



University of Idaho
College of Law

PRACTICAL SKILLS: CLINICS, EXTERNSHIPS AND PRO BONO PROGRAM



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Externships

The externship program enables students to work for selected public agencies, nonprofits, and state or federal judges while receiving academic credit toward graduation. These placements help bridge the gap between theory and hands-on practice, while providing students with practical real-world experiences. Included in the externship is a field placement that provides opportunities for observation of and immersion in the day-to-day workings of an organization, professional interaction between students and the supervising attorney, and involvement in specific legal problems and the resolution of those problems.

For a listing of past externship sites visit uidaho.edu/lawexternships

For more information on any of these programs please visit uidaho.edu/law/academics/practical-skills



The College of Law offers clinical programs in both Boise and Moscow.

Boise

Family Justice Clinic is a partnership to provide free legal services to victims of domestic and sexual abuse. In collaboration with medical, counseling, and law enforcement providers, students learn how to advocate for survivors of domestic and sexual violence; assist clients in obtaining domestic protection orders and represent clients in family matters; and gather information, draft legal documents, and negotiate on behalf of clients.

Entrepreneurship Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to assist small and start-up businesses referred to the clinic by the Idaho Small Business Development Center. Clients include both for profit and nonprofit companies in a variety of business areas. Students perform legal research, assist in preparing formation and organizational documents, employee agreements and more.

Housing Clinic focuses primarily on residential tenant eviction defense, habitability, and security deposits. Students participating in this clinic interview clients of limited means; review leases, and other discovery materials; draft correspondence, pleadings, and other memorandum of law; develop case theory; negotiate with landlords; and prepare for and conduct mediations, hearings, and trials.

Moscow

Main Street Law Clinic gives students the opportunity to serve clients in rural communities. Participants represent clients in a variety of cases including family law matters, criminal defense, landlord-tenant disputes, and with obtaining domestic violence protection orders. Students learn the skills necessary for working in a small, general practice firm by managing their own caseloads from initial client intake through final resolution of the case.

Immigration Litigation and Appellate Clinic provides students with the opportunity to help immigrants who may be seeking asylum, permanent resident status, or citizenship. Students defend immigrants against deportation in the immigration and federal courts; represent immigrants in their applications for benefits; and develop outreach and education materials for immigrant communities and their advocates.

For more information visit
uidaho.edu/lawclinics

Pro Bono Program

All students at the University of Idaho College of Law are required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of attorney-supervised pro bono legal service prior to graduation. The purpose of the pro bono requirement includes instilling in students a commitment to their responsibility as a lawyer to give back to the community and promote justice by assisting the underserved and underrepresented; students gain practical legal experience, clients are served, and service providers gain valuable assistance. Students may fulfill the requirement in a wide range of settings including legal service organizations, government agencies, nonprofits, and legislative offices.

For more information visit
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