Dear Vandals,

The academic year has begun and both Idaho Law locations are buzzing. We welcomed 164 new students this year, representing 76 undergraduate institutions and 16 states. I look forward to watching this new group of Vandals excel during their three years in law school.

We began the year with our annual Professionalism Program for 1Ls, now in its 22nd year. The program matches new students with mentors from the legal community for a series of small group discussions and ethical scenarios. This orientation is the first opportunity for our students to discuss legal topics with their peers.

Our 3Ls took part in the 46th annual Trial Advocacy Program in Moscow. This week-long program works through every stage of the trial process. It is also an exceptional opportunity for our students to engage with some of the state's most experienced litigators and judges.

Thank you to the Idaho State Bar and our vast alumni network for supporting both programs. It was a pleasure experiencing that support and getting to meet so many of you.

We continued the busy opening to the academic year last week. President Scott Green and Provost Torrey Lawrence joined us at both locations to speak about their vision for the University and the College of Law. Their passion for this institution is unmatched. I'm grateful for their commitment to the College of Law and their willingness to spend time with our faculty and staff.

Finally, we were fortunate to host the Idaho Supreme Court for a special meeting with our faculty and staff. Our connections with the courts here are unrivaled, and their commitment to supporting Idaho Law has made for a tremendous partnership. Thank you to the justices for making time to visit with us.

Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout our busy fall schedule.

Best,

Aviva Abramovsky
Dean and Professor of Law

BELLWOOD 2024

The 2024 Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture is coming to Moscow, at 3:30 p.m. PDT, Thursday, October 24, and features Judge Sara Hill. Judge Hill is a United States district judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, having been sworn in earlier this year. Previously, she served as the attorney general of the Cherokee Nation from 2019 to 2023.

Visit uidaho.edu/Bellwood for more information as the event gets closer.

CONSTITUTION DAY

THE CONSTITUTION & EXECUTIVE POWERS

Join the Idaho Law Foundation and Attorneys for Civic Education in person or virtually in celebration of Constitution Day as they welcome distinguished speaker Stephen Vladeck for an in-depth discussion of the Constitution and Executive Powers—what our Constitution says about Executive power, how it has evolved throughout our history, current developments, and why it's important for all of us to understand this important topic.

This event is open to Idaho attorneys (1.5 CLE credits available), teachers, students, and members of the public. A recording of the event will also be made available for those who register.

The cost for this event is: attorneys: a minimum donation of $25, members of the public: a suggested donation of $25, students and teachers: free. Proceeds from registration fees and donations go to the civic education programs ACE supports.

SPECIAL GUEST STEPHEN VLADECK

Stephen Vladeck is a graduate of Yale Law School and a professor of law at Georgetown University. He is a nationally recognized expert in constitutional law and has argued cases in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. He is the bestselling author of *The Shadow Docket*, a Supreme Court analyst, and the co-host of the popular National Security Law podcast.

Tuesday, September 17 — 12:30 to 2:00 (MT)

Live at the Lincoln Auditorium in the State Capitol Building or watch online

Access the registration at idaholawfoundation.org or from the QR code below

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CONSTITUTION DAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Idaho Law and Attorneys for Civic Education are co-sponsoring a Constitution Day event at the Capital in Boise, featuring Professor Stephen Vladeck of the Georgetown University Law Center. Vladeck will provide his keynote speech, "The Constitution & Executive Powers" from 12:30-2 p.m. MDT and will be live streamed to the Menard courtroom in Moscow. CLE credits will be available through the Idaho State Bar.

Additionally, Vladeck will be speaking with students, faculty and staff in Boise from 9-10:15 a.m. MDT. This event will also be streamed to students in Moscow.

Finally, Professor Richard Seamon will present "The U.S. Supreme Court's most recent and upcoming terms: A Most Consequential Time at the Court" from 1-1:50 p.m. PDT in the Menard Courtroom. A reception will follow in the Menard Foyer.

Registration and CLE information can be found at the Idaho Law Foundation website.

IN THE NEWS

D. Craig Lewis – Former Professor D. Craig Lewis passed on Sunday, August 4.

The Best Law Schools for Nontraditional Students (2024) – Idaho

ranks 9th, moving up one spot from 2023.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Join Dean Abramovsky and Idaho Law at The Lively from 5-7 p.m. MST on Thursday, December 12 for the annual College of Law Holiday Party. Please RSVP through the link provided.

Connect with us!

About First Monday

Borrowing from a popular name for commencement of the U.S. Supreme Court's annual October term, this electronic newsletter connects the College of Law with alumni and friends on the first Monday of each month. "First Monday" reflects the College's Idaho-style collegiality, its sense of professional calling, and its pride in the extended family that sustains this remarkable institution.