



Dear Vandals,

After a busy September, the fall semester is in full swing at Idaho Law.

The month began with a reunion in Boise, celebrating the class of 1971. It was a pleasure engaging with that group of proud alumni and reminiscing about their time with Idaho Law. Their passion for this college was palpable. I am thankful that I was able to spend time with them and learn more about their experiences at this great institution.

We then recognized Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The annual event celebrates all United States citizens on the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. In partnership with Attorneys for Civic Education, we welcomed [Professor Stephen Vladeck](#) to Boise. Professor Vladeck spoke with our students in the morning before giving his keynote speech at the Capital in the afternoon. Our very own Professor Richard Seamon also provided remarks at our Moscow location. Thank you to Prof. Vladeck for coming to Boise and spending time with our students around the events.

Most recently we celebrated the Admissions Ceremony of the Idaho

State Bar. The state's newest lawyers were recognized, including many proud Idaho Law alumni. I was thrilled to see so many faculty and staff members out in support of our former students. Congratulations to all who were admitted last month!

Coming up, I am looking forward to attending my first [Bellwood Lecture](#), featuring Judge Sara Hill. This lecture series is part of what makes Idaho Law unique. Judge Hill joins an impressive list of [previous speakers](#), including senators and Supreme Court justices. I hope you will join us on Thursday, October 24, in Moscow.

Best,

Aviva Abramovsky  
Dean and Professor of Law



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## BELLWOOD 2024

A promotional graphic for the 2024 Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture. On the left is a portrait of Judge Sara Hill in a white blazer and black tie, standing next to the Cherokee Nation flag. To the right of the portrait is the text: "2024 Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture Presents", "Judge Sara Hill", "United States District Judge Northern District of Oklahoma", and "and former Attorney General for the Cherokee Nation". A colorful geometric logo is to the right of the text. At the bottom, the title "TRIBAL NATIONS" is written in large yellow and blue letters, followed by the subtitle "and the Law of a Homeland". The event details "Thursday, October 24 | 3:30 p.m. PDT" and "Pitman Center - International Ballroom" are listed. The University of Idaho College of Law logo is in the bottom right corner.

2024 Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture Presents

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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](https://uidaho.edu/Bellwood) for more information as the event gets closer.

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## IN THE NEWS

[New dean at College of Law highlights need for attorneys](#) – Dean Abramovsky sat down with Idaho Business Review to discuss her career journey and what the future for the profession holds.

[Idaho and other states challenge immigration ruling in court](#) – Professor Geoff Heeren, director of the Immigration Litigation and Appellate Clinic, quoted

[Gov. Little appoints Casey Simmons as District Judge](#) – Named District Judge for the First Judicial District

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

A holiday party invitation with a gold bokeh background. The text is centered and reads: "JOIN US FOR A Holiday Party DECEMBER 12, 2024 5-7 PM MT | THE LIVELY (505 W BANNOCK ST., BOISE, ID)". At the bottom, there is a white banner with the University of Idaho College of Law logo and name.

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## **ABA TRAVELING EXHIBIT**

From October 7 – October 18, 2024, the College of Law will host the ABA traveling exhibit 100 Years After the Indian Citizenship Act: The Continuing Struggle to Guarantee Voting Rights to Native Americans. It explores Native American voting rights long before the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, as well as how the act failed to ensure Native American participation in elections; the Act was neither the beginning nor the end of the struggle to gain voting rights for Native Americans. The exhibit spotlights tribal leaders and lesser known, yet extraordinary activists from all walks of life, highlighting the challenges and barriers to voting that Native Americans have faced for decades.

Visit the exhibit inside the Menard Law Building, October 7-18.

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## **ABA TRAVELING EXHIBIT**

Congratulations to this year's Idaho Business Review Leaders In Law, including Professor Geoff Heeren and Professor Stacy Etheredge! [This year's honorees](#) will be celebrated on November 21 at the annual Leaders in Law and Excellence in Finance event in Boise.

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## **CLASS OF 1971**

Last month Idaho Law welcomed back several members of the Class of 1971 for a reunion in Boise. The group shared memories of their time in Moscow and caught up on what life has brought their way since. The energy and excitement throughout our Front Street building that day was truly special.



If your class is interested in hosting a reunion, please reach out to [Development Officer Stephanie Ballis](#).

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## **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.