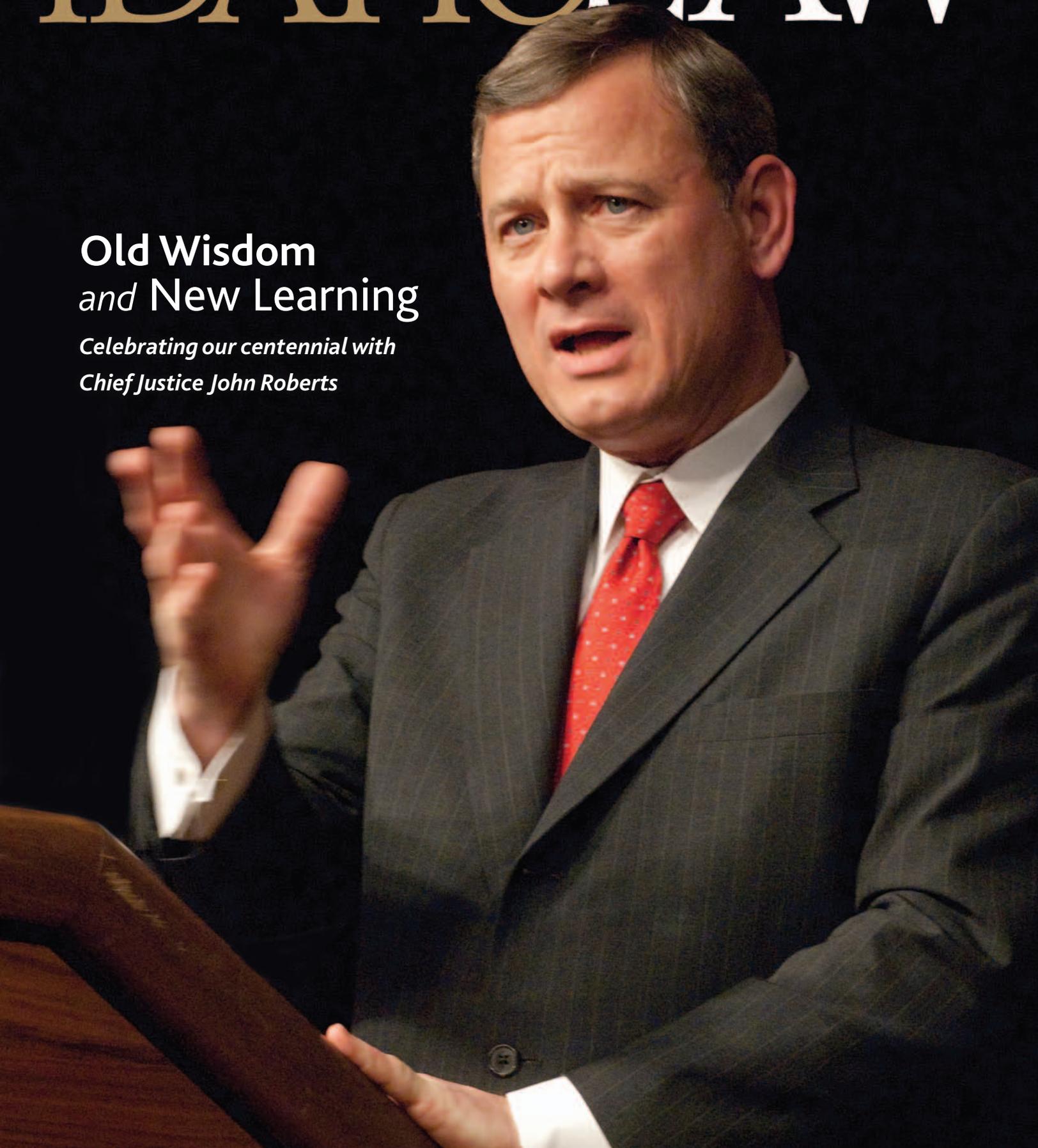


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Stepping Into Our Second Century

The University of Idaho is charged with a state-wide mission in public legal education. The mission is carried out by the College of Law, which, this year, is marking its centennial and planning for a second century.

Idaho's population has doubled, and the state's economy and government have more than doubled, since the College's size and enrollment capacity were determined in 1972-73, when the Menard Law Building was constructed in Moscow. Yet the law program has changed little. Meanwhile, the Treasure Valley has become America's largest metropolitan center serving as a state capital but lacking a law program within its borders or nearby. Rising demand for legal education in the state capital, and growing law-related career opportunities across southern Idaho, now make a law degree program in Boise inevitable – and likely imminent.



We must act to protect our program in Moscow, and we must fulfill our state-wide mission. These dual imperatives have led the faculty, the College of Law Advisory Council, the senior University leadership, and our strategic planning consultant (past chair of the American Bar Association law school standards review committee) all to conclude that our law program must have a greater presence in Boise – complementing the Moscow program and linking it to Idaho's major center of government, commerce, and population.

Idaho's 21st century needs must be addressed by public legal education. Affordable public legal education enables graduates to take jobs in Idaho communities or in the public and nonprofit sectors. It also keeps legal services and justice accessible for people of ordinary means.

In meeting these needs, the University of Idaho will be directed by our Board of Regents, which has already approved a full third-year program for Boise and will give future consideration to a full branch campus. The University also will have powerful allies – none more important than the Idaho Supreme Court. The Court has joined the University in proposing an Idaho Law Learning Center that will house the legal education program in Boise as well as a relocated State Law Library, judicial education offices, and facilities for educational outreach to the general public. It is an innovative, nationally distinctive idea that will make efficient use of public resources and provide exceptional opportunities for our students.

The College of Law has enjoyed landmark success during its first century. The College is now recognized as one of America's best values in legal education. It is especially renowned for its teaching and scholarship in natural resources and environmental law, business law, dispute resolution, Native American law, and public interest law – including an emphasis on professionalism exemplified by our signature program of pro bono service.

We should be proud, but we cannot be complacent. Institutions, like individuals, must act boldly in order to maintain positions of leadership. With the help of loyal alumni and friends, the University of Idaho can maintain its statewide leadership in legal education. Together, we can assure that our second century will be as successful as our first.

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On the Cover:

Chief Justice John G.
Roberts, Jr. of the U.S.
Supreme Court at the
College of Law Centennial
Celebration in Boise.

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OYEZ! OYEZ!

Chief Justice of the United States Joins in Celebrating College of Law Centennial

by Stacie Jones

The last time Allen Derr '51, '59 was in the same room as the Chief Justice of the United States, the prominent Idaho attorney made history when he successfully argued the famous 1971 case, *Reed v. Reed*, before the U.S. Supreme Court. In that case, the court struck down an Idaho state law that discriminated against women. It was the first time the Supreme Court ruled that the Equal Protection Clause in the Fourteenth Amendment protected women's rights.

One evening last March, nearly four decades after his Supreme Court debut, Derr marked another significant piece of history in the company of the Chief Justice of the United States. But this time, in the place of the Supreme Court chambers was a downtown Boise convention center, where he and hundreds of alumni and other guests welcomed special visitor, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., to kick off the University of Idaho College of Law's celebration of 100 years in legal education.

The Largest Event Ever

The March 12 invitation-only event drew a distinguished crowd of Idaho lawyers, business leaders, elected officials and dignitaries. More than 780 guests packed into the Boise Centre on the Grove to hear firsthand from the nation's top judge.

Some late responders and community members who caught word of the Chief Justice's visit waited at the door in hopes of a shot at a no-show seat, but every chair at each of the 70 tables that filled the

spacious 24,400 square-foot, silver-and-gold-clad room was occupied.

The landmark event is believed to be the best-attended University of Idaho event ever held in Boise.

The Chief Justice made the 2,000-mile trip from Washington, D.C., to the Gem State's capital en route to the University of Idaho campus in Moscow, where he delivered the Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture the following day. Roberts is the fourth sitting Supreme Court justice, and the first chief justice, to present the annual Bellwood Lecture, preceded by Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Roberts is the first of the lecturers to make a special stop in Boise.

"This was a huge event for the Boise legal community," said Holly Koole '05, deputy prosecuting attorney with the Ada County Prosecutor's Office. "It seemed nearly every attorney in Boise was there."

Koole expressed gratitude to the College of Law for their extra effort to bring Roberts to Boise for the Centennial Celebration, so she and other alumni in the Treasure Valley could take part in the Chief Justice's visit to the state.

"We were so thrilled to be able to come together in an arena like that," said Koole, who, before receiving the invitation to the Boise reception, had contemplated making the five-and-a-half-hour drive to Moscow to hear the Chief Justice speak at the Bellwood Lecture. "The fact that such a high-caliber visitor came to Boise to help us celebrate our anniversary speaks volumes about the College of Law's reputation. There was a tremendous sense of pride among everyone who was there."



COORDINATION OF CHIEF JUSTICE'S VISIT NO SMALL FEAT

"There was no better way to kick off our centennial than to host a visit from the Chief Justice of the United States," said Sande Schlueter, assistant to the deans of the University of Idaho College of Law.

And for Schlueter and the many other College of Law staff who worked behind the scenes to make Chief Justice John Roberts' rare visit to Idaho possible, there was no bigger — or more rewarding — job.

As the primary contact for the Chief Justice's office, Schlueter was in constant communication with the chief's staff to coordinate the complex details of his much-anticipated visit to Boise for the College of Law Centennial Celebration on March 12, and to Moscow for the annual Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture on March 13.

Schlueter's preparation for Chief Justice Roberts' visit included working closely with the marshals Service Judicial Security Division, which oversees the Chief Justice's safety. She provided the U.S. Marshals with thorough background information on guests who would share the head table at the centennial event with Chief Justice Roberts, and on the platform party at the Bellwood Lecture. Schlueter, with the help of College of Law staff based in Boise, even scouted out the centennial venue, the Boise Centre on the Grove, checking entrances and other aspects of the facility crucial to the security of the Chief Justice.

"The Marshals Service needed to know where the Chief Justice would be at all times, down to the minute," Schlueter said.

Coordinating speaker appearances is nothing unusual for Schlueter, who has been heavily involved in the planning of the College's last four Bellwood Lectures. But she said the visit from the nation's top judge presented heightened pressures and new experiences.

"I was really nervous because he's such a high-profile person," said Schlueter, who accompanied the Chief Justice on his flight from Seattle to Boise. "But Chief Justice Roberts and his staff were very down-to-earth and so easy to work with."

Stephen Perez, who is the development coordinator for the College of Law and also traveled to Boise to assist with the event, said the efforts of Schlueter and many others at the

College of Law contribute greatly to the College's positive reputation among members of the Supreme Court.

"The Chief's staff was very complimentary of how the University of Idaho College of Law managed his visit, even saying that we did a better, more professional job than some very well-known, nationally-ranked law schools they have visited," Perez said.

Perez gives much of the credit for that to Schlueter.

"I think the College of Law's reputation has a lot to do with why we've been so successful in attracting Supreme Court justices to Idaho," he said. "Sande is a big part of that."

In all, Schlueter dedicated hundreds of hours to the Chief Justice's visit, but she says it was all worth it.

"It went off without a hitch," she said. "It was such an awesome set of events. I was very proud to be part of the team that made it all happen."





Some alumni traveled hundreds of miles from Washington, Arizona, California and Nevada to partake in the historic event.

“I was very impressed. It was an extremely well-attended event with a festive atmosphere and very enthusiastic crowd,” said Charles Kozak ’68, who flew from his home in Reno for the evening reception. Kozak said he appreciated the chance to celebrate the law school, reminisce with old friends, and reconnect with former colleagues.

The centennial celebration was also a big draw for the Idaho political community. Among those in attendance was Idaho Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, who spoke at the event to officially proclaim 2009 as the “University of Idaho College of Law Centennial Recognition Year.”

Most of Idaho’s legislative leadership, in town for the spring legislative session, also attended the reception. Additional guests included Lt. Gov. Brad Little and other state officers; Boise Mayor David Bieter ’86; members of the Idaho State Board of Education; the leadership of the Idaho State Bar and other members of the Idaho bench and bar.

Nearly all of Idaho’s federal judges and state appellate judges were present at the evening reception. Donald Burnett, dean of the College of Law, said the judges’ considerable representation was a reflection of their longtime support of the University of Idaho College of Law.

“We have always had a close connection to the state and federal judiciaries,” he said. “This strong relationship,” said Dean Burnett, “has resulted in an extraordinarily large number of graduates launching their

careers in judicial clerkships. In fact, nearly 24 percent of College of Law alumni start out in the highly prized first job. That’s more than twice the national average. “It is definitely one of the values of coming to the University of Idaho College of Law.”

Innovative, interdisciplinary study and forward-looking collaboration

Roberts was nominated as Chief Justice of the United States in 2005 by President George W. Bush and took his seat in September of the same year. And even though he sits at the highest, most-esteemed seat in the country’s judiciary system, the Chief Justice revealed in his address that he is clearly a man of humility.

“Thank you very much for the warm welcome,” he said in response to the crowd’s enthusiastic applause after an introduction by Dean Burnett. “I recognize that it is a tribute to the office I’m privileged to hold and not to me as an individual. I’m very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Chief Justice of the United States.”

He went on to say that whenever he thought the prestige of the “office might be going to his head,” he reminds himself that the “prominence of the individuals who hold the office can be quite fleeting,” proving his point by asking if anyone in the audience could name the Chief Justice when the University of Idaho law school was founded in 1909.

“Melville Fuller,” he answered when the audience remained silent, “was, in fact, a very successful chief justice who served more than 20 years.”



Roberts quickly demonstrated that four years of passing judgment on some of the nation's most complex cases hasn't stripped him of his sense of humor.

"The audience won't hear me tell any lawyer jokes," he said in reference to his next-day appearance at the Bellwood Lecture. "The lawyers don't think they're funny, and the nonlawyers don't think they're jokes."

He praised the founders of the University of Idaho College of Law for having the wisdom and foresight to form the state's own law school a mere 19 years after Idaho established statehood.

"A law school provides homegrown lawyers, but it also does much more. It enlarges the vision and perspective of a university and its community and it enriches the entire state."

He discussed the states' roles as laboratories of experimentation for solutions to challenging national problems. He said Western public law schools, like the University of Idaho College of Law, "can make unique contributions by discovering innovative ways to combine the pioneer spirit with the rule of law."

Chief Justice Roberts specifically saluted the University of Idaho's Waters of the West initiative — a distinctive water resources management and policy program that combines law and science — and the Idaho Water Center in Boise as "good examples of innovative, interdisciplinary study and forward-looking collaboration among government, business and higher education to advance the public good."

Dean Burnett said the Chief Justice's remarks reinforce and affirm the College of Law's ongoing effort to train students to be problem solvers with broad-based knowledge to improve and shape public policy in the state.

"Chief Justice Roberts recognizes that the public law schools in the West have a very important mission, and that the University of Idaho is showing leadership in that mission by combining disciplines in order to advance knowledge on an issue that is extremely important not only in Idaho, but worldwide," Dean Burnett said.

A Personal Connection

During his visit, Chief Justice Roberts mentioned he generally limits his major travel and speaking engagements outside of the District of Columbia area to one or two events per year, and the University of Idaho College of Law Centennial Celebration was a special occasion.

"With 200 accredited law schools in the U.S., it is remarkable that we are one of the very few fortunate enough to host a visit from Chief Justice Roberts," Dean Burnett said. "It shows that the University of Idaho College of Law is a national player."

Burnett said that the College of Law's personal tie to Roberts may have influenced the Chief Justice's decision to make the rare appearance. Richard Seamon, associate dean and professor at the College of Law, was a colleague of Chief Justice Roberts in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General from 1990 to 1993.

During that time they both represented the United States in cases before the Supreme Court.

“The day after John was confirmed to the office, I sent him a note to invite him to Idaho,” Seamon explained. “He wrote back to say he was a little busy at the time, but to keep checking in with him. That began my relentless campaign to get him out here.”

Seamon said that the Chief Justice was enticed by the idea of marking the centennial of one of the oldest law schools in the West.

“One hundred years is a very significant milestone,” Seamon said. “The fact that we were able to attract a visitor of such importance to help us celebrate is a real testament to the value of the University of Idaho College of Law.”

The evening reception in Boise was a time for all those in attendance to savor the law school’s century of achievements and to recognize the College of Law’s extended importance in the state of Idaho and beyond. In addition to Roberts’ speech, the audience heard from one of the more than 4,000 graduates produced by the College during the last 100 years. Mikela French ’08, who is now clerking for Idaho

Supreme Court Justice Joel Horton, gave a testimonial and introduced a goose bump-inducing video that featured the College’s numerous attributes and successes.

“This was the largest University of Idaho law school event I have ever attended,” said Boise Mayor David Bieter ’86. “It showcased the importance of legal education to our state and reminded me, and I think all those present, of the vital role of a land-grant university: To see that a first-rate legal education remains accessible and affordable to Idaho students.”

For guest Allen Derr (pictured below, right), his Supreme Court victory in *Reed v. Reed* was unquestionably a defining moment in his 50-year career, but the opportunity to join Chief Justice Roberts and fellow Vandals to honor his alma mater’s 100-year birthday ranks right up there as another major highlight.

“It was a remarkable event,” he said. “I was extremely proud to be part of it.”





Remarks

by **John G. Roberts, Jr., chief justice of the United States**, given at the University of Idaho College of Law Centennial Celebration in Boise, Idaho on March 12, 2009.

CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you very much for this warm welcome. I recognize full well that it is a tribute to the office I am privileged to hold and not to me as an individual. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Chief Justice of the United States. I also recognize the prominence of the individuals who are privileged to hold that office is often quite fleeting. This is an impressive gathering of the legal community, including many faculty members, but I bet there aren't a handful of people here who could name the Chief Justice of the United States when the University of Idaho's law school was founded. Anyone know? You can raise your hand and I'll call on you. Melville Fuller. Melville Fuller was, in fact, a very successful chief justice who served for more than 20 years. So whenever I'm concerned that maybe the

office might be going to my head, I walk in the conference rooms where we have on the walls portraits of all of the chief justices — familiar names like John Rutledge, Oliver Ellsworth, Morrison Waite, Melville Fuller, Edward White — probably names that many here are hearing for the very first time.

I'm here at the invitation of the College of Law and I'm delighted to be here in this centennial year. I'm scheduled to deliver a lecture tomorrow at the law school and the one thing that the audience will not hear from me are lawyer jokes. That's because the audience will consist of both lawyers and nonlawyers. And I have found that lawyer jokes do not go over very well before such an audience — the lawyers don't think they are funny and the nonlawyers don't think they're jokes.

Now tomorrow I will also be meeting with some of the law students and taking some questions from them. I'm very much looking forward to that. I suspect that one of the students will ask me, as I'm often asked, what judging is like. I'm not sure if my fellow judges here this evening will agree, but I think my first boss out of law school, Judge Henry Friendly, really hit the nail on the head when he described what judging was like. He said it was like the practice in the old English villages of trying to guess the weight of a hog. What they would do is get a large plank, balance it on a rock, put the hog on one end then load stones on the other end until the plank was perfectly balanced. They would try to guess the weight of the stones. I do think that's a lot what judging is like.

Now when Idaho established its College of Law, the state was a mere nineteen years old, but this region had already seen a century of dramatic change as explorers, trappers, miners, ranchers, and farmers all followed in succession. Each of these groups made their initial appearance without the assistance of counsel, but the lawyers were, of course, not far behind. Idahoans have a well-earned reputation for self-sufficiency, and I'm not surprised that this state, after seeing an influx of out-of-state attorneys, decided soon after statehood to produce its own. The decision was a wise one, but not all the reasons may be readily apparent. A law school provides homegrown lawyers, but it also does much more. It enlarges the vision and perspective of a university and its community, and it enriches the entire state.

Justice Louis Brandeis once famously noted that our federal system allows individual states to serve as laboratories for experimenting with new solutions to vexing problems. Energetic state law schools are valuable assets for those

laboratories, and Western state law schools can make unique contributions by discovering innovative ways to combine the pioneer spirit with the rule of law. A good example of this arises from the management of natural resources. As my court cases recognize, the pioneers drawn to these lands found a climate and topography radically different from that east of the 100th meridian. Those settlers adopted customs and practices that took account of the challenges they faced on a new frontier. As one of Idaho's homegrown authors, Vardis Fisher, noted, those individuals thought they were "merely making a living, trying to survive," but they were, in fact, laying the foundation for the growth and prosperity of a huge new territory. They had the wisdom to identify sensible principles such as the doctrine of prior appropriation of water that have become formalized through law and provide the established ground rules for resolving modern resource development challenges.

Now today's states, like Idaho, can take full advantage of both old wisdom and new learning in developing interdisciplinary solutions to current challenges. The law school's joint degree programs in law and water resource management, and the University's development of the Idaho Water Center here in Boise, are good examples of innovative, interdisciplinary study and forward-looking collaboration among government, business and higher education to advance the public good.

Initiatives of this sort, which connect scholarship with public service for the benefit of the population at large, provide what Dean Burnett has described as the opportunity to invest in broader purposes in matters "complete and great." I look forward during my visit to learning much more about how the Idaho bench, bar, and academic institutions are working together to address uniquely Western issues. This seems exactly the type of ingenuity that Justice Brandeis spoke of in extolling the virtues of Federalism. Now, when Justice Brandeis described the states as laboratories for experimentation, he was writing a dissent. But if he were here today, I think he would no doubt have the greatest pleasure of the dissenting judge, the opportunity to say, "I told you so!" Thank you all again very much for welcoming me to Idaho. Rich (Seamon) told me I would receive a warm welcome and that has been fully substantiated by the welcome I have received. I'm delighted to be here, I look forward to visiting the law school and I join all of you in wishing it a successful second century. Thank you.

"States like Idaho can take full advantage of both old wisdom and new learning in developing interdisciplinary solutions to current challenges."





2009 *Commencement*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
BY JUDGE N. RANDY SMITH, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR NINTH CIRCUIT

*Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings
And common people like you and me
Are builders for eternity?*

*Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules,
And each must make, ere life is flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping-stone.*

R. L. Sharpe

President Daley-Laursen, Provost and Executive Vice President Baker, Dean Burnett, Ms. Rammell-O'Brien, members of the faculty at the University of Idaho College of Law, members of the graduating class of 2009 (the Centennial Class), parents, spouses, ladies, and gentlemen:

May I first take this opportunity to thank Brandi Archer for that kind introduction and thank all of you for your invitation to me to come and celebrate this momentous occasion with you. Brandi, how gracious you were with your praise for me. I am humbled by your remarks. Further, I am honored to be asked to come and spend some time with this class on this day.

Before I begin my speech, I need to tell you a story about a first grader going to his class for the first day. Around his neck was strapped a card. The card read, in bold writing: "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents." The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has asked that I begin my remarks by telling you the same thing. The opinions expressed by the judge (the most recently appointed to that court) — me — do not reflect the opinions of that court.

I also want to tell you the same thing that I told the participants in the dinner that I attended last night at the invitation of President Daley-Laursen. Though honored beyond belief, I am here at the University of Idaho today by ruse. Dean Burnett telephoned me some weeks ago and asked me if I "believed in free



speech?” I was somewhat surprised by that question, but answered shyly that “I did.” He then said, “Well, then come to Moscow and give one for graduation.” I am here, so I accepted.

Lastly, I have sat in many commencement exercises during my life. I went to the commencement exercises this morning. I am certain that all of you feel the same way. You have encountered these circumstances so many times previously. I therefore feel much like Elizabeth Taylor’s eighth husband. I know what I am supposed to do, but I don’t know how to keep it interesting.

It has been an historic one hundred years for the University of Idaho College of Law, although some of you may want to forget the last three of those one hundred years. But, of course, you won’t. You have finished your finals; you have earned your degree; you will remember everything you have learned here . . . right? I trust you will remember it clearly until you pass the bar examination; then you can forget it.

Because this is the one hundredth graduation, I was especially worried about what to say in this speech. I wanted the speech to be different from all others you have heard. I thought about being very high-minded and speaking on the Rule Against Perpetuities. You remember, “No contingent interest is good unless it vests in not later than 21 years after the death of a life in

being.” I considered an address about judicial independence, about how to interpret a statute, about the rule of law. After more time, I decided to change directions. I decided to let my hair down (not that I have that much of it) and talk to you about the important things in my life. These would have been the subject of discussion when Dean John MacLane spoke to the law school’s first eighteen students on September 20, 1909. You know, at the time when there were no paved roads in Moscow; when he was trying to bring the educational techniques of Harvard to the West (and specifically to the University of Idaho College of Law).

Therefore, I shall speak about three characteristics, which I have found to be essential to success as a legal professional and essential to a distinguished legal career.

I want to first speak about **INTEGRITY**. I understand that, while reviewing the historical records in a small town clerk’s office in Idaho, a lawyer found the following quote (which I find significant):

“Our inhabitants now comprise some 525, of whom two are blacksmiths, one is a doctor, three are storekeepers, and one is an innkeeper. We have no lawyers amongst us, for which latter fact we take no credit to ourselves, but give thanks to Almighty God.”

When I first read this quote, I laughed out loud. After thinking about it for a while, I then wanted to cry. Why is it that lawyers are always the brunt of all of the jokes? Why is it that we are singled out for this pleasure? I don't suggest that I know all of the answers to these questions. However, my friends tell me that one of the reasons for our circumstances is that we can say something false with a straight face and make it sound true. Yet for an appellate judge, I have a few suggestions for you. To make certain that you maintain a reputation for integrity while doing appellate work, tell the judge the truth when you talk to her or him both in oral advocacy and in brief writing. Appellate judges are professional brief readers and professional listeners to oral argument. You cannot afford to lose your reputation for integrity in dealing with them. Answer a question truthfully, even when it seems that the answer will kill your argument. Do not overstate your argument or your issue. Cite a case for what it really says, not what you hope that it says or what, taking away all of the modifiers, you want it to say. Admit fault where necessary. I am acquainted with two University of Idaho graduates, who are examples of this principle of integrity.

Keith Zollinger practices criminal defense law in the Idaho Sixth Judicial District. His clients have always committed bad acts; he is assigned to get them the best outcome that he can. He delivers for his clients; why does he deliver? He is unbelievably honest in his argument to the judges of the district. He never diminishes the bad conduct of his client; he only advances the good conduct. He never overstates the arguments nor overstates his client's potential. However, his advocacy with integrity is successful.

Ted Creason practices insurance defense law in Idaho's 2nd Judicial District. His insurance defense clients get premium results from his work, because plaintiffs' lawyers can count on his word. He does not overstate his client's position; when you telephone him and he commits to something, you can rely on it. When he mediates cases or negotiates cases with other lawyers, he admits fault and argues for the best result (even given that fault). Others can trust him. The integrity of his work gets his clients the best results.

Acquired not by money, but by **CHARACTER**. The Philadelphia Bar Association is the nation's oldest organized bar association. As one of the traditions of the association, it gives the leader of the bar association a small gold box (a snuff box in years gone by) as a retirement gift. It is a replica of the gift given to Andrew Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was a lawyer, best known for his pro bono legal victory against a printer and newspaper. His eloquent defense of his client established the affirmative defense that truth is a defense to libel. Because the case seemed like a sure loser to all of those who had reviewed it before

he agreed to take it, and because he nevertheless won the case, his actions gave rise to the phrase, "It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to win that case." For his work on the case, his peers gave him a gold box. Inscribed on the box were the words, "Acquired not by money, but by character." The character of which I speak is exemplified by graduates from the University of Idaho law school.

Blaine Anderson was one of my predecessors as an Idahoan on the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He earned his juris doctorate degree from the University of Idaho in 1949 and went into private practice in Blackfoot. He was eventually appointed to the United States District Court for Idaho and then to the Ninth Circuit. He served on that court until he passed away. He was a great jurist and attorney by any standard, but he had more; he had character. He was a tireless worker. I am told that he always took more than his share of the judicial appellate load; he never complained; he was always prompt in what he did.

Senator James McClure graduated from the College of Law in 1950. He had already been in the Navy, but, after graduation, continued in public service as a county prosecutor in Payette County, a city attorney, a state legislator, a United States congressman, and then a United States senator. Some may say that Senator McClure shaped Idaho politics. He was certainly a force on the national stage in the areas of energy and natural resources. Long before it was popular, he advocated energy independence and alternative fuel vehicles. Yet he had more; he had character. He was never flashy or presumptuous. However, he was always prepared when he spoke or when he answered questions. He was humble in his approach; but he understood what he discussed.

I do not know whether Professor Dennis Colson was a student at the College of Law. However, I could not talk about character without mentioning him. As you know, he has been a professor at the College of Law; your professor. While teaching at the University, he also researched and wrote the book, "The Idaho Constitution: The Tie That Binds." His character has been evidenced by his excellent scholarship. I remember, as a trial judge, local counties, cities, and school boards challenged Idaho's term limits law before me. I used Professor Colson's scholarly work to help make that decision. I can't thank him enough for his efforts in that regard.

Finally, I mention another outstanding alumnus of this institution who recently passed away. Although he didn't earn his law degree at the University of Idaho, he attended school in Moscow in the 1950s, and was a Vandal through and through. Some people may not have known Allyn Dingel. However, if you ever met him, you never forgot him. He grew up in



Twin Falls and practiced law in Twin Falls and in Boise. He was a tremendous lawyer, very successful and well respected. He was fixture in Idaho politics. He was a former deputy attorney general, a lobbyist, and frequently a source of information and advice for colleagues, legislators, and governors. This year, the Idaho legislature adopted a resolution, honoring Allyn for his “good humor, his prodigious memory of persons, times, and events, and his unfailing courtesy, honesty, and integrity.” He was the kind of lawyer and, more than that, the kind of person, who embodies “Acquired not by money, but by character.”

Third, I would suggest that you **MANAGE YOUR CAREER AS A PART OF YOUR LIFE.**

As you begin your career, I trust that these words by Bernard Mannesbaruch will assist you in being successful.

“Whatever task you undertake, do it with all your heart and soul; always be courteous, never be discouraged. Beware of him who promises you something for nothing. Do not blame anybody for your mistakes or failures. Do not look for approval except the consciousness of doing your best.”

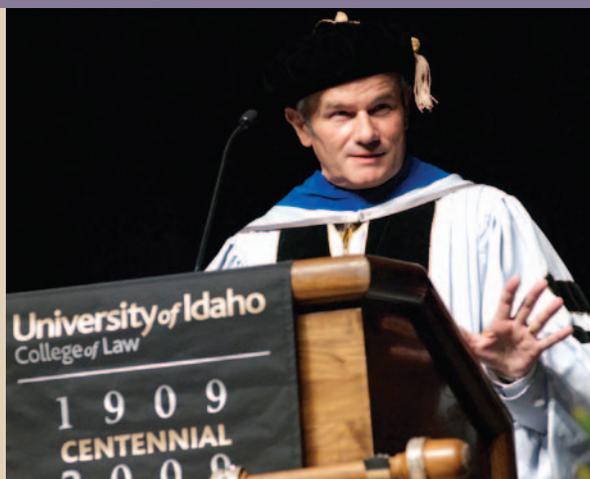
However, simply devoting all of your time and effort to your legal career will not make you successful. Success depends on how one manages her/his career as a part of life. May I take just a moment to “talk straight” with you? Great people come from Idaho. How many of you were raised in Idaho? For the rest of you, you’re here now and we will claim you. You may find that, as you go out in the world to work, some people won’t expect much from Idaho except potatoes. I come from Thatcher, Idaho, a place so small that it rarely shows up on any maps. If you had told me when I was young or even in law school that I would be a judge on the Ninth Circuit, I would never have believed you. Some of my former colleagues still do not believe it. But, despite what

people think, you do not have to go to Harvard to do great things. You don’t have to live in New York or San Francisco to make a difference. If you are not in the top of the class, you may be wondering if you will ever succeed. I assure you that you will. Though 90 percent of you are not in the top of your class, neither are 90 percent of those with whom you will interview and compete. I fully expect that, in this room, sit future prosecutors, judges, professors, business and community leaders, and legislators. By attending here at this College of Law, you inherit a legacy of excellence — a century of goodwill, legal scholarship, and a record of professional achievement that can be matched only by your own future accomplishments. However, those accomplishments cannot be achieved without managing your career as a part of your life. One’s success has more to do with habits, abilities, and good choices along the way. It has to do with managing personal and family stability with the ability to work steadily and hard. It has to do with being able to understand and get along well with others; the ability to communicate on the level of the common people. It will take balancing your legal career with your relationship with your spouse, the rest of your family, your duty to your community, and to your church. It will take making decisions that are profitable, legal, and ethical. It will take giving back to your community with your time and your money. Remember where you came from; remember the values you grew up understanding and by which you lived. Parents and family are important. It requires managing your career as a part of your life.

Well, I would rather people say, “Why has he quit speaking?” than instead saying, “Why doesn’t he quit speaking?” Therefore, I will quit.

Congratulations! Best wishes! Remember, remember: integrity; acquired not by money, but by character; and manage your career as a part of your life.

The Award of Legal Merit recognizes the outstanding contribution of an Idaho law graduate whose career exemplifies the best in the legal profession. This annual award is determined by a vote of the law faculty and is based on demonstrated standards of integrity, competence, service and leadership through work as a legal practitioner, service to the legal profession, service to the community, or service to business/state/national interests. The award is presented during the College of Law commencement ceremony. Nominations are submitted to the dean of the College of Law and voted on by the faculty each spring. Stephen G. Hanks '78 is the retired CEO of Washing Group International (successor to the Morrison Knudson Corporation) in Boise.



Thank you, Dean, I appreciate the opportunity to receive this award and appreciate the opportunity to say a couple of words. First of all, I would like you to know that at a time when businesses are struggling and business leaders are held almost universally in low esteem, I think it takes a lot of courage for you and for the faculty members to award the Legal Merit Award to a retired CEO. So, thank you very much. And congratulations to the graduates.

Thirty-one years ago, I was sitting where you're sitting, wondering what life was going to be like for me and what life had in store as a professional. My first issue was getting a job. I'd grown up as a construction laborer, so I went to Morrison Knudsen, that was then a worldwide, highly regarded engineering construction company headquartered in Boise, and I wanted to work on their legal staff. I met their general counsel and I asked him for a job. He said, "Call me in a week and I'll let you know." So I called him in a week. I was polite. I was persistent. I told him why I thought he really needed me on his staff. He said, "Well, I don't know, call me in a week." So I called him in a week. This went on for 8 weeks. Finally, he said, "OK, OK, I'll make you a deal. I'll hire you if you promise not to call me every week." And so that's what I did, and that started my career at Morrison Knudsen. Now in some respects, it started sort of just in time; because you know timing can be everything. Morrison Knudsen went through a host of really serious problems, and it was a fantastic education for somebody who was practicing law within that organization. The company went bankrupt twice. And in its second bankruptcy, I was sitting in the boardroom with the board of directors. They were looking around for someone to be the chief executive officer. It was a moment in time when no one in their right mind would be the chief executive officer, so I was perfectly qualified for the job. They offered it to me and I took it. Now the company went on to great success. Our earnings and stock price increased by 35 percent every year for seven years. When you think about that today in view of what the world has gone through, it was pretty astonishing, and people have asked us how we did that. The answer was that we focused on the development of our people. And the key to the development of our people, we found, was

mentoring. And so my advice to you as graduates is to seek out a mentor. Someone you can talk to. Not someone who supervises your work, but someone who will listen to you as you raise issues with them; someone who will give you clean, unfettered advice that will help you as you develop as a professional. I would also tell you that in my career at Morrison Knudsen, we developed over a hundred billion dollars in revenues. I probably oversaw, because of the legal problems we had, over half a billion dollars in attorneys fees. And in the process of doing so, I hired lawyers from the biggest named firms in the world. We had operations in 50 countries around the world and hired lawyers who had graduated from the big name institutions. And what I want you to know, and I hope you'll remember, is you have all the tools that you need to succeed. When I think about lawyers who come from those institutions and the bravado that they bring while they talk about their law degrees and the schools from which they came, I would tell you that graduating from the University of Idaho College of Law gives you everything that you need to succeed in the world. The world is your stage. There has never been a better opportunity than the opportunities that are in front of you right now. Some people have talked about whether or not the best days are now behind us, you know, and the future doesn't look as good the future looked 30 years ago for people who graduated when the good Judge and I did. It's not true. The best opportunities are right now, and you can make a great career with the tools that you have received here at the University of Idaho. There is one thing I would have you remember, and this is similar to what the Judge told you. Your integrity and your ethics will draw people to you to seek your counsel and your advice more powerfully than anything else that you use. I guarantee you that you will have challenges and they will come at you in ways that you can't even conceive of today — challenges to your integrity and to your ethics. Always take the high road. I'll make one more guarantee to you. If you will practice the very highest standards of ethics, the very highest standards of integrity, you will have a fulfilling and successful career. I thank you so much for this award and congratulations to you new graduates. Thank you.

Commencement AWARDS

Faculty Award of Legal Achievement

Jana Beth Gomez

Peter E. Heiser Award for Excellence in Teaching

Richard Seamon

Faculty Award of Legal Merit

Stephen G. Hanks '78

Spirit of the Class Award

Christopher Smith

Pro Bono: Above and Beyond

Jordan Taylor

Spirit of the Clinic Award

Charissa Eichman, Elizabeth Schwantor

Outstanding Student Service Award

Jordan Taylor

University of Idaho Alumni Awards for Excellence

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Jana Gomez

Inspiration:

Prof. Michael Satz

Prof. Monica Schurtman

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Craig Atkinson

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Mary McGrath

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Public Interest Fellow Brings Insight to Advocacy

“Wisdom unfiltered through personal experience does not become a part of the moral tissue.”

—Edith Wharton

by Donna Emert

Idaho Law student Sandy Flores '11 is serving the underserved as a Public Interest Law Fellow in the Migrant Unit of Idaho Legal Aid this summer. Flores was one of eight law students who received a fellowship to pursue public interest legal work this summer. The fellowship has provided her additional insights into the social and legal issues facing migrant laborers in Idaho. Many are issues she has been familiar with since childhood.

“I personally am a first-generation student from a limited-income household, and I grew up in a farm labor camp,” said Flores. “That experience has influenced me greatly, and everything I do.”

“The fact that Sandy grew up in a labor camp means that she knows from experience the realities confronting the people she now serves as a legal advocate,” said Monica Schurtman, associate professor of law, an informal adviser to Flores, and faculty supervisor of students in the College of Law’s Immigration Law Clinic. “She can bring together her legal training with her insights as a member of a farm labor family to provide unparalleled legal advocacy in this arena.”

Flores served as an extern under supervising attorney Eric Johnson at Caldwell, and worked on additional projects for the Idaho Legal Aid’s Nampa office. “I’ve been exposed to a lot of different areas of the law,” said Flores. Under Johnson’s supervision, she helped with client intakes, helped translate in a divorce case, and sat in on client intakes involving wills, mortgage fraud, identity theft and divorce. She also wrote a memo on Washington law regarding prenuptial agreements, and helped clients file Supplemental Security Income (SSI) appeals online when clients were wrongfully denied disability benefits.

Community outreach was another aspect of her summer internship. “One of the things I’m helping with is outreach. As part of the Migrant Unit, we go out to labor camps in the area and give out brochures and information (printed in Spanish and in English) about the Caldwell office and the services we provide. My supervisor, Delia Gonzalez, knows a lot of the families at the camps and she checks in to make sure everything is alright with their work environment.”

Flores’ externship also provided her the opportunity to take part in the establishment of the Idaho Immigration Law Pro Bono Network (IILPBN), an effort aimed at providing pro bono attorney services to low income clients in immigration proceedings. Flores served on one of the organization’s subcommittees, putting together an oral presentation on removal proceedings (clarifying what a person should do in case they are called in front of an immigration judge).

“Immigration law is complex. Ideally, people in immigration proceedings would have access to affordable legal representation, but often they do not. If they do not at least get as clear an explanation as possible of the legal process and their potential options, they may never know whether they have the right or ability to remain in the U.S. lawfully, and will likely be ordered to leave the country. Often that means long-term or permanent separation from U.S. citizen family members,” Schurtman explained.

There is a great need for the information Flores and the IILPBN can provide: according to the Census Bureau, Idaho’s Hispanic population has grown to 156,000 in 2009. This essential segment of the state’s workforce includes many farm laborers, as

well as migrant workers in the forestry and construction industries.

“One judge who hears immigration cases in Boise made a comment that Idaho was the only jurisdiction on his docket that does not provide access to pro bono representation,” explained Flores. “In response to this, the IILPBN is trying to get lawyers interested in volunteering their time. This is part of the grassroots effort to get that going here in Idaho.”

The talk Flores and the IILPBN subcommittee put together will be offered monthly in Boise and will include information on removal proceedings and what it means to get a notice of appearance. When possible and appropriate, individuals will be assigned a trained pro bono attorney who will work with more experienced immigration attorney mentors.

“I’m still in the process of learning what it means to think like a lawyer,” said Flores. “It means not starting with your own agenda, but listening to the clients. You need to be able to step back and apply the law, step by step.”

Flores envisions a future in employment and labor law. “I want to focus on making sure that farm workers’ employment environment is safe and fair. One of the things I’ve seen, doing outreach, is how limiting the employment laws are. I just want to see where I can help.”

Flores also serves as vice president of the Student Advocates for Hispanic/Latino Support and Awareness (SALSA). The student organization is investigating how they might invest their spring break, providing pro bono work in partnership with Catholic Charities in the Boise area.

Getting out of the classroom and directly into lives and issues she is familiar with has given Flores new perspective and inspiration.

“It’s good to know the big concepts, but when you’re actually working with people, in the office with other attorneys, you learn what it is you have to do,” said Flores. “Dealing with people is not like book learning. You have the abstract notion, but when you get here you see how it all fits, how it all comes together. It’s a different experience.”

“One of the things I enjoy the most is getting out to the labor camps. It may sound a little cliché, but knowing that I’m helping people who don’t otherwise have access is rewarding. The work I’m doing here at Legal Aid reaffirms my desire to be a lawyer.”

The Summer Public Interest Law Fellows program is funded through a grant from the Idaho Law Foundation and private donors. If you would like to support the PILF program, please contact Stephen M. Perez at sperez@uidaho.edu or (208) 885-6423.

Allyn Dingel:

A LEGACY OF LEADING AND OF FAMILY

The College of Law and Idaho legal community lost one of its lions in 2009, M. Allyn Dingel, Jr., B.A. '58. Although he graduated from New York University School of Law, Allyn treated the University of Idaho College of Law as his adopted law school. Throughout his more than forty-year career, he was an ardent supporter of the College of Law and champion for the Idaho judiciary and ethical trial practice. Allyn will long be remembered for his sense of humor, his professionalism, his integrity and his abiding love and respect for the legal profession and all those who practice it.

Allyn was born in Twin Falls in 1936. By the time he graduated from high school, he had established himself as a modern day Renaissance man. He came to the University of Idaho, having served as student body president of Twin Falls High School, to play baseball for the Vandals, but his involvement on campus extended off the field to singing with the Vandaleers and playing violin with the University Orchestra.



It was at UI that Allyn first met Fran Baudek '60. Allyn enjoyed great success on the field and in the classroom, but this did not immediately translate into success when it came to his early dates with Fran. While Allyn and Fran would go on to enjoy forty-four years of marriage, a union to which two Vandal sons were born (Bryan '89 and Mike '91, '96), the story of how this came about has become family legend.

"We started off just as good friends," said Fran. Allyn was a serious student, and on those early dates made the "tactical error" of asking Fran about her grades. Needless to say, this did not quite live up to her idea of appropriate date conversation, and they parted ways. It would be eight years before their paths crossed again. In 1964, Allyn, who had been practicing law in Twin Falls since his graduation from New York University School of Law in 1961, took a job with the Idaho Attorney General's office in Boise. He discovered that Fran was teaching in Boise (and, more importantly, was single). Dating skills presumably improved, Allyn and Fran quickly became best friends and were married in December of that year. Fran was struck by his wit and depth of character. "His defining qualities were his sense of humor, his kindness, and his honesty," she said.

Those qualities came through in his professional life, as well. Allyn's legal career was as long as it was distinguished. He began in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1961 and went on to practice with the same Boise firm for more than forty years.

Among his professional accomplishments, Allyn was a founding member of the Idaho Law Foundation, a

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and formerly served as the Idaho lawyer representative and chairman of the Ninth Circuit Conference of the U.S. Courts. In 2004, Allyn received the Idaho State Bar's highest honor, the Distinguished Lawyer Award.

Allyn was a tireless champion of the state's judiciary system and an effective trial lawyer with a distinctive presence, prodigious memory, and the skill to argue his point with passion, humor and grace.

In 2008, Courtroom 400 in the Ada County Courthouse was named for him in recognition of his exemplary professional and personal dedication to the legal community and his service to the Idaho judiciary. Shortly after his passing, Idaho legislators passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 111, which also honored Allyn's efforts.

Over the years, Allyn received many letters from attorneys against whom he had argued cases, and from those he had mentored, thanking him for his civility in the courtroom and his kindness outside of it. "One of them said if there were more lawyers like Allyn, there wouldn't be any lawyer jokes," Fran recalled.

Allyn was a staunch supporter of Idaho's law school, serving on the Law Advisory Council. The M. Allyn Dingel, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established to perpetuate Allyn's legacy of passion and professionalism by supporting deserving law students.

"He was a strong advocate for his clients and his peers. He was a good father, a great husband, and my best friend," said Fran. "His legacy is that he was a good man."

THE M. ALLYN DINGEL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The M. Allyn Dingel, Jr., Scholarship was established by his family to honor him and his beloved profession, and to nurture future generations of lawyers by providing access to quality law education in Idaho.

Allyn Dingel '58 earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Idaho and his law degree from New York University. "Even though he received his law degree from NYU, he treated the University of Idaho College of Law as his alma mater," said his son, Mike Dingel '91 & '96. "He had so many colleagues and close friends who went there, as well as family members, including myself, my wife, Bryan's wife, and our wives' siblings."

Allyn Dingel mentored young lawyers throughout his career, and the scholarship will continue to offer meaningful support to future young lawyers, in perpetuity.

"He took great interest in the new lawyers who are inducted into the Idaho bar every year, many of whom receive their J.D.s from the College of Law. He always attended induction ceremonies. The law and the common bond amongst lawyers was his way of relating to generations, young and old," said Mike.

"My dad believed that the quality of education at the University of Idaho was excellent, and he would be honored that this scholarship was established in his name."

To contribute to this endowment, or to find out more about College of Law scholarship endowment opportunities, contact Michele Bartlett at bartlett@uidaho.edu.

To commemorate the College of Law's centennial, associate professor and head of Public Services for the University of Idaho College of Law Library, Michael J. Greenlee, has dedicated many hours to researching the College's history. With the assistance of Robert McCoy, assistant professor of history at Washington State University and specialist in institutional histories, Prof. Greenlee is preparing a complete history of the law school. Below is an adaptation of the section dealing with the key role women played in the early days of the College of Law.

Shining Lights





at the Bar:

WOMEN AT THE COLLEGE OF LAW, 1923-1948

Michael J. Greenlee, *associate professor of law and head of Public Services, University of Idaho College of Law Library*

While addressing a group of women attorneys in Chicago, Clarence Darrow made the unjust observation that women “can never be shining lights at the bar because you are too kind.” Attitudes like these were all too common as women began entering law schools in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Women who pursued a career in law were often considered as “oddballs” or “misfits,” destined for disappointment and failure in their chosen profession.

Despite these attitudes, a few women figured prominently among Idaho’s early practitioners and graduates. As Debora Kristensen noted in *The First 50 Women in Idaho Law*, it took 80 years – from 1895 to 1975 – for 50 women to be admitted to the Idaho bar. Their stories are inspiring examples of persistence and patience. Included among these fifty women are the first female graduates of the College of Law. Between 1937 and 1948, seven women graduated from the law school. Their story is a significant part of the history of the College of Law and one that deserves attention as the College celebrates its centennial anniversary. Not only were these the first women to earn law degrees from the University of Idaho, but their participation was essential as the law school struggled to remain open during World War II. These “oddballs and misfits” proved to be exemplary

students who went on to become distinguished attorneys, judges, and other members of the Idaho legal community – “shining lights” in every sense.

Since its establishment in 1909, the College of Law followed a policy of nondiscrimination on admission for reasons of sex, creed, or race. Such a policy placed the College years ahead of contemporaries such as Yale, Columbia, Harvard, Notre Dame, and Washington & Lee. As a result, two women came to study law at the University of Idaho in the early 1920s – Mary Etta Shelton and Mary Asthora Ball. Unfortunately, few details are known about the lives of these women. Shelton came to the University of Idaho from Union, Oregon. She was the first woman to graduate from the College of Law in 1923, with high honors; but little is known of her subsequent life, apart from the fact that she never practiced law in Idaho. Mary Ball (“Muggins” to friends) was an active student, serving as president of the Women’s Athletic Association, an editor on the *Gem of the Mountains* yearbook staff, and a member of Gamma Phi Beta. However, Ball never completed her law studies and, again, her subsequent career is unknown. Although the College of Law was well ahead of its time in admitting women as law students, no other women are known to have enrolled in the law school for the remainder of the 1920s.

It wasn't until the final years of the 1930s that female law students again appeared at the University of Idaho. At the beginning of the 1939-40 academic year, fifty-six students were attending law school at the University, three of whom were women. Mary Schmitt enrolled in 1937, followed by Alberta Morton Phillips in 1938 and Bernice Bacharach in 1939 – placing one woman in each graduating class of 1940, 1941, and 1942. This trend in enrollment continued into the 1940s as men left the University for military service in World War II. By the end of the decade, four more women graduated from the College of Law – Rei Kihara Osaki (1943); Catherine Dochios Vlachos and Kathryn Claire Justus Drong Ahrens (1945); and Maxine Dorothy Whitney (1948).

The reception these women received at the University is mostly unknown, but it's likely they encountered resistance from their male classmates. Alberta Phillips, a brilliant student, recalled receiving a “real raspberry” on her first day of class when two men suggested she was in the wrong department and should be in home economics “learning things that would make her a good wife for someone.” Despite such attitudes, Phillips won her classmates over after her first semester – although she was never sure if it was due to her personality or the fact that she was ranked at the top of her class.

When Bacharach graduated in 1942, the effects of World War II were just beginning to make an impact on the University. In the years preceding the war, total enrollment was around 3,000 students, with the ratio of men to women at three to one. By 1943 enrollment had dropped to about 1,200 students, with women outnumbering men at two to one. The effects of the war at the law school were shocking. Between 1943 and 1945, Dean Brockelbank reported only eight students as the total enrollment at the College of Law. Of these eight students, six graduated between 1943 and 1945, with Catherine Dochios and Kathryn Claire Drong composing the entire class of 1945. At their graduation, Dochios and Drong were informed by Idaho Governor Charles C. Gossett that their attendance at the law school was a critical factor which kept the school open during the 1944-45 academic year.

During this same period, women also played a crucial role as members of the faculty and staff. Between 1940 and 1945, four women were hired at the law school, all of them essential to its continued operation. Phyllis Sheidler Burson was appointed in 1940 by Dean Pendleton Howard as the first professionally trained law librarian to serve at the law school – an appointment Dean Howard had sought to accomplish since 1935. Unfortunately, Burson stayed only a short time, eventually moving to Texas in 1945.

Burson was not the only member of the faculty and staff to leave the College during this time. World War II drastically reduced the student body, and by 1945,

the entire teaching faculty, the law librarian, and the College secretary either resigned to accept positions elsewhere or were serving in the military. As the law school faced the distinct possibility of closing its doors in 1945, Dean William Brockelbank secured five new appointments to the College of Law, three of whom were women. Brockelbank hired former law student Alberta Phillips as the first woman to teach at the College of Law; he then appointed current law student Maxine Whitney as secretary; and Carolyn Atkins Folz as law librarian. So it was, that with a handful of students and faculty, the University of Idaho College of Law remained open during World War II, while some contemporaries were forced to close.

As the 1940s came to an end, so did an era in which women were regularly counted among the students at the College of Law. Three more women enrolled at the College in 1949 and graduated together in 1952: Kathryn Ann Mautz, Jeanne Sibyl Griggs Pollett, and Ina Mae Wheeler. These would be the last women to graduate from the law school for the next fifteen years. Likewise, there was a twenty-year gap following Alberta Phillips before another woman was appointed to the law faculty. Shirley Crabb Zabel taught for one year from 1965-66 before leaving to pursue an interest in international law at the University of Khartoum in Sudan. It wasn't until Joann Henderson was appointed in 1975 that a woman would remain on the law faculty for an extended period – teaching for thirty years until her retirement in 2005. However, with the completion of a new law building in 1973 and the corresponding rise in student enrollment, the number of women represented in the student body and on the faculty continued to steadily increase over the next three decades.

Today, the College of Law has an overall enrollment that is more than 40 percent female, which is comparable to the enrollments found at most U.S. law schools. This represents a significant improvement from even just a few years ago, when that percentage dipped to 26 percent in 2001. In addition, the faculty and professional staff include eight women as tenured faculty, two faculty law librarians, four instructors, and five professional staff members who hold J.D. degrees. The numbers are encouraging and reflect the dedicated effort which the College of Law has demonstrated in recent years to increase diversity among its students and faculty. Such improvements also reflect the atmosphere of the modern College of Law. Women entering our law school today do so with an understanding that they are accepted, welcomed, and supported by their fellow students, the University, and the Idaho bar. That such opportunities exist today is largely due to the efforts of the women listed here who not only helped to open the door to legal education in Idaho, but to keep that door open to all students during the lean years of World War II.

MARY ELIZABETH SCHMITT was the second woman to graduate from the College of Law, and in 1940 she became the first graduate to be admitted to the Idaho bar. She added another “first” to her legal career when she accepted a position as the first female law clerk at the Idaho Supreme Court, clerking for Justice Raymond L. Givens. Schmitt practiced law in Idaho for many years, acting as Canyon County deputy prosecutor, managing her own law office, and working as a court reporter.

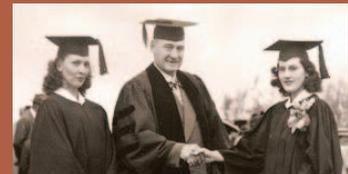


ALBERTA MORTON PHILLIPS was the first woman to earn the William E. Borah award from the Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity in recognition of her superior academic achievement. In 1945, Phillips returned to the College of Law, but this time as its first female faculty member. Initially, Phillips was reluctant to serve on the faculty because, at the time, “no women left their home after having children to accept employment.” Though her services were desperately needed, Phillips was not allowed to teach criminal law since it would be “improper” for a woman to address male students about rape. Dean William Brockelbank offered Phillips a permanent position on the faculty, but she chose to leave teaching when her husband returned from the war in 1946. They moved back to Pocatello, Idaho, to begin a private law practice and raise a family. Phillips finally retired from practice in 1986.

BERNICE BACHARACH earned many distinctions during her career, beginning with passing the Washington bar exam — twice. Her first exam was ruled invalid because she had not been a resident of Washington for the requisite six months. In 1949, Bacharach opened her own law office in Wenatchee, Washington, where, for many years, she was the only female lawyer within one hundred miles. Her success in the courtroom was “phenomenal,” acting both as a prosecuting attorney, a criminal defense attorney, and handling a full array of private law matters. In her later life, Bacharach reflected that the “University of Idaho gave me everything that I am and what I was able to accomplish in my life.” The College of Law also recognized the achievements of one of its most successful graduates by presenting Bacharach with its Award of Legal Merit in 1997.

REI KIHARA OSAKI'S academic career at the College of Law was an example of courage in the face of extreme hardship. Osaki was the daughter of Japanese immigrants and grew up on the Yakima Indian Reservation in Washington. By entering law school, she alone of her family escaped forced relocation during World War II, to the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp in Wyoming. At one point, Osaki considered leaving law school to join her family; however, her father persuaded her to stay, reminding her that she was “the only free person in the family,” and instructing her to “take all my savings and finish law school.” Osaki heeded his advice, and in 1943 became the law school’s fifth female graduate. In September 1943, she was admitted to the bar in Lewiston, Idaho, becoming the first Japanese-American admitted to practice in Idaho. Osaki’s family lost everything during the relocation and she took it upon herself to secure a new home for them in Wisconsin. After practicing law for a short time at the Office of Price Administration in Chicago, Osaki moved to California where she raised a family.

CATHERINE DOCHIOS and **KATHRYN CLAIRE JUSTUS DRONG** shared the unique experience of being the entire graduating class of 1945. Without Dochios and Drong, the law school may have been forced to close that year because of a lack of graduates. This was so notable an event that Idaho Governor Charles C. Gossett travelled all the way from Boise to congratulate them on their achievement. During their years together at law school, Dochios and Drong developed an enduring friendship and they kept in regular contact throughout their lives. Drong managed a law office in Lewiston, Idaho, for many years, while Dochios moved to Chicago, Illinois, and worked in the Cook County juvenile justice system.



CAROLYN ATKINS FOLZ had thirteen years of experience as a librarian before coming to Idaho, including three years working for the Library of Congress and two years at the University of Illinois. She served at the College of Law for twenty-seven years, until 1972, bearing sole responsibility for the library collection as the only professional and full-time employee. William and Carolyn Folz, both longtime employees of the University of Idaho, left the University a \$1.5 million gift from their estate, creating a scholarship endowment which bears their name and funds the largest single scholarship offered by the College of Law.

MAXINE DOROTHY WHITNEY was the last woman to graduate from the College of Law during the 1940s. Before coming to the University of Idaho, she earned a B.A. in history and an M.A. in economics, the latter from Stanford University. Entering law school with such credentials would have caused Whitney to stand out among her classmates because, at the time, only two years of college-level work were required for admission in the law program. In addition to enrolling in the law school, Whitney was appointed by Dean Brockelbank to act as secretary of the College in 1945. She also found time to work in the law library and still graduated in 1948. Whitney later served as a probate judge in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, and maintained a private practice, which she operated until retiring. Idaho attorney Linda Judd remembers Whitney as one of the few female role models in the practice of law in northern Idaho, describing her as “diligent, caring, compassionate, smart, tough, elegant, stylish, a woman of strength and virtue, and, above all, professional.”

Biographies excerpted from “The First 50 Women in Idaho Law” by Debora Kristensen

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Darrell J. '59 and Rosemary L. '62, '82 Daubert

Bob and Anne K. DeBord

Dick and Jo DeHaven

Elam & Burke

Episcopal Church in Idaho, Inc.

Blaine F. '47 and Betty L. '47 Evans

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Ronald D. '71 and Mary Lynne Schilling

Lee W. '61 and Judy L. Stokes

Joan E. Sullivan '65

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Coralie D. Weston '61

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Lucinda Lomas '74

In Memory of Raymond D. Givens

William Warren '54, '56 and Judy Ann Nixon

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Schimke, L. Weldon †

Class of 1944 (100% Participation)

Swanson, Robert

Class of 1945 (100% Participation)

Vlachos, Catherine D.

Class of 1948 (25% Participation)

Kingsford, Leonard O.

Class of 1950 (18% Participation)

Rigby, Ray W.

McClure, James A.

Class of 1951 (21% Participation)

Brimhall, Preston B.

Durtschi, J. Ray

McFadden, Richard L.

Class of 1952 (20% Participation)

Bermensolo, Claude J.

Neal, James Otis

Smith, Thomas L.

Class of 1954 (13% Participation)

Bengtson, John H.

Class of 1956 (25% Participation)

Friel, Wallis W.

Nixon, William Warren

Swanstrom, H. Roger

Class of 1957 (57% Participation)

Butler, Blaine S.

Coleman, John R.

Parsons, William A.

Pearson, Zurlinden L.

Class of 1958 (17% Participation)

Smith, Richard King

Class of 1959 (38% Participation)

Barrett, John W.

Harrington, Andrew M.

Klewen, Gilbert H.

Rowett, Robert M.

Webb, Jay L.

Class of 1960 (50% Participation)

Church, P. Kent

Stellmon, William A.

Sweeney, James W.

Thornock, John R.

Class of 1961 (40% Participation)

Arnold, J. Kelley

Newhouse, M. Neal

Weston, Coralie D.

Youngstrom, Robert C.

Class of 1962 (17% Participation)

Faucher, J. Dennis

Ripley, Larry D.

Class of 1963 (55% Participation)

Child, John L.

DeJean, Richard F.

McNichols, Michael E.

Park, W. Anthony

Walters, Jesse R.

Class of 1964 (29% Participation)

Alexander, J. Robert

Brown, Bob P.

Randall, Gary C.

Rosholt, John A.

Willis, W. Allen

Class of 1965 (33% Participation)

Boyd, Bill F.

Felton, Michael Hoyt

Fitzgerald, John O.

Hanson, Jay M.

Longeteig, Iver J.

Rock, Ronnie B.

Class of 1966 (4% Participation)

Meadows, Craig L.

Class of 1967 (8% Participation)

Manning, D. James

Redford, Mack A.

Class of 1968 (21% Participation)

Anderson, Stephen Carr

Bithell, Walter H.

McDermott, Peter D.

Moore, Michael C.

Sellman, John R.

Suko, Lonny R.

Westberg, Paul Larry

Class of 1969 (4% Participation)

Williams, Mikel H.

Class of 1970 (8% Participation)

Anderson, Mike M.

Cantrill, David W.

Class of 1971 (10% Participation)

Ahrens, Edward D.

Clark, D. Blair

Schilling, Ronald D.

Class of 1972 (19% Participation)

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Gigray, Bill F.

Goss, David D.

Harden, Quentin F.

Mack, J. Frederick

McBride, Edward J.

Meuleman, Wayne V.

Sanchez, Ernesto G.

Class of 1973 (14% Participation)

English, James M.

Farley, Donald J.

Hamlett, William C.

Henderson, Joann H.

Kline, Barton L.

Stahman, Robert W.

Weiss, Lucinda

Whistler, James E.

Class of 1974 (16% Participation)

Beebe, Mark A.

Bevis, James A.

Brown, Stephen C.

Duskin, David E.

Eaton, Curtis H.

Greenwood, Val D.

Herndon, Steven L.

Hopkins, James T.

Howe, Jeffrey G.

Sasser, M. Michael

Stahman, Myrna Anne

Class of 1975 (14% Participation)

Bjorkman, H. Ronald

Cooper, Gary L.

Kalamarides, Joseph A.

Kerl, Ron

Nisson, Boyd I.

Rassier, Phillip J.

Reusch, Rita Therese

Scheibner, Frank Scott

Strom, Larry J.

Trentadue, Jesse Carl

Class of 1976 (10% Participation)

Bayless, Michael L.
 Bend, Richard Hadden
 Gibler, Fred M.
 Goicoechea, Jerry J.
 Hart, Ronald Merlin
 Killen, William Michael
 Luboviski, Barry Jerome
 VanHole, William Remi
 Wishney, David E.

Class of 1977 (9% Participation)

Copple Trout, Linda J.
 Davis, Dennis M.
 Johnson, Patricia L.
 Lezamiz, John Thomas
 Miller, Leo Edward
 Pappas, Jim D.

Class of 1978 (10% Participation)

Aguirre, Jose
 Belodoff, Howard Aye
 Callery, Thomas Willig
 Campbell, Scott Lenn
 Chaloupka, Susan Kay
 Goins, Larry L.
 Leaverton, Jack D.
 Nienow, Craig John

Class of 1979 (13% Participation)

Aguirre, Barbara Marie
 Argyle, Theodore Everette
 Cordell, Frank Thomas
 Hoffman, Ricky L.
 Moon, David Charles
 Peterson, Philip A.
 Regelin, Louise
 Riposta, Anthony J.
 Smith, Jack Wheten

Class of 1980 (9% Participation)

Burkett, F. Michael
 Cuddy, Stephen Randall
 Durfee, Randall Gene
 Gibbons, Michael Patrick
 Graham, Bill T.
 McCabe, Thomas James
 Miller, Celeste Kim

Class of 1981 (12% Participation)

Davis, Bart Mckay
 Dickinson, Jim Ken
 Ellis, Christine Pelky
 Gauchay, Kent Waylett
 Goodman, Alan C.
 Koch, Janice Louise

Loveland, Kim Bayly
 Melanson, John Michael
 Peart, James C.
 Rippel, Paul B.
 Schroeder, John Thomas

Class of 1982 (17% Participation)

Anegon, Anthony Christopher
 Blewett, Ronald Terry
 Cieslewicz, Stanley Jerome
 Dale, James Christopher
 Dale, Candy W.
 Giometti, Gregory Raphael
 Huntley, Dale Edwin
 Jones, Rory Rolland
 Kramer, Monte Max
 Lezamiz, Mary Margaret
 McKey, William Richard
 Menard, John Tappan
 Porter, John Fred
 Stegner, John Robert
 Stevens, Susan Fisher

Class of 1983 (10% Participation)

Cervenka, Patricia Ann
 Buchanan, Barbara Ann
 Gray, Steven Phillip
 Lyons, Marc Andrew
 Mack, Mona Lynn
 Manweiler, Mark Howard
 Miller, Louise F.
 Schwarz, Martin Robert
 Trull, Michael J.

Class of 1984 (7% Participation)

Baird, Denise Colleen
 Currin, Michael Douglas
 Giannini, Mary Rita
 Hansen, Timothy Lee
 Riedner, Gary James

Class of 1985 (10% Participation)

Brown, Cathrynn Novich
 Ford, James A.
 Horton, Joel David
 Howell, Don Lewis
 Larsen, Reed W.
 Matsuura, Albert
 Minder, Carolyn Marie
 Mitchell, John Thomas
 Nicholas, Christine Ellen
 Squire, Orin Leroy

Class of 1986 (6% Participation)

Brown, Laura Burri
 Janis, John Joseph

Lisowski, Maria Christine
 Nicholas, Brian D.
 Sabatiuk, Lynne Mary

Class of 1987 (16% Participation)

Graham, Charles L.
 Haukaas, H. Craig
 Hedlund, Matthew Jonathan
 Hutchinson, John R.
 Kiser, Jerry Andrew
 Malarchick, Tim
 Manwaring, Kipp Lee
 McCreedy, John C.
 Peterson, Eric Karl
 Rounds, Raymond Blaine
 Stromberg, Bentley Guy

Class of 1988 (7% Participation)

Leaffer, Karen Schauble
 Lewis, Fred Jay
 Lucas, Craig John
 Messerich, Jeffrey Joseph
 Prohaska, Thomas F.

Class of 1989 (12% Participation)

Buxton, Susan Elizabeth
 Fitting, Tammy Lynn
 Holland, Joseph William
 MacGregor, Kirk Angus
 McDaniel, Diane Lynn
 Moore, Christopher Joseph
 Wagner, Dale Thomas
 Wreggelsworth, Robert Alan

Class of 1990 (8% Participation)

Connaughton, Blaine Thomas
 Lothspeich, John Baker
 Naftz, Robert Calvin
 Ocker, Kirsten Anne
 Spears, Scott Dwight
 Stromberg, Adrienne Kay
 Watkins, Charles Melvin

Class of 1991 (12% Participation)

Bailey, Eric Stephen
 Bradbury, James David
 Hammer, William Vincent
 Harrison, Matthew Ryan
 Kriehn, N. Danette
 Madsen, Henry Darrell
 McIntosh, Deborah
 McKinney, Michael David
 Moriarty, Katherine Lucile
 Pike, Linda Sue
 Pike, Robert Bruce

Class of 1992 (7% Participation)

Breen, Michael Sean
 Caldwell, Robert James
 Fischer, Julie Ann
 Johnson, Michael Richard
 Jordan, Cynthia Ann
 Morgan, Dalon Jack
 Stockton, Bryan Lee

Class of 1993 (8% Participation)

Aberasturi, Leon
 Beal-Gwartney, Tore Ann
 Heavey, Leonore F.
 Hudelson, Karen Ann
 Mallard, Kelly D.
 Shockley, Clay
 Smith, Curtis Reed
 Turcke, Paul Andrew

Class of 1994 (14% Participation)

Byron, Gregory Allen
 Cardoza, Victor M.
 Cifrese, Scott Christopher
 Dingel, Lori Anne
 Gross, David William
 Krsul, Timothy Charles
 Murphy, Chuck
 Murphy, Michaelina Joan
 O'Leary, Mary Michaela
 Schwager, Sheila Rae
 Shannon, Carey Ann
 Shannon, Daniel
 Wildman, Eric Jay
 York, Mary V.

Class of 1995 (12% Participation)

Briggs, Kevin Ray
 Hancock, Robert B.
 Hensley, Harriet Ann
 Littrell, Tricia Lynn
 Loo, Lamont C.
 Mahoney, Jennifer Susan
 Mahoney, Patrick Eugene
 Nelsen, Mary Elaine
 Ritzau, Lee Philip
 Shaver, Robert L.
 Tucker, Brian Thomas

Class of 1996 (1% Participation)

Allen, Elizabeth Marie
 Ball, James Keith

Borton, Joseph Walden
 Dingel, Mike Merritt
 Hannah, Henry Carroll
 Mallard, Michelle Radford
 Melville, Thomas Akin
 Moore, James Tyler
 Schuster, Lance James
 Spencer, Jane Eidemiller
 Vernon, Craig Kent
 Young, Craig Marvin

Class of 1997 (6% Participation)

Beckstead, Blaine David
 Coleman, David A.
 Kelly, Robert Daniel
 Noel, Stephen Floyd
 Smith, Katherine Ann
 Wixson, Sarah Lynn

Class of 1998 (6% Participation)

Brandon, Christy Lynne
 Hartwell-Beal, Kelvin Patrick
 Luebbert, Nancy Connell
 Pickens, Terri R.
 Thompson, Dean Duane

Class of 1999 (1% Participation)

George, Patrick N.

Class of 2000 (6% Participation)

Fortier, Laurie A.
 Grunke, Jenny Crane
 Jardine, Joseph H.
 Nutsch, Sonyalee R.
 Thiry, Krista Dawn
 Thompson, Travis Lee

Class of 2001 (7% Participation)

Clark, Paul Lawrence
 Kennedy, Mary V.
 McPherson, Stephen T.
 Ruchti, James Daw
 Sellman, Angela Rose
 Wayment, Andrew Marshall
 Weseman, Wayne Leonard

Class of 2002 (7% Participation)

Ball, Katherine Cecilia
 Hensley, David Fermin
 Konkright, Kelly Edward

Larson, Corey J.
 Walters, Matthew Lloyd
 Whilden, Teri Ann

Class of 2003 (3% Participation)

Bettis, Laura MacGregor
 Kinghorn, Matthew Luke
 Schindele, Jennifer May

Class of 2004 (3% Participation)

Atwood, Christopher Steven
 Ellis, Jennifer Marie
 Pearce, Justin James

Class of 2005 (12% Participation)

Atwood, Kristen A.
 Buckham, Brian R.
 Hallin, Jonathon D.
 Hogaboam, Romney J.
 Jarrett-McKennon, Kristina Lael
 Kidd, Damian W.
 Labrum, Dara
 Nelson, Ryan William
 Potter, Judith Lee
 Rabenhorst, Wade William
 Schierman, Elizabeth Herbst
 Van Soest, Brandon S.

Class of 2006 (3% Participation)

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 Gadd, David Wendell
 Sheckler, Daniel Keith

Class of 2007 (8% Participation)

Bennett, Anthony Dean
 Christensen, Christian C.
 Eberlin, Anna Elizabeth
 Fuisting, Lance Ludwig
 Mackedon, Leonard Ernest
 Simpson, Jennifer Marie
 Sonnichsen, Matthew S.
 Wheeles, Ian

Class of 2008 (4% Participation)

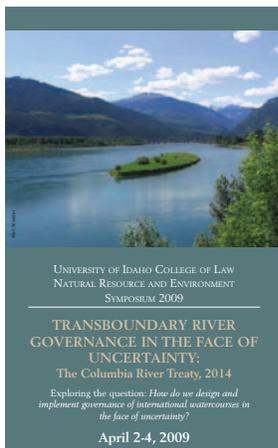
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Class of 2009 (1% Participation)

Rekow, Amanda J.

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COLLEGE OF LAW HOSTS COLUMBIA BASIN SYMPOSIUM



Leading environmental researchers and experts gathered in Coeur d'Alene to discuss the issues of trans-boundary water governance associated with the Columbia Basin and the Columbia River Treaty.

The symposium, held in April, focused on the upcoming renegotiation of the U.S.-Canada Columbia River Treaty in 2014 and concerns about

the basin that were not on the table in the original treaty in 1964. Symposium participants and a core team of experts concentrated on the central question of formulating viable ways to design and implement governance of international watercourses.

"The conference was outstanding, and, by most accounts, one of the best efforts to bring together a variety of disciplines to focus on a single question," Professor Barbara Cosens said. "The core team is continuing to develop a collaboration between their universities to do additional research on decision-making concerning water resources in the face of uncertainty. They are drawing on faculty in disciplines that include law, policy, engineering, economics, social science, and conflict resolution."

COLLEGE OF LAW HIRES INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EXPERT



International environmental law expert Anastasia Telesetsky joined the College of Law as a full-time faculty member starting the Fall 2009 semester. She teaches Public International Law, Conflicts of Law, International Environmental Law, and related courses. Ms. Telesetsky received her J.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley

(Boalt Hall) and recently completed an LL.M. degree in international environmental law at the University of British Columbia. She also holds a baccalaureate degree (summa cum laude) from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She has been in private practice as an environmental lawyer; has served as a consultant to the Ethiopian-Eritrean Claims Commission; has been a Bosch Foundation Fellow in Berlin and Cologne, Germany; and has been a Fulbright Fellow at the Environmental Legal Assistance Center in the Philippines. Her research has addressed international legal dimensions of environmental, natural resources, and global warming issues.

TAYLOR WINS ISB PRO BONO AWARD

Jordan Taylor '09 was awarded the Denise O'Donnell Day Pro Bono Award by the Idaho State Bar for his outstanding efforts in pro bono work. During his time at the College of Law, Taylor logged more than 400 pro bono hours. In 2007, as a 1L, Jordan went to New Orleans for a public service project as part of the College of Law's inaugural Alternative Spring Break.



In 2008, as President of the Public Interest Law Group (PILG), he expanded the Alternative Spring Break volunteer opportunities from the New Orleans project to include the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals in Washington DC, and various placements in Boise. Taylor is the first student ever to receive the award.

COLLEGE OF LAW ANNOUNCES NEW EMPHASES

The College of Law now offers emphases for students interested in natural resources and environmental law and in Native American law. These emphases allow students to have a notation placed on their degree indicating the completion of additional course requirements in each area.

The Natural Resources and Environmental Law emphasis, developed principally by Professors Dale Goble, Barbara Cosens, and Jerrold Long, allows students to study the topics in a location rich in both natural resources and natural

resource legal history. Given Idaho's projected population growth and the potential for increased demand on the state's natural resources, students with the emphasis will be well-equipped to meet legal challenges that arise due to conflict over natural resource and environmental issues. The emphasis also gives students who already have master's degrees or who are unable to take an additional year to complete a dual-degree program the chance to develop expertise in natural resource and environmental law.

The Native American Law emphasis, developed by Professor Angelique EagleWoman, expands the law student's base of knowledge on a variety of issues, including the basics of criminal law in tribal territories, tribal civil jurisdiction, tribal authority under major federal environmental statutes, intergovernmental agreements between tribes and states, tribal economic development and the vitality of tribal treaty rights.

ALUM TOPS ARIZONA BAR EXAM

Brian Buckham '01, '05 earned the highest score on the February administration of the Arizona Bar Exam. A native of Coeur d'Alene, Buckham holds two degrees from the University of Idaho (a B.S. in mining engineering in addition to his J.D.), both with honors, as well as an M.B.A. from Gonzaga University. He will be joining the Phoenix office of internationally renowned law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP where he is a member of the securities and mergers and acquisitions practice group. Buckham was previously in the corporate and securities practice group at Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP in Portland, Oregon. When word of his accomplishment was announced by the Arizona Supreme Court, Buckham joked that the response from his new colleagues at Greenberg was that he "should have spent more time billing and less time studying!"

DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AWARDS

Three outstanding attorneys with ties to the University of Idaho received the Idaho State Bar Association's highest honor: the Distinguished Lawyer Award. The award recognizes Idaho lawyers who have distinguished the profession through exemplary conduct and civility, devotion to clients, contributions to the pursuit of justice, and unselfish public service benefiting the citizens of Idaho.

The Distinguished Lawyer awards were presented to College of Law J. Robert Alexander '64, Dean Donald L. Burnett and Craig Meadows '66. The award ceremony was part of the Idaho State Bar annual meeting. Numerous other College of Law graduates have earned this honor, including Louis F. Racine '38, '40; John A. Rosholt '59, '64; and Justice Robert E. Bakes '56, '64.

STUDENT EARNS COVETED JAG POSITION

Second-year law student Jonathan Sawmiller was one of only 25 first-year law students from across the nation selected to participate in the extremely competitive and prestigious U.S. Army JAG Corps internship position this summer. Sawmiller was pleasantly surprised to learn he was selected and was grateful for the valuable opportunity.



"When I was first notified that I had been selected, I honestly thought there had been some mistake," Sawmiller said. "But after reading the notification for the third time, I realized there was no mistake, and I was going to spend the summer being paid to work my dream internship."

Interns have the opportunity to observe and assist professional JAG Corps Attorneys as they represent the Army at the local, state and federal levels in areas such as federal torts claims, employment law, international law, and environmental law. For example, Sawmiller spent several days at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for training on the Military Commissions process.

Sawmiller saw the internship as a chance to gain valuable experience that will aid him in achieving his goals as a law student and obtaining a career in the JAG Corps.

"I hope to bring home valuable experience in personal interaction with clients – real people, military and civilian – whose lives and freedom are affected by my work," Sawmiller said. "Most of all, I seek a thorough understanding of the duties and responsibilities of military attorneys serving their country in the U.S. Army JAG Corps."



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