locations in Moscow and Boise, you'll develop the knowledge, skills and experiences to make a meaningful impact while building a legal career that reflects your values and ambitions.

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WE ARE IDAHO LAW

Preparing lawyers to lead, serve and succeed

Welcome to the University of Idaho College of Law! Our Law School is a place of purpose and impact from your first days of orientation. As a University of Idaho Law student, you will be welcomed to campus with a professionalism exercise that immediately connects you with judges, attorneys and legal leaders throughout Idaho. That experience will then be built upon through your substantive law classes, which in turn will lead to dynamic experiential learning opportunities. At Idaho Law, you may help a client stay in their house, minimize their tax liability with the IRS, assist on Native American legal issues, extern with an Idaho Legislator, the U.S. Attorney's office, a private law firm, or within one of Idaho's many corporate legal departments. Coming to Idaho Law will result in you making a legal impact before you graduate and throughout your legal career! We are Idaho Law!

One of the amazing opportunities offered by Idaho Law is that we are one College of Law with two locations. Our origin story begins in 1909 in Moscow, Idaho on the campus of the University of Idaho. Moscow provides a vibrant university campus setting, on-campus housing, and the ease of a self-contained law school experience. If you want to be in the hustle and bustle of Idaho's fast growing Capital City, then our Boise



location may be the right fit. Both locations offer you a strong sense of place and a foundation to successfully complete law school, pass the bar exam, and have a career of purpose and impact. We are Idaho Law!

Idaho Law also offers you world-class faculty and experiential learning opportunities. You will have the opportunity to learn from and work alongside some of the preeminent scholars in their field. This will offer you the opportunity to test your limits through academic rigor and approach your career with the confidence of having successfully passed through the crucible of law school. Law school may seem daunting, but here at Idaho Law, you will be surrounded by faculty, staff, fellow students and a legal community designed to help you succeed. We are Idaho Law!

Within these pages you will learn more about our programs as well as the legal journeys that our law students and graduates have undertaken. At Idaho law, we provide you with the substantive legal knowledge and experience to lead a life and career of purpose and impact in whatever direction your career takes you. We are Idaho Law!

I am excited to welcome you to Idaho Law and enthusiastically invite you to come see us. We are here to help you navigate your law school experience and look forward to seeing you soon!

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Brian P. Kane | Dean of the College of Law
B.A. Political Science and History |
University of Idaho '97 | J.D. Lewis & Clark
Law School '00



THE PEOPLE WHO CHOSE IDAHO LAW

Alexa Benitez, J.D. '29

Watching an immigration attorney help her grandfather become a U.S. citizen inspired Alexa Benitez to become a lawyer herself — a dream she first announced at age 5. A 4.0 graduate and recipient of the University of Idaho's prestigious Lindley Award as the top graduating senior in her college, Alexa chose Idaho Law to turn that lifelong purpose into a career serving others.

Scan to discover Alexa's story — and the journey that brought her to Idaho Law.



WHY SHOULD YOUR JOURNEY LEAD YOU HERE?

A message from Idaho Supreme Court Justice Colleen Zahn

When I walked into the University of Idaho College of Law as a first-generation student, I didn't know exactly what to expect. I knew I wanted to be a lawyer. I knew I was excited — and more than a little nervous. What I didn't know was how quickly the College of Law would become a place where I felt supported, challenged, and genuinely at home.

If you're considering law school, you're probably feeling some combination of excitement and uncertainty about where you should go to school. That's normal. Choosing a law school is a big decision. But I can tell you from experience: the College of Law is a place where you can obtain the education you need to be successful in this profession and begin building the network that will help you grow into the lawyer you want to become.

Something I appreciate about the College of Law is its commitment to affordability. Law school is an investment, and it's important to choose a program that makes financial sense. The College of Law is an affordable option that does not compromise the quality of education. The professors and staff are excellent and they take the time to get to know you. You, in turn, have every opportunity to engage with them one-on-one. They challenge you, support you, and help you develop the knowledge base, confidence and skill that you will rely on throughout your career.



They also make sure you have the tools you need to succeed, whether you're navigating your first-year classes or preparing for the bar exam. They foster a nurturing environment for you and your fellow students. The friends and networks I built at the College of Law became collaborators, colleagues, and part of my professional network after graduation. Idaho is a small legal community and finding your place in that community can begin at the College of Law.

Speaking of Idaho's legal community, College of Law alumni are incredibly dedicated to helping the next generation of Idaho lawyers. Whether you're looking for career advice, mentorship, or opportunities to gain experience, you'll find graduates who are ready to help.

The University of Idaho College of Law opened doors for me that I didn't even know existed at the time. It helped shape my path to becoming a Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, and it connected me with people who continue to influence my life and career.

If you're looking for a law school that provides a quality legal education while also being supportive, affordable, and deeply connected to a statewide network of professionals who want you to succeed, I hope you'll give the College of Law serious consideration.

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Colleen Zahn | Idaho Supreme Court Justice | B.S. Communications/Public Relations | University of Idaho '95 | J.D. University of Idaho '00



THE PEOPLE WHO CHOSE IDAHO LAW

Isabella Sindelar, J.D. '26

Why spend seven years earning two degrees when you can do it in six? Isabella Sindelar knew she wanted to become a lawyer — and U of I's unique 3+3 program gave her a fast track to get there. By applying her first-year law credits toward her bachelor's degree, Isabella completed both her undergraduate degree and J.D. in just six years, saving time and tuition while gaining a head start on her legal career.

Scan to discover Isabella's story — and see how the 3+3 program could fast-track your path to law.



PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

The people who chose Idaho Law

Service never stops. For Payton Schooler-Polillo, serving others has never been just a chapter in her life, it has always been the direction of it. After serving five years in the U.S. Air Force, she came to the University of Idaho College of Law determined to continue making a difference. What she found was more than a legal education. She found a community that challenged her, supported her and gave her the opportunity to transform her commitment to service into meaningful action.

As president of the Idaho Veteran Law Association, Payton helped grow the organization from a handful of volunteers into a statewide network serving hundreds of veterans through free legal clinics. Alongside classmates, faculty and pro bono attorneys, she discovered that Idaho Law doesn't ask students to wait until graduation to make an impact. Here, they begin serving clients, strengthening communities and finding their purpose from day one.

For Payton, the law became more than a career. It became another way to continue serving those who have served our country.



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Idaho Law gave me the opportunity to turn my passion for serving veterans into a purpose that will shape my career for years to come.

Payton Schooler-Polillo, J.D. '25
Former president, Idaho Veteran Law Association | U.S. Air Force veteran





Payton Schooler-Pollilo, J.D. '25, (right) salutes during University of Idaho Commencement, Dec. 2025.



U.S. Army veteran Idaho Law Dean Brian Kane (center) congratulates Boise 2L students Tanner McClain (left) and Tyler Nelson (right) who were commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps after successfully completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) as they move forward to become part of the JAG Corps upon their graduation.

For those who have served — and those preparing to serve.

At Idaho Law, we recognize the experience, leadership and perspective that veterans and military service members bring to the legal profession. That's why your \$50 law school application fee is always waived for veterans and anyone serving full-or part-time in the U.S. Armed Forces. If you're admitted, there's no seat deposit required, either.

Your military experience can also become a foundation for your legal career. On our Moscow campus, the student-run Idaho Veteran Law Association connects students with opportunities to serve veterans through legal education and advocacy.

Idaho Law graduates have successfully placed into the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. For active-duty officers selected for highly competitive military-sponsored legal education programs, Idaho Law also accommodates pathways such as the Navy Law Education Program, Army Funded Legal Education Program and Marine Corps Funded Legal Education Program. These programs can allow selected officers to attend an ABA-accredited law school while remaining on active duty, with the military providing tuition support under program requirements.

DUAL CAMPUS DIFFERENCE

TWO CAMPUSES. ONE IDAHO LAW.

**Twice the opportunity.
One connected community.**

**The question isn't which
campus is better. It's which
experience is right for you.**

At the University of Idaho College of Law, every student earns the same rigorous legal education, learns from accomplished faculty and joins the same close-knit community of future lawyers. What makes Idaho Law unique is that you can choose where that journey begins. Whether you study on our historic Moscow campus or



Moscow, Idaho

at our Boise campus in the heart of Idaho's capital city, you'll become part of one connected law school united by a shared commitment to excellence, service and opportunity.

For more than a century, the College of Law has prepared lawyers on the University of Idaho's flagship campus in Moscow, where our land-grant mission and R1 Carnegie research ranking continues to inspire a culture of discovery, public service and student success. For more than 15 years, Idaho Law has had a J.D. program in Boise, offering students the same nationally respected curriculum while immersed in the state's center of law, government and business at the Front Street Building in the heart of the City of Trees.

While each location offers its own distinctive lifestyle and professional opportunities, there is no "main campus" experience. There is simply Idaho Law. Faculty teach, collaborate and mentor across both locations. Students participate together in organizations, advocacy competitions, clinics and college traditions. Technology, travel and shared experiences keep our community connected throughout the academic year.

Wherever you choose to study, you'll graduate with more than a law degree. You'll join a statewide and national network of classmates, faculty, alumni and legal professionals who are invested in your success and connected by a common purpose. Two locations. One community.

We are Idaho Law.



TRADITION. SMALL COMMUNITY. UNIVERSITY LIFE.

Where ambition meets balance.

Nestled among the rolling hills of the Palouse, Moscow offers something many law students don't expect to find: the opportunity to pursue an exceptional legal education without sacrificing the experiences that make life rich and rewarding. As part of the University of Idaho's flagship campus, you'll remain connected to the energy of a vibrant college community while building the professional skills that will define your future. Plus, Moscow's sister community

of Pullman, Washington is just eight miles away, home to Washington State University.

Here, your classroom extends far beyond the College of Law. Cheer alongside fellow Vandals at football games inside the iconic P1FCU Kibbie Dome. Meet friends for coffee on Main Street before class. Browse the Moscow Farmers Market on Saturday mornings, spend an afternoon hiking or mountain biking on Moscow Mountain, or recharge with a workout at the Student Recreation Center. Whether you're





connecting with students across campus, enjoying downtown's local restaurants and shops or simply taking in the beauty of northern Idaho, you'll find a community that supports both your personal well-being and your professional ambitions.

Is Moscow right for you?

You may thrive in Moscow if you are looking for:

- A traditional university experience while earning your law degree
- Access to Big Sky Conference athletics, campus traditions and student life
- Opportunities to connect with students from across the university

- A walkable downtown filled with locally owned cafés, restaurants and shops
- Endless opportunities for hiking, biking, skiing, fishing and outdoor adventure
- A place where you can challenge yourself academically while maintaining balance in your life

Getting there:

Moscow is located about 80 miles (a 1.5-hour drive) from Spokane, Wash., (airport code GEG) and approximately 285 miles (a 6.5-hour drive) from Boise, Idaho (airport code BOI). It is served locally with regional flights at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport (airport code PUW).

Schedule a campus tour.



CAPITAL CITY. URBAN AND OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE. OPPORTUNITY.

Where opportunity meets action.

If Moscow offers the classic university experience, Boise places you at the center of Idaho's legal, business and government communities. Located in the heart of downtown, the University of Idaho College of Law's Boise location surrounds students with the institutions, professionals and opportunities that shape law and public policy across the state. Here, the classroom doesn't end when you leave the building: It begins just outside the front door.

From the Idaho State Capitol and the Idaho Supreme Court to the U.S. District Court, state agencies and many of Idaho's leading law firms, Boise students learn where the law is written, interpreted and practiced every day. During the legislative session, students even attend classes inside the Statehouse, gaining a firsthand look at the policymaking process. Beyond government, Boise is home to global innovators like Micron Technology, industry

leaders including Albertsons, WinCo Foods and the J.R. Simplot Company, and a thriving business community where Idaho Law alumni serve in leadership roles and students build professional connections through externships and practical experience.

Yet Boise is much more than a center for legal opportunity. The City of Trees consistently ranks among America's most livable cities, offering an exceptional quality of life alongside professional opportunity. Walk or bike the Boise River Greenbelt after class, enjoy lunch at one of downtown's local restaurants, spend a summer evening floating the Boise River or explore a city known for its vibrant arts, culture and outdoor recreation. It's an environment where ambitious students can build their careers while enjoying everything Idaho's capital city has to offer.





Getting there:

Boise is located about 340 miles (a 5-hour drive) from Salt Lake City, Utah, (airport code SLC) and approximately 500 miles (a 7.5-hour drive) from Seattle, Wash., (airport code SEA). It is served locally by eight airlines offering direct flights to 29 destinations from the Boise Air Terminal (airport code BOI).

Schedule a campus tour.



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I had offers to T50 schools and specifically chose U of I over them. Boise is the capital and surrounded by all the major law firms, government agencies, and courthouses. Alumni are everywhere in Idaho and love their community. Boise is still relatively affordable, plus you're not competing with other law schools for competitive internships/externships. Boise is the perfect place to gain a foothold as an attorney.

Jake Acebo '27

Is Boise right for you?

You may thrive in Boise if you are looking for:

- A law school experience immersed in Idaho's legal, business and government communities
- Opportunities to learn alongside judges, legislators, attorneys and business leaders
- Easy access to externships, networking and professional experiences throughout law school
- A dynamic downtown campus just steps from courts, law firms and the State Capitol
- A vibrant city with award-winning restaurants, arts, culture and professional sports
- Miles of walking and biking along the scenic Boise River Greenbelt
- A place where professional opportunities and an exceptional quality of life go hand in hand

MORE THAN A LAW SCHOOL

A community that supports your success

Law school is challenging — but you should never have to navigate it alone. At the University of Idaho College of Law, you'll find a community that celebrates your achievements, supports you through challenges and encourages you to grow both personally and professionally. From your first day of orientation through graduation and beyond, you'll be surrounded by classmates, faculty and staff who are invested in your success.

Your law school experience extends well beyond the classroom. With more than two dozen student organizations spanning legal practice areas, public service, professional interests and shared identities, there are countless ways to get involved, develop leadership skills and build lasting friendships. Whether you're serving in Student Bar Association leadership, competing with classmates, volunteering in the community or attending a Lunch & Learn with judges and practicing attorneys over pizza, you'll quickly discover that some of the most valuable lessons happen outside of class. Student traditions like the annual Barrister's Ball — law school's version of prom — bring together students from every class and every stage of life to celebrate the friendships that make this community so special. Student organizations also host networking events, guest speakers, service projects and professional development opportunities throughout the year, creating meaningful connections with the broader legal community.

Your success is our shared purpose. Dedicated academic support begins before your first semester and continues throughout law school with individualized coaching, skills development and bar preparation resources designed to help you think, write and advocate like a lawyer. Opportunities like the student-run Idaho Law Review allow you to sharpen your legal research and writing while contributing to scholarship read by judges, practitioners and legal scholars across the country. Combined with wellness resources, mentoring and a culture that values collaboration over competition, Idaho Law is committed to helping you thrive — in law school and throughout your career.



PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

The people who chose Idaho Law

CRUZ ARAUJO

For Cruz Araujo, the path to law wasn't a straight line — it was shaped by a lifetime of helping others. Growing up in rural Idaho as a first-generation college student, he often served as a translator for neighbors during legal and medical appointments, sparking an early curiosity about how the law could empower people and strengthen communities. Although his journey first led him to degrees in biology, graduate school and even medical school, Cruz discovered that his true calling wasn't simply helping individuals, it was advocating for them. At the University of Idaho College of Law, he found a place where every chapter of his story came together with purpose.

As a leader of both the Business Law Society and Latino Law Caucus, Cruz helped expand opportunities for fellow students while creating “Know Your Rights” workshops that served families throughout the Treasure Valley. Through the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic, he worked directly with Idaho small-business owners, gaining invaluable experience while making a tangible difference for real clients. Idaho Law didn't just prepare Cruz for a legal career, it showed him how leadership, service and community can intersect in meaningful ways. Here, he discovered that the most rewarding path forward was one built on lifting others along the way.



I didn't comprehend at the time what all of my past experiences meant. But I can see now how all those moments connect and I understand how it has set me on this path to becoming an attorney.

Cruz Araujo, J.D. '24 | Former Business Law Society President | Former Latino Law Caucus President

BUILD YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION AROUND YOUR GOALS

**You'll graduate with a law degree.
You'll leave with a community.**

Juris Doctor

A J.D. from the University of Idaho College of Law is more than a foundation in legal theory. It's a three-year, 90-credit education designed to prepare you for the practice of law — wherever your ambitions take you. Through the study of appellate decisions, advanced readings, simulations and real-world experiences, you'll learn to think critically, analyze complex problems and apply the law with confidence. Along the way, you'll develop the research, writing, advocacy, negotiation and communication skills that today's legal profession demands.

And your J.D. can take you almost anywhere. Idaho Law graduates build careers in private practice, public service, business, government and the judiciary, bringing their legal training to courtrooms, boardrooms, government offices and communities across Idaho and beyond. Whether you already know the kind of lawyer you want to become or you're still discovering your path, your J.D. gives you the foundation to turn your interests into a career with purpose and possibility.



Enhance your J.D. with a certificate

Your legal education should reflect where you want to go. Customize your J.D. with a certificate from the College of Law and build focused knowledge in an area of legal practice that matches your interests and career goals. Certificates allow you to explore a specialized field more deeply, strengthen your professional credentials and add another dimension to your legal education — all while earning your J.D.

Go further with a concurrent degree

Make the most of your time and investment by pairing your J.D. with a complementary graduate or professional degree. Concurrent degree programs allow you to apply select credits from one program toward the other, helping you gain specialized expertise while earning both degrees in less time.

Choose from:

J.D./M.Acc. — Master of Accountancy
(Moscow)

J.D./M.B.A. — Master of Business Administration (Online, available in both locations)

J.D./M.S. — Accountancy, Taxation (Boise)

J.D./M.S. — Environmental Science
(Moscow)

J.D./M.S./Ph.D. — Water Resources
(Moscow)

J.D./M.P.A. - Public Administration
(Moscow and Boise)

Choose from five areas of specialization:

Agricultural Law

Explore the laws and policies shaping agriculture, food systems and the business of working the land.



Business Law

Build the legal knowledge and practical skills to advise businesses, entrepreneurs and organizations in a changing economy.



Intellectual Property Law

Develop expertise in the laws protecting ideas, inventions, creative works, brands and other forms of intellectual property.



Native American Law

Study the unique legal traditions, sovereignty and contemporary issues shaping tribal nations and Indian Country. (Moscow only)



Natural Resources and Environmental Law

Examine the laws governing the land, water, energy and natural resources that are central to Idaho and the West.



A little more depth.

No extra fee.

There is no extra fee to complete a J.D. legal specialization certificate. It's one more way to make your Idaho Law education your own.

YOUR FIRST YEAR STARTS HERE

Building the foundation for everything that follows

The first year of law school is where you begin learning to think like a lawyer. At Idaho Law, you'll build a foundation in the core areas of law while developing the skills that turn legal knowledge into effective lawyering. You'll learn to read cases critically, identify legal issues,

analyze competing arguments, conduct legal research and communicate your conclusions clearly and persuasively — skills you'll draw on throughout law school and your career.



YOUR 1L FOUNDATION

Preparing you for the practice of law — and the future of the profession

CORE COURSE	WHAT YOU'LL LEARN
Civil Procedure & Introduction to Law	How the legal system works and how disputes move through the courts
Contracts	The principles governing agreements, obligations and remedies
Torts	Legal responsibility for injuries and harm
Property	The legal principles governing ownership, use and transfer of property
Criminal Law	The foundations of criminal responsibility and the justice system
Constitutional Law	The Constitution, governmental powers and individual rights
Legal Writing & Analysis	The communication and reasoning skills fundamental to legal practice
Legal Research	Finding and evaluating cases, statutes and other legal authorities
Written & Oral Advocacy	Persuasive writing, oral advocacy and simulated client work
Academic Skills Lab	Critical reading, case briefing, outlining, issue spotting and exam skills

The legal profession is changing, and Idaho Law wants you ready for what comes next. Beginning in your first year and continuing throughout all three years of your J.D., you'll receive training in the ethical and practical use of generative AI in legal practice. Idaho Law is among the first accredited law schools in the country to integrate GenAI training across the curriculum, helping you understand both the opportunities and responsibilities these emerging tools bring to the profession.

At Idaho Law, you'll have full access to Hotshot Legal's Artificial Intelligence Collection, an on-demand video library of training courses taught by national legal experts, with discussion guides and quizzes. Complete specific learning tracks to receive an employer-ready certificate demonstrating proficiency in GenAI for lawyers.



FACULTY

Where learning happens

Faculty who know the law — and know you

The people who teach you matter. At Idaho Law, you'll learn from professors whose careers extend well beyond the classroom: former judges and prosecutors, public defenders, practicing lawyers, clinicians and nationally recognized legal scholars. Their professional experiences span an extraordinary range of legal fields, giving you access to instructors who can connect

legal theory to the realities, complexities and responsibilities of practicing law.

But expertise is only part of the story. Our faculty are deeply invested in your success. In a law school community small enough for professors to know your name, your questions can become conversations, conversations can become mentorship and mentorship can become relationships



Read how Prof. Tim Murphy (right) and other Idaho Law faculty helped Cody Harrison '26 (left) specialize in nuclear law.

that last long after graduation. Whether you're working through your first legal writing assignment, exploring a new area of law or preparing to enter the profession, you'll find faculty who are willing to teach, challenge, encourage and advocate for you.

Idaho Law faculty are active scholars whose research influences conversations far beyond Idaho. Their work spans the breadth of the legal profession and regularly informs regional, national and global discussions about law and policy. Faculty are also frequently called upon as experts by news organizations and other media seeking insight on the legal issues shaping the moment.

And you don't have to wait until graduation to become part of that work. Students have opportunities to work alongside faculty as research assistants, contribute to scholarly projects and write for publications including the student-led Idaho Law Review

and The Advocate, the magazine of the Idaho State Bar. Your professors' research isn't simply something you read about — it can become something you help create.

One faculty. Two locations. One connected community.

Our Moscow and Boise campuses may offer distinct experiences, but our faculty are part of one College of Law. They collaborate across locations, teach and mentor students throughout the College and help ensure that geography never becomes a barrier to connection. The result is a faculty community that brings the breadth of Idaho's legal profession — and the depth of a nationally engaged law school — directly to your education.



Meet our deans,
faculty and staff.



LEARN LAW. PRACTICE LAW.

Experience the responsibility of being a lawyer — before you graduate.

Law school should teach you more than what the law says. It should teach you how to use the law — thoughtfully, ethically and effectively — when someone is counting on you. At Idaho Law, practical learning is woven throughout your legal education, giving you opportunities to move from studying legal problems to working with them in the real world.

Through legal clinics, externships, pro bono service, clinical labs, advocacy programs and a semester in practice, Idaho Law students put their knowledge to work before they graduate. Our clinics provide some of the most intensive opportunities: students work on actual cases and represent real clients under the supervision of experienced faculty and practicing attorneys. When qualified, students can represent clients under Idaho's limited legal intern license, taking on meaningful responsibility while still having an experienced lawyer in their corner.

That experience changes the way you learn. You interview clients, research the law, draft documents, prepare for hearings, negotiate and advocate. You encounter questions that don't come with an answer in the casebook. You learn that being a lawyer requires more than knowing the rules — it requires judgment, communication, empathy, preparation and the ability to make sound decisions when the stakes are real.

And you don't learn those lessons alone. Faculty clinic directors and supervising attorneys guide you through the work, helping you reflect on what happened, why it mattered and how you can become a better lawyer because of it. The goal isn't simply to make you feel ready on graduation day. It's to give you the experience, judgment and professional foundation to continue growing throughout your career.



PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

The people who chose Idaho Law

GABRIELLA PISANI

Gabriella Pisani came to the Idaho Law Family Justice Clinic expecting to learn how to apply the law. Instead, she discovered what it means to stand beside someone when the law may be the only thing they have.

Working with Faces of Hope, a crisis center that provides free, confidential support and safety services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, stalking, and human trafficking, Gabriella helped clients obtain protection orders, navigate divorce and secure child support — often representing people who otherwise would have had no access to legal counsel. She interviewed clients, researched legal issues, drafted documents, prepared for hearings and experienced the weight of decisions with real consequences.

“Law school teaches you the rules. The clinic teaches you what it means to stand next to someone when those rules are all they have.”

For Gabriella, the most powerful lessons weren’t always about legal procedure. They were about listening, empathy and helping clients find their voices.

“You are not just learning how to be a lawyer. You are becoming someone who knows how to use the law to give others their power back.”



The clinic taught me what it truly means to be a lawyer.

Gabriella Pisani, J.D. '26
Family Justice Clinic Intern

LEGAL CLINICS

Step into the role.

Family Justice Clinic Boise

Help survivors of domestic and sexual violence navigate protection orders, divorce, custody and other civil legal matters.

Entrepreneurship Law Clinic Boise

Help Idaho businesses and nonprofits solve real transactional legal problems.

Immigration Litigation & Appellate Clinic Boise and Moscow

Represent immigrant clients in administrative proceedings, immigration court, federal litigation and appeals.



Clinic offerings vary by location, semester and are subject to change. Scan to learn more about College of Law clinics.

Criminal Appellate Clinic

Boise and Moscow

Assist with criminal appeals and represent individuals in Idaho state court.

Community Law Clinic Moscow

Represent clients in matters ranging from family law and domestic violence to consumer protection, landlord-tenant and probate matters.

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Boise and Moscow

Represent low-income taxpayers in disputes with the IRS, gaining experience in audits, appeals, collections and Tax Court matters.

Tribal Law Clinic

Moscow

Provide legal services using client-centered, culturally responsive practices to tribal citizens, tribal governments and agencies, and tribal-led nonprofits.



EXTERNSHIPS

Take your education into the profession.

Work alongside experienced judges and lawyers in government agencies, courts, law firms, nonprofits and other legal settings. Externships give you the opportunity to observe and participate in the daily work of practicing attorneys while reflecting on your own professional development.

SEMESTER IN PRACTICE

Spend a semester immersed in law.

For eligible third-year students, Semester in Practice provides an opportunity to perform legal work in the public or private sector under the supervision of a field supervisor while participating in coursework focused on professional growth, ethics and the transition to practice.

PRO BONO

Use your legal education to serve others.

Service isn't an extracurricular at Idaho Law. It's part of becoming a lawyer. As a U of I law student, you'll complete at least 50 hours of attorney-supervised pro bono legal work. Through pro bono opportunities, students use their developing legal skills to help people and communities who might otherwise struggle to access legal assistance. The College identifies its pro bono program as a core component of its practical-training approach.



Learn more about externships, semester-in-practice and pro bono here



LEAD HERE. SERVE HERE. MAKE AN IMPACT.

A legacy of leadership. A future of service.

For more than a century, Idaho Law graduates have helped shape the state they call home. Since the College of Law was founded in 1909, generations of graduates have gone on to serve as judges, legislators, public interest advocates, government attorneys, corporate counsel and leaders of Idaho's largest law firms and businesses. They practice in courtrooms and boardrooms, serve communities large and small and help write, interpret and uphold the laws that shape life in Idaho and beyond.

That legacy is still being written by today's students. At Idaho Law, leadership isn't something you wait to pursue after graduation. The opportunities are there to test your voice, take responsibility and discover what kind of leader you want to become.

Your purpose can become your practice.

Idaho needs lawyers who are ready to serve. As the state's only law school, Idaho Law has a unique role in helping build the legal workforce that supports Idaho's courts, communities, businesses, governments and nonprofit organizations. The Idaho Heritage Project-Rural Scholarship Fund provides financial support for students to obtain summer internships in rural communities throughout Idaho. For students who want to build a life and career here, that means an education connected directly to the people and institutions that make Idaho work. And for those who take their Idaho Law degree elsewhere, it means carrying the values of a college built around service, leadership and community with them wherever they go.



LEADERSHIP AT A NATIONAL LEVEL.

The people who chose Idaho Law

KALISTA BARKLEY

Kalista Barkley came to Idaho Law with a passion for public service. She found a place where that passion could become leadership.

A leader in the Student Bar Association, Women's Law Caucus, Debate Society and First Gen Law Caucus, Kalista also serves as an associate editor of the Idaho Law Review. Her experience has taken her from the Idaho State Capitol to the Idaho Court of Appeals, where she clerked in summer 2026, and into constitutional research with Idaho Law faculty.

In May 2026, she became the first Idaho Law student selected to participate in the Model Constitutional Convention at Washington University Law School. Chosen as one of two Idaho delegates, she was elected committee chair — then president of the entire convention.

"I'm passionate about public service because I want to help people that the system has left behind."

For Kalista, leadership isn't about holding a title. It's about using the law to serve people.

"I feel I have a responsibility to fight for those without a voice and advocate for all who I hope to represent."



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Kalista Barkley, J.D. '27

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ALYXIS CEDERSTROM, J.D. '26

Alyxis Cederstrom came to Idaho Law as a first-generation college student and nontraditional law student after years working as a police dispatcher. She chose Idaho Law for its welcoming culture and the personal connections she found with professors and classmates. During law school, she built on her professional experience as a clerk with Idaho's 3rd Judicial District and as an intern with Boise law firm Hawley Troxell.

Her internship opened the door to what came next: before she even graduated, Alyxis accepted a position with Hawley Troxell in Boise, where she will begin her legal career after completing the bar exam. Her faculty mentor, Professor Wendy Gerwick Couture, describes her as someone who sees the practical implications of legal problems and has the potential to become a fearless advocate and leader in Idaho's legal community.

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“It was such a good decision to come here. It’s a culture you’re not going to find anywhere else.”

Alyxis Cederstrom, J.D. '26

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Law Clinic, externships, pro bono work and opportunities to work alongside Tribal governments and organizations.

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The people who chose Idaho Law

Dosa Nappo, J.D. '27

When Dosa Nappo arrived at the University of Idaho from the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, he was a first-generation college student who was quiet, shy and unsure where his path might lead. He had grown up wanting to become a law enforcement officer so he could help people. What he found at U of I — community, mentorship and opportunities to lead — changed that trajectory.

As an undergraduate, Dosa earned degrees in criminology and sociology while becoming deeply involved in campus and tribal life. He served as an ASUI student senator, mentored other students through Tribal Nation Student Affairs and spent summers working for departments of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Those experiences opened his eyes to the ways law and politics could allow him to reach and serve more people.

At Idaho Law, that sense of purpose has a natural home in the Native American Law Program, based at the College of Law's Moscow campus. Students can build focused expertise in Native American law while connecting classroom learning to the issues facing Tribal nations, governments and communities.

The opportunities extend well beyond the classroom. Students can participate in the Tribal Law Clinic, where they work under the supervision of a licensed attorney on real legal matters involving Tribal governments, agencies, organizations and citizens. Through client interviews, legal research, advocacy, negotiation and policy development, students learn what it means to practice law in ways that are

collaborative, culturally responsive and grounded in the needs of the communities they serve.

Students can also find community and professional connection through the Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), which supports Native American law students and students interested in Native law while promoting cultural awareness, academic excellence, community engagement and advocacy. The program also offers opportunities through externships, pro bono work and other applied learning experiences.

For Dosa, the connection between law school and home is especially meaningful. During his legal education, he has continued returning to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, including an internship with Tribal Council and work with Shoshone-Bannock Energy, where he used his developing legal knowledge to help update utility codes.

Dosa is still discovering exactly where his law degree will take him — perhaps into Tribal government, perhaps into legal advocacy. But his purpose is clear: to return home, stay involved and learn how he can be most beneficial to his tribe. “U of I really changed my trajectory,” he says. At Idaho Law, that trajectory is becoming a path toward a life of service, leadership and impact.

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