

College of Law to Offer Second-Year Program in Boise August 2014

MOSCOW, Idaho – June 10, 2014 – The University of Idaho is ready to launch its second-year program in Boise this fall, after the American Bar Association gave the final necessary approval for the program on Saturday.

The Idaho State Board of Education had already approved the Boise second-year program, and the Idaho Legislature and Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter allocated funding in the last legislative session to support the program. In addition to admitting rising second-year law students at UI, the college also will accept applications from transfer students interested in enrolling on the expanded Boise campus.

“The second-year program complements the full three-year program in Moscow and is an investment in Idaho’s future,” said Michael A. Satz, the college’s interim dean. “Students in the Boise area can now spend their first year in Moscow and have the option to return to Boise to complete their legal education. For these students, the expansion will help tremendously in managing their debt and keeping them connected in their community.”

The second-year program will continue to build upon the opportunities of Boise’s metropolitan setting by offering increased skills training, professional engagement opportunities and the advanced doctrinal courses required in legal education today.

In addition, the second- and third-year Boise program expands on existing efforts to broaden and deepen UI’s Juris Doctor (J.D.) curriculum with emphases correlated to the interdisciplinary assets of Moscow’s land-grant campus and the commercial and governmental assets of Boise’s metropolitan area. Students in Boise will be able to complete the Business Law and Entrepreneurship, and Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution emphasis programs.

“This next step forward is sure to increase the overall high quality of our J.D. program and offer second-year students at UI an innovative way to earn their law degree,” said Lee Dillion, associate dean for the Boise program. “The expansion will allow our law students a dynamic combination of doctrinal and experiential learning opportunities in two location options, Moscow and Boise.”

The college plans to enroll between 20 and 30 students in the second-year program this fall and expects that number to grow in the future. The second- and third-year program in Boise will continue to run from the Water Center until renovations are completed in fall 2015 on the old Ada County Courthouse, former temporary capitol and future home of the Idaho Law & Justice Learning Center—a shared building with the College of Law and Idaho Supreme Court.

“Our third-year program in Boise was recognized over the last year as one of the most innovative in legal education today,” Satz said. “As Idaho’s only accredited law school, we are delighted to expand our curriculum in Boise and continue fulfilling our statewide mission to provide affordable, public legal education.”

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