



# UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

## COLLEGE OF LAW

### 2017-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

#### ABSTRACT

The College of Law will develop one law school in two locations that will rise to the excellence of the top 100 law schools in the nation in the first quarter of the twenty first century through: (1) A program of legal education with a commitment to excellence and increased access for underserved populations; (2) Engagement in education for the public, practicing bar, government, and the judiciary, and a dedication to providing high impact service to the public; and (3) Scholarly innovation with high impact.

*The Faculty of the University of Idaho College of Law; May 2017*

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## Mission of the University of Idaho College of Law

The mission of the University of Idaho College of Law is to:

- Provide access across all cultures and ideologies to the highest quality of legal education;
- Lead the region in promoting civil discourse on concerns of policy and law and in providing legal service to underserved populations;
- Contribute to the local, regional, national, and international scholarly dialogue on issues of critical importance in our time.

## Vision of the University of Idaho College of Law

In the twenty first century, the University of Idaho College of Law builds on a foundation of one hundred years of excellence dedicated to:

- Public service;
- Education of leaders for Idaho and the Inland Northwest; and
- Development of a legal community committed to access to legal service and professionalism.

As one law school in two locations, we are dedicated to providing a community across both locations that values the contribution of every member of the law school community and nurtures respect and civil discourse across cultures and ideologies. The College of Law will develop one law school in two locations that will rise to the level of excellence exemplified by the top 100<sup>1</sup> law schools in the nation in the first quarter of the twenty first century.

The unique advantages of each location serves our common vision:

- Our foundation in Moscow provides the community of a college town with the richness of access to interdisciplinary education in collaboration with two major land grant universities; the University of Idaho and Washington State University; and
- Our expansion to Boise provides the excitement of the study of law in a growing population center in the “New West” with access to Idaho’s government, judiciary, and practicing Bar.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: this wording is intended to set a particular level of comparative excellence, not to BE in the top 100. Many of us take issue with US News and World Reports ranking. More importantly, some of the ranking goes to factors beyond our control. Thus, we will judge ourselves by a standard of excellence, not by a numerical ranking.

## Strategic Plan of the University of Idaho College of Law 2017-2025

### Goal 1: Innovate

University of Idaho:

*Scholarly and creative work with impact*

*Aim: Scholarly and creative productivity at the highest level, resulting in designation as a Carnegie Highest Research Activity (R1) Institution*

College of Law:

Empower and enable high impact scholarship across all fields of legal inquiry.

Objective A: Build a culture in which scholarship is supported, celebrated, and rewarded.

Objective B: Empower and enable interdisciplinary collaboration in both funded and scholarly projects.

Objective C: Grow our reputation by increasing the impact of scholarly publications.

### Goal 2: Engage Outreach that inspires innovation and culture

University of Idaho:

*Aim: Suggest and influence change that impacts societal needs, global issues, economic development and advancement of culture.*

College of Law:

Engagement in education for the public, practicing bar, government, and the judiciary, in the region and beyond, and a dedication to providing high impact service to the public.

Objective A: Build on our strong foundation of engagement with the Idaho practicing Bar, government and the judiciary.

Objective B: Create a culture of service to underserved populations throughout our law school community.

Objective C: Expand our focus on engagement to include Idaho, the region, the nation and the world.

### Goal 3: Transform Educational experiences that improve lives

University of Idaho

*Aim: Advance our educational impact – through increased access and curricular innovation*

College of Law

Create a program of legal education with a commitment to excellence and increased access for underserved populations to meet the needs of society in Idaho and beyond.

Objective A: Increase access in Idaho and the region with emphasis on underserved populations.

Objective B: Foster excellence by building on a strong core curriculum to meet the changing needs of students and society with innovation in select interdisciplinary areas relevant to the needs of Idaho and the region.

Objective C: Immerse students in experiential learning and the value of service through the development of high impact clinics, collaboration with the judiciary and the Bar, and the infusion of basic legal skills across our curriculum.

#### Goal 4: Cultivate a valued and diverse community

##### University of Idaho

*Aim: Foster an inclusive, diverse community of students, faculty and staff and improve cohesion and morale.*

##### College of Law

Foster a community across both locations that values the contribution of every member of the law school community and nurtures respect and civil discourse across cultures and ideologies.

Objective A: Build a culture of respect and professionalism across all cultures and ideologies and become a regional leader in facilitating civil discourse.

Objective B: Develop a team-based model that values the contribution of every member of the law school community and provides adequate support for the achievement of excellence.

Objective C: Foster integration across the law school's two locations in all facets of our program of legal education.