



University of Idaho

DEAN: COLLEGE OF LAW

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OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The University of Idaho invites applications and nominations for an innovative, collaborative, and visionary Dean to lead the College Law as one of the best small state public law schools in the U.S. The Dean should effectively promote and foster academic excellence, grow enrollment, expand research, guide and implement strategic planning, engage with key constituencies and stakeholders, and raise funds for the College.

POSITION SUMMARY

Overview of Position

The dean has responsibility to oversee and implement policies and priorities of the college and university. The Dean for the College of Law leads the college faculty in the development of policies and priorities governing the academic programs of the college. The dean facilitates the appropriate inclusion of faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders in the college decision-making processes. The academic programs of

the college are directly affected by program planning, definitions of goals and priorities, instructional methods and standards, student advising, mutually beneficial partnerships with stakeholders, research policies, allocation of resources, fund-raising, and the development of professional standards related to the branches of learning for which the college is responsible. The academic programs of the college include graduate/professional instruction and research activity. It is expected that the dean satisfactorily employs strategies to implement objectives and achieve the four goals of the University's Strategic Plan while carrying out the mission of the college.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications

- An earned terminal degree from an accredited law university.
- Accomplishments and experience to merit an appointment with tenure and rank of full professor.
- Leadership experience including: personnel management, resource management (finances, facilities, equipment, etc.), and quality programming / delivery.
- Evidence of original initiatives focused on improving excellence in teaching, research, outreach, mentoring, and/or student success.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with strategic planning and visioning to successfully address change, managing program/professional-level accreditation and program assessment, increasing student enrollment, and attracting and retaining a diverse student and employee population.
- Interpersonal and communication skills to develop, maintain, and work successfully with faculty, staff, department administrators, peer colleagues, students, alumni, and other stakeholders.
- Experience developing and advancing philanthropic opportunities, economic development, extramurally funded research, or other fundraising efforts.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Established in 1909, the University of Idaho College of Law is among the best small state public law schools in the U.S. We emphasize quality over quantity, have an average enrollment of 300 students and guarantee the personal attention each student deserves. Recognized as a Best Value law school by "preLaw Magazine," University of Idaho's in-state tuition is well below average, with in-state residency a straightforward process that is easy to achieve.

Experiential learning opportunities complement the classroom experience and we provide practical opportunities for students to refine their lawyering skills while helping those most in need. We have a robust Semester in Practice program and several in-house legal clinics in which third year law students take cases, conduct research, and draft documents under the supervision of practicing attorneys, judges or policymakers. Students and employers report that University of Idaho College of Law graduates leave law school well equipped to practice law.

The University of Idaho has a statewide mission to deliver affordable public legal education. As part of that mission, the College of Law has developed a focused, high-quality curriculum, including opportunities for professional development, hands-on legal clinics, and networking in Moscow and Boise. Students have the option to complete all three years in either Moscow or Boise. This option broadens and deepens the Juris Doctor curriculum with emphasis areas that correlate with Moscow's academic campus and Boise's entrepreneurial and governmental opportunities. Each of these communities presents a distinct array of venues for learning, professional development and recreation. The Dean has the option of living in either Boise or Moscow.

To learn more about the College of Law, visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/law>

About the University of Idaho

Founded in 1889, the University of Idaho is the state's land-grant institution and its principal graduate education and research university, bringing insight and innovation to the state, the nation, and the world. The student population numbers more than 12,000, including first-generation college students and ethnically diverse scholars, at locations in Moscow, Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls. As the only institution in the state to be classified by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation as "higher research activity," University researchers expended over \$109 million in expenditures last year.

Consistently recognized as one of the best public colleges in the United States by *The Princeton Review*, and a noted national leader in student-centered learning and interdisciplinary research that promotes public service, the University combines the strength of a large university with the intimacy of small learning communities and a

focus on helping students succeed and become leaders. Over 2,500 faculty and staff support and guide 120 Bachelor's, 83 Master's, and 33 doctoral degree options in the colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Art and Architecture; Business and Economics; Education, Health and Human Sciences; Engineering; Law; Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; and Science. Through an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and community, the University of Idaho actively engages in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and student body.

The University is a dynamic and integral part of the fabric of Idaho, and, as such, plays a key role in the state's economic development. With extension offices in 42 counties, the University is committed to enhancing the scientific, economic, social, legal, and cultural assets of the state and takes pride in a commitment to teaching, research, agriculture, outreach, extension, and collaboration. The University provides access to publicly supported medical education through a multi-state partnership with University of Washington's School of Medicine, and the UI College of Law is among the nation's best small state public law schools. Unique academic partnership opportunities are also afforded with other universities and colleges in Idaho, as well as Washington State University, located only 8 miles away in Pullman, Washington.

The residential campus located in Moscow is a place of transformation and lasting traditions. With more than 200 student groups and a vibrant culture, the University is home to the renowned Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, for which UI became the first public university to receive the National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest arts honor. Vandal athletic teams compete in 14 men's and women's NCAA Division I sports. Competing in the Big Sky Conference, the Vandals are reigning conference champions in women's basketball, women's golf, men's golf, women's soccer, and women's tennis.

For additional information about the University of Idaho, please view the website links below:

Homepage (<http://www.uidaho.edu>)

Leadership (<https://www.uidaho.edu/about/leadership>)

Strategic Plan 2016-2025 (<http://www.uidaho.edu/provost/strategic-plan>)

ABOUT BOISE, IDAHO

Boise is the hub of Idaho's economic and governmental activity, while maintaining a small-town feel with a population of approximately 230,000 people. Boise offers art galleries, museums, opera, a Shakespeare Festival and a music festival for year-round entertainment. The city also has a rich and dynamic downtown area with theater, ballet, a zoo, parks, and first-rate dining and shopping.

Boise is affordable, with an amazing downtown marketplace filled with passionate people and smart ideas. Boise folks are noted for being friendly, happy, and environmentally conscious. There is always something to do in the city with its diverse array of festivals, community events, and sporting events. The food scene should be noted too, as Boise boasts some of the best restaurants, wineries, breweries, and other eateries in the Pacific Northwest. Finally, the Boise area also has plenty to offer the outdoor enthusiast with its surrounding lakes and rivers and nearby Rocky Mountains. Boise is an ideal destination for boating, fishing, skiing, backpacking, camping, and more. In addition, the greenbelt along the Boise River and through downtown is popular with cyclists and joggers. Livability rated Boise the #1 place to live in the nation in 2019—and for good reason. The combination of affordability, opportunity, safety, and community makes Boise a fantastic place to live.

ABOUT MOSCOW, IDAHO

Just minutes away from the forests, rivers, lakes, and mountains of northern Idaho, Moscow is home to approximately 25,000 residents and the urban amenities of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane metropolitan area are within a 100-mile drive. In addition to art galleries, movie theaters, and coffee shops, Moscow offers a large organic and natural foods co-op, Northwest-style pubs, and many locally-owned restaurants.

Moscow is known as the “heart of the arts” for its consistent ranking among the top small arts towns in America. The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival brings some of the world’s best jazz artists, along with 20,000 visitors each year. The ARTWALK, Rendezvous in the Park concert series, and the Prichard Art Gallery are a few examples of its dedication to the arts. The downtown Farmer’s Market, which runs late spring to early fall, is one of the nation’s longest running and thriving outdoor markets. In 2016 Moscow was named one of the top 50 ‘Best College Towns in America’ by *College Rank* for its access to outdoor recreation, vibrant downtown, and cultural attractions. In 2019 *Livability* ranked Moscow as the number one city in the U.S. for raising a family for the second year in a row.

Moscow is surrounded by the rolling Palouse hills, an area so picturesque it was featured in *National Geographic* magazine. Reflective of these surroundings, the University ranked in the top 30 in the nation as a “great university to hit the books and backcountry” by *Outside* magazine. Living and learning in Moscow is just minutes from opportunities for hiking, fishing, biking, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, camping, and more.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To submit an application, please visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches/law>. If you have a candidate in mind whom you believe would excel in this position please send that individuals name and contact information to Shauna Corry scorry@uidaho.edu. The first consideration date of applications is August 8, 2020.