



University of Idaho
College of Law

First Monday

Dear Vandals,

This marks my first monthly message to you as I begin my tenure as Dean of the University of Idaho College of Law. The First Monday email is an important tradition that I will be maintaining at Idaho Law. I look forward to this regular conversation as we continue to get to know each other.

Idaho is beautiful. I have spent the last few weeks exploring the state and spending time at both our locations. Moscow's picturesque college town is vibrant and charming. The city of Boise and the Front Street area are lively and exciting.

The faculty and staff at both locations have been incredibly welcoming and kind. I am grateful for their support. The people here are what makes Idaho Law special.

While most of the students have been away for the break, it has been a pleasure to meet with those braving the summer heat. Many of our 2024 graduates completed their bar exams last week. We are all proud of their efforts in preparation along the way. Please reach out to congratulate them on completing this important milestone.

Beginning next Monday with orientation and professionalism day, the new school year begins. I am looking forward to meeting all the students. They are the reason we do this.

I have been fortunate to meet with alumni and members of the legal community in my first few weeks. I am learning more about the rich history of this college, and I cannot wait to become part of that tradition. Thank you all for welcoming me with open arms and making this transition as smooth as possible.

We have a lot going on to jumpstart the semester, including orientation and trial advocacy next week, the annual Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture in October, and many other alumni events along the way. I will hopefully be seeing many of you this fall!

Yours,

Aviva Abramovsky
Dean and Professor of Law



BELLWOOD 2024

The 2024 Sherman J. Bellwood Memorial Lecture is coming to Moscow, 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.

IN THE NEWS

[Finding Direction](#) – Idaho Heritage Project helps future lawyers discover rural opportunities.

[Embracing New Beginnings](#) – Third-year law student discovers career path by leaning into opportunities.

[Internship Programs Continue Successful Run in Shoshone County](#)

– Four law school students get a hands-on look at what daily life in a small courthouse is like.

ALUMNI MERCHANDISE SALE

The College of Law Student Bar Association is hosting a merchandise sale through the VandalStore. [Visit here](#) to order your gear today.

Presale open through August 6.

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.

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