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The University of Idaho College of Law values diversity in the law school community through the contributions of students, faculty, staff, guest lecturers, and educational events. Increasing diversity within the law school community is an ongoing effort. There are many opportunities available at the College of Law to engage in experiences that span diverse cultural, intellectual, and professional backgrounds. We hope that this brochure motivates you to contribute to our law school community and add your diverse perspective, heritage, and experiences.

Student Organizations, Public Service, and Educational Events

In recent years, student organizations have contributed to a diverse law school community by hosting a variety of speakers, engaging in public service projects, and coordinating educational events. This section provides a snapshot of the many activities student organizations have implemented at the University of Idaho College of Law. For example, in October 2012, the **Native American Law Student Association (NALSA)** joined with the campus Native American Student Center to bring an attorney from the Native American



Rights Fund (NARF) to speak on the Klamath Basin dam removal and water rights agreements as models for other areas in the country to engage in cross-cultural mediations and negotiations. Additionally, each year NALSA supports the local community by coordinating an “Angel Tree” gift drive and collecting donated gifts for the children in a local Tribe’s foster care program.

The University of Idaho College of Law’s **Latino Law Caucus** (LLC) has proudly organized the Othello Project in 2011 and again in 2012. The LLC’s mission, through the Othello Project, is to provide both pertinent legal information and basic human necessities to the Mixteco farm-working community in Othello, Washington. Each year, with the help of law students, faculty, and staff, the LLC hosts a fierce donation competition between the 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls. The student competition is the driving force behind the large donations of food, clothing, and basic items collected for and donated to the Mixteco community. In conjunction with the UI Immigration Clinic, law students provide the Mixteco community with a presentation on basic immigration rights and parental rights. The Mixteco community members were also given landlord and tenant rights brochures with information concerning lawful evictions and rightful tenant requests for repairs. Every year during its Othello Project visit, the LLC hosts a luncheon, and offers children’s activities and sports for the Mixteco community members.

OutLaws is a student organization at the College of Law open to all students who are interested in extending civil rights to all Americans. OutLaws serves as a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) law students, in addition to law students who have family and friends in the GLBT community. The main goals of

the group are to (1) educate our school and our community about GLBT issues and (2) to participate in legal issues that affect the GLBT community in Idaho. Furthermore, students provide information and networking opportunities to GLBT law students to increase educational and career opportunities. Some sponsored events include a Drag Show, educational and social programs with the local GLBT community, and lectures and discussions at the College of Law. Through these goals and opportunities, OutLaws promotes understanding of and acceptance among all.

An academic activity that has energized the student body has been the establishment of the **crit**, an online critical studies journal published by the University of Idaho College of Law. The journal provides a forum for critical commentary on a variety of contemporary legal issues including the critique of rights, race theory, feminism, and sexual identity. As a digital publication, the crit welcomes multi-media submissions and multi-disciplinary pieces in an effort to foster conversations among discrete academic disciplines all around the country. In addition to publishing academic works, the crit hosts an annual critical legal studies conference on the University of Idaho campus, featuring presenters from across the US.

One student organization that has partnered with a local chapter is the **ACLU** of Idaho, University of Idaho College of Law Chapter. As a student organization, the Chapter has provided opportunities to educate and inform both students and the larger community on current events, opportunities, and issues concerning the advancement of our civil rights and liberties. The ACLU of Idaho is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of civil liberties and civil rights. The Idaho Law Chapter firmly believes that the freedom of press, speech, assembly, and religion, and the rights to due process, equal protection and privacy are fundamental to a free people.

Another example is the University of Idaho **J. Rueben Clark Law Society** (JRCLS) Student Chapter. The JRCLS chapter has provided its members with activities and events that will help them uphold high ethical values and professional excellence in law school and in their future legal careers. Officers in the chapter have attended the Annual JRCLS Leadership Conference in Utah, and members have attended the Annual JRCLS Conference in Washington DC. These conferences allowed JRCLS members to connect with attorneys from all over the world and be inspired to develop and maintain high standards of professionalism. The student organization also has focused on providing similar networking and inspirational events throughout the school year in Moscow. These include lunches and dinners with attorneys from the JRCLS Attorney Chapter and other attorneys throughout the world, which have proven to be valuable in helping students obtain internships and externships. With a strong focus on service, the Idaho chapter set up a Landlord-Tenant Table at the Student Commons to provide legal information pro bono to students and people in the community about landlord-tenant issues. Building on community, the JRCLS has hosted the annual law school Halloween Trick-or-Treat event for children and a law school-wide costume contest.

Also fostering community at the law school is the **Women's Law Caucus** (WLC). The law students involved in WLC have hosted on-campus speakers and coordinated events to interest women in the law and to advance the interests of women at the law school and in the legal profession. The WLC has sought to bring together women students, faculty, and alumnae to foster connections, enhance networking opportunities, and build a supportive community for women lawyers in Idaho and beyond.



Student Leadership and Diversity

Our law students have set a standard of excellence by being engaged at the law school level, the regional level, and the national level in diverse legal organizations. During her second year of law school, Ashley Ray (Class of 2014), president of the local University of Idaho Black Law Student Association (BLSA), served as the Northwest Sub-Regional Director for the Western Region Black Law Student Association. Neomi Gilmore (Class of 2014), co-chair of NALSA, served as the Region 7 Northwest Representative for National NALSA covering the chapters located in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. Another law student, Adam Juratovac (Class of 2013), served on the board of directors for the National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (NAPALSA) and as the regional director for the Pacific North including Idaho, Montana, Northern California, Oregon, and Washington. These law students successfully balanced the responsibilities of legal studies with their personal and professional commitments to the larger communities they hope to serve throughout their legal careers.



Clinics and Opportunities for Student Skill-Building

With campuses in Moscow and Boise, the College offers a wide variety of clinical opportunities to upper level law students. The Legal Aid Clinic seeks to satisfy the twin goals of providing students with meaningful real-life legal experiences while providing quality legal services to under-represented populations. Our live client clinics help students acquire the skills and values important to law practice experience. PreLaw Magazine recently recognized Idaho as among the top 100 law schools in the nation with the best availability of clinical offerings. Our clinical programs include: Appellate Clinic, Economic Development Clinic, General Practice Clinic, Immigration Law Clinic, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, and the Small Business Legal Clinic. For example, the Immigration Law Clinic provides students the opportunity to represent non-citizens in a variety of cases, including legal permanent residence, naturalization, asylum, and immigration applications under the Violence Against Women Act. Clients are from diverse countries including Mexico, Panama, China, Germany, Great Britain, Bangladesh, Togo, Rwanda, Iraq, Tanzania, Pakistan, El Salvador, and Indonesia. Students represent their clients in administrative courts and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Our live client clinics will help you begin to acquire the skills and values important to your law practice experience.

Diversity Mentors, Academic Support Services and Career Development Office

The Diversity Mentor program is designed to provide students with diverse backgrounds the opportunity to meet and discuss their law school experience with diverse faculty and administrators each semester. The group mentors make themselves available for general law school counseling, advising about career choices, and open discussion about a variety of issues that are important to students.

Academic support services are available to all law students throughout their legal education. Whether leading skills workshops, providing individualized advising and study plans, or giving bar passage guidance, the Academic Success Director helps law students maximize their law school success.

The Career Development Office, managed by a licensed attorney, helps students match their educational and experiential backgrounds with employers' specific needs. The Office maintains long-term relationships with employers and alumni, sponsors programs on relevant issues related to law employment and professionalism, and provides students with crucial networking skills and opportunities.

Disability Support Services

The College of Law is committed to working with students who request appropriate accommodations for verified disabilities to help eliminate barriers to their success in law school. The Dean of Students or Academic Support Director can help guide students through the process of applying for an accommodation, or students may contact Disability Support Services directly.

College of Law Diversity Statement:

The University of Idaho College of Law embraces diversity within the law school community and the legal profession. Our law school protects and fosters an inclusive and respectful learning environment for the discussion of legal principles, concepts, and practical skills. As a preparatory ground for future practitioners of the law, we adhere to the standards of legal professionalism within our classrooms, our offices, our hallways, our student organizations, our gathering places, and our activities. The calling to law is an important one with significant impacts on society, and as a law school we take that significance to the core of our purpose. The law school community values people of diverse cultures, races, ethnicities, genders, physical abilities, lifestyles, opinions, citizenship, philosophies, sexual orientations, religious backgrounds, ages, life experience, and identities. Diversity is an essential component of the University of Idaho College of Law and requires legal professionalism from all sectors of our community to provide an appropriately respectful learning environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

Diversity at the College of Law: <http://www.uidaho.edu/law/aboutthecollegeoflaw/diversity>

Student Organizations: <http://www.uidaho.edu/law/academics/studentorganizationsandactivities>

Academic Support Services: <http://www.uidaho.edu/law/academics/academicsupport>

Career Development: <http://www.uidaho.edu/law/careerdevelopment>

Disability Support Services:

<http://www.uidaho.edu/law/academics/academicadministration/disabilityservices>



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