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■ Introduction

Emphasizing quality over quantity, the College of Law offers a distinctive legal education founded on collegiality and a dedication to the highest ideals of a noble profession. Each student is assured individual attention. The college provides emphases in natural resources and environmental law, business law and entrepreneurship, and advocacy coupled with mediation and dispute resolution. Students may combine study in a small residential environment with an opportunity to spend a semester in Boise, Idaho, one of America's fastest-growing metropolitan areas.

The College of Law was established in 1909. It has been a member of the AALS since 1914 and has been accredited by the ABA since 1925. The College of Law is located on the main campus of the University of Idaho, about 90 miles southeast of Spokane, Washington, and about eight miles east of Pullman, Washington. The Moscow-Pullman community is the cultural center of a vast inland area of the Northwest covering parts of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. This area is renowned for outstanding opportunities for outdoor recreation, in addition to cultural events available from two major research universities.

■ Enrollment/Student Body

Approximately 60 percent of our students are Idaho residents. Historically, our nonresident students have come from all over the United States and Canada. Although the total enrollment of the College of Law is relatively small (approximately 300), students typically represent over 70 different colleges and universities. The administration and student body welcome and actively seek diversity in the student body, with particular attention to students of color and those who have overcome socioeconomic disadvantage. Due to our highly selective admission process and positive learning environment, which includes an academic support program run by a licensed attorney, academic attrition is less than 5 percent.

■ Library and Physical Facilities

The College of Law occupies a modern building designed for, and dedicated to, its use. The law library houses a collection of over 240,000 volumes and volume-equivalents and more than 4,800 serial titles. This is combined with two computer labs, wireless Internet access throughout the building, and LexisNexis, Westlaw, Dialog, and HeinOnline services, plus the Readex database of the US Congressional Serial Set. Membership in the Western Library Network and the Inland Northwest Library Automation Network allows users to access holdings of libraries across the nation. Law students have access to the other libraries of the University of Idaho and those at Washington State University.

■ Curriculum

The College of Law focuses on professionalism, featuring small-group discussions with distinguished lawyers and judges during New Student Orientation. A distinctive, universal pro bono program engages every student in a substantial, law-related work of donated public service. After a

traditional first year of study, students in the second and third year may choose to focus on advocacy/dispute resolution, business law/entrepreneurship, or natural resources/environmental law, including an interdisciplinary Water of the West program (see Dual Degrees section). The curriculum also provides enrichments in international law, technology and the law, and ethics and civic leadership. Real-world exposure is provided through extensive clinical opportunities, a Semester in Practice program in the Boise metropolitan area, and our Extern Program. Graduates of the college enter careers throughout the nation.

■ Practical Skills

All students gain practical experience through participation in the distinctive pro bono program described in the Curriculum section. In addition, third-year students may earn their limited license to practice under the laws of Idaho and work in our live-client clinic. The live-client offerings include a general practice clinic, an appellate clinic in which students argue before federal and state appellate courts, a tribal/immigration law clinic in which students serve as public defenders in the Nez Perce Tribal Court and represent clients in federal immigration matters, a small business legal clinic, a tax clinic, a domestic violence clinic, and a victims' rights clinic. The college also sponsors a special trial advocacy course and is home to the Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Externships are also available, with students working with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Idaho, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, the Attorney General of Idaho, the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho, various county offices, and selected nonprofit organizations. Eligible third-year students may participate in the Semester in Practice program in Boise.

■ Dual Degrees

The College of Law offers several opportunities to add to your legal education through our dual-degree programs.

A JD/MS Environmental Science degree is available in cooperation with the University of Idaho College of Graduate Studies Environmental Science Program. Students are able to earn both degrees in four rather than the usual five years. Beginning fall 2007, students will also be able to earn a joint JD/MS or JD/PhD in Water Resources and Law as part of the innovative Water of the West program.

A dual JD/Master of Accounting degree in cooperation with the University of Idaho College of Business and Economics is also available. The program allows students to earn both degrees in as few as seven semesters.

Finally, a joint JD/Master of Business Administration is offered in cooperation with Washington State University allowing students to take advantage of the resources of two of the Northwest's premier educational institutions.

■ Admission

Applications are accepted beginning in October preceding the year in which enrollment is desired. The only program offered

is full-time in Moscow. Applicants must submit college transcripts and letters of recommendation through the LSDAS. We recommend late-fall application; the deadline is February 15. Applications completed after February 15 will be reviewed, but timely applications will receive priority consideration. The Admission Committee looks at each applicant holistically, including but not limited to LSAT score, academic record and background, writing ability, personal statement, work and life experiences, and recommendations.

■ Student Activities

Students belong to more than 20 active student organizations. The Student Bar Association represents student interests, both educational and social. The *Idaho Law Review*, which covers topics ranging from state and regional problems to national and international issues, and the *German Law Journal*, the only English-language journal of German and international public law, give students valuable writing and editing experience. The Board of Student Advocates and the Law Students for Appropriate Dispute Resolution coordinate intramural competitions and provide opportunities for students to

participate in national competitions that build professional skills. Other groups include the Multicultural Law Caucus, Student Advocates for Hispanic/Latino Support and Awareness, the Sexual Orientation Diversity Alliance, and the Women's Law Caucus.

■ Career Development

The college has a career development office run by a licensed attorney. The office facilitates students' career planning and their search for summer and permanent employment. Legal employers come to the College of Law for on-campus interviews, and the office coordinates recruit-by-mail programs for other employers. Historically, 90–95 percent of graduates find employment within six months of graduation or go on to advanced graduate study. The college has exceptional success placing students in federal and state judicial clerkships as the first step in their careers. A majority of students find employment in Idaho, although Utah, Washington, and Oregon continue to be popular. Idaho graduates are employed throughout the US and several foreign countries.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120–180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

LSAT Score	GPA																						Total	
	3.75 +		3.50–3.74		3.25–3.49		3.00–3.24		2.75–2.99		2.50–2.74		2.25–2.49		2.00–2.24		Below 2.00		No GPA					
	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm	Apps	Adm		
175–180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
170–174	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
165–169	2	1	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	
160–164	8	8	12	12	9	7	11	11	7	3	6	6	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	56	49	
155–159	24	20	32	22	39	30	43	27	20	13	7	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	116	
150–154	34	15	68	27	57	24	67	15	26	4	17	2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	278	88	
145–149	17	3	38	14	54	7	36	7	21	1	18	0	4	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	194	32	
140–144	3	1	11	2	14	3	16	0	17	0	8	0	6	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	79	6	
135–139	0	0	2	0	5	0	7	0	9	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	30	1	
130–134	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	
125–129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	89	49	167	81	181	73	183	62	105	24	61	12	24	3	13	2	4	0	3	0	830	306		

Apps = Number of Applicants
 Adm = Number Admitted
 Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.