



University of Idaho

College of Law

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LAW CLINIC**

***Providing practical
hands on experiential
opportunities for law
students while helping
those most in need.***

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The Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (ELC) provides free legal services to entrepreneurs and small-business people throughout the State of Idaho. The services are performed by third-year law students who have limited licenses to practice law in Idaho and temporary registration numbers from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Since opening its doors in 2005, the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic has provided more than 20,000 hours of legal services to Idaho businesses. Over the course of an academic year, each clinic student will typically form one new business, perform a portion of the prosecution process for two or more trademarks, draw up a commercial contract or two, and bill over 200 hours.

In addition to providing practical experience for University of Idaho College of Law students, the ELC provides its much needed services to small businesses who otherwise would not have access to an attorney. By providing these key services, the ELC helps new businesses get started off on the right foot and helps existing businesses take their business to the next level.

Learning Goals

The Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (ELC) was established to provide third-year students with real-life experience handling transactional legal problems and to provide assistance to business owners and entrepreneurs in Idaho. More specifically, the ELC is designed to expose students to the following:

- Ethical issues involved in dual or multiple-party representations.
- The value of a business plan in establishing owner expectations and providing consistent communications to the attorney and other business advisors.
- The business formation process – including filing timelines and communication with clients.
- Client intake – preparation and documentation.
- The formation documents and their function, with particular attention to the fundamental ownership documents that detail owner rights and obligations.
- Intellectual property issues facing the new business, with exposure to trademark prosecution.
- The regulatory and contractual environment that impacts new and existing businesses.
- The value of a comprehensive legal “health” assessment to assist the new business in addressing contractual, regulatory, and other legal concerns.



AS THE STATE'S LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY

the University of Idaho serves in support of the region's economy and society by providing students with transformative educational experiences that enable them to solve real-world problems and achieve success in their lives and careers.

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 350 students and guarantee the personal attention each student deserves.

To supplement classroom instruction, the College provides numerous experiential learning opportunities to provide practical opportunities for students to develop and refine their lawyering skills, while helping those most in need. Among those experiential opportunities are six legal aid clinics that provide legal services throughout the state. Students and employers report that University of Idaho College of Law graduates leave law school well equipped to practice law.

BUILDING A THRIVING LEGAL AID CLINICAL PROGRAM

Thanks to supporters like the Idaho State Bar Business and Corporate Law Section, the College of Law can build on its long history of providing hands on clinical experience that is relevant to our students' education and impactful for Idaho residents and businesses. We appreciate your consideration of this request for funding to aid us in building on our existing thriving clinical program through education, experiential programming, and outreach.

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