

Dean, College of Law

The [University of Idaho College of Law](#) is among America's best public law schools in the small-population States, and is recognized nationally as an exceptional value. The College emphasizes quality over quantity. With an average enrollment of only 300 students, the College guarantees the personal attention each student deserves and the numerous firsthand public service and clinical opportunities that set Idaho Law alumni apart. A strong commitment to diversity ensures a vibrant community of scholars, lawyers and professionals. This distinctive, intimate collegial environment is further enriched by the surrounding region, which is well known for its vast beauty, ample outdoor recreation and excellent quality of life. Established in 1909, the College has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1914 and has been accredited by the American Bar Association since 1925.

As Idaho's only accredited law school, the College entered its second century with a commitment to providing high quality, affordable public legal education statewide. The University is currently developing a second College of Law campus in the state capital of Boise to complement the College's home location on the University of Idaho campus in Moscow. Law School graduates receive a strong, well-rounded education that prepares them for a successful practice of law. To meet the changing needs of legal education, the College has committed resources to the development of a [clinical program](#) ranked 13 by *National Jurist* magazine, a growing [externship program](#) and a [litigation and alternative dispute resolution emphasis](#). Creative use of the Boise campus to enhance these opportunities was recognized by pre-Law Magazine as among the 25 most innovative ideas in legal education. To foster a commitment to service among its graduates, the College is one of the few law schools with a mandatory [pro bono requirement](#). The College has a strong commitment to the recruitment of Native American students within Idaho and the education of all students in Native American Law through development of its [Native Law Program](#). As one of a handful of public law schools associated with a land grant university, the College has developed a strong [Natural Resources and Environmental Law Program](#) focused on the law/science interface with four concurrent degree offerings and seven law faculty teaching in this area. The College has dedicated its Boise location in the rapidly growing Treasure Valley to enhancement of offerings in [business law](#), [intellectual property](#), and [economic development](#). The College is among a small number of law schools nation-wide with increased enrollment, applications, and total diversity in fall 2013.

Responsibilities:

The dean is the academic leader and chief executive officer of the College and is responsible for furthering the role of the College in the [Strategic Plan of the University Idaho](#). The dean is responsible for fostering distinguished records of scholarship, teaching, and service in the College's two locations and in University-wide programs in which the College participates; providing sound administrative leadership; engaging with the Idaho State Bar on matters relevant to the law and legal education within the state; maintaining relationships with the judicial, legislative, and executive branches of the state, the American Bar Association, and the Association of American Law Schools; promoting and sustaining relationships between the College and the University community and its stakeholders; facilitating faculty governance; overseeing the allocation and use of resources and facilities assigned to the College; and raising funds for the advancement of College programs and resources. The dean reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President of the University. The appointment will be full-time, twelve month, and is expected to begin no later than July 1, 2014.

The successful candidate for dean will be eligible for consideration for tenure under [college bylaws](#) and the university [Faculty Staff Handbook](#).

Qualifications:

The successful candidate must demonstrate an ability to fulfill the responsibilities of academic leader and chief executive officer of the College and meet the following qualifications:

- A Juris Doctor degree from an ABA-accredited law school
- A record of accomplishment qualified for a tenured, full professor appointment in the college
- Evidence of appropriate administrative experience to lead the college as the chief executive officer
- Leadership skills, including a collaborative management style, experience with consensus building, and excellent communication skills
- A commitment to fostering excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service
- A commitment to diversity
- Expressed interest or demonstrated experience engaging with external constituencies

Applicants who are selected as possible finalists for the position must be able to pass a criminal background check

Application Process and Search Timeline:

Completed applications should include: 1) an application letter that demonstrates your interest and commitment to leading this college in the spirit of excellence, and addresses the qualifications relative to the job responsibilities described in this announcement, 2) a current curriculum vitae, and full contact information for five professional references. *References will be contacted after finalists are notified of their applicant status.*

To apply, applicants must complete the online application available at the University of Idaho's Human Resources site: (<http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources>). Additional information for candidates is available at the Provost and Executive Vice President site: (<http://www.uidaho.edu/provost/deansearches/Law-Dean-Search>).

Review of applications will begin after November 3, 2013. The position will remain open, and applications will be accepted, until a suitable candidate is appointed. The committee anticipates interviewing final candidates in January and February 2014.

Questions regarding the position, search process, or candidate nominations may be directed to the search advisory committee chair, Vice President Jack McIver, vpresearch@uidaho.edu or the search coordinator, Lodi Price, lodi@uidaho.edu, 208-885-6689.

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