

I graduated from C of I in 2000. I took a year off and then went to University of Washington School of Law, graduating in 2004. While in law school I interned at Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (immigrant rights), Fremont Public Association (now Solid Ground, welfare assistance), and Northwest Justice Project (refugee Social Security assistance). I also took classes on international sustainable development law and strongly considered pursuing that. In the end I decided to practice immigration law. While initially focused on asylum/refugee law I ended up primarily practicing employment-based immigration. I've represented everyone from cancer researchers at the UW to internationally renowned nature photographers to companies in the top 20 of the Fortune 500. Practicing immigration law allowed me to work in small Seattle-based firms, as a public employee at an institution of higher education, and as a corporate attorney in Vancouver, Canada.

Kate Lopez Ley, 2000

The time I spent at the College of Idaho was invaluable to my professional development. After graduating from the College of Idaho with degrees in Politics and Economics, and History, in 2001, I was fortunate enough to obtain a job in the federal government with the Social Security Administration. I started working with Social Security in Caldwell, Idaho as a Social Insurance Claims Representative in September of 2001. When I took the job, I told my new boss that I only planned to stick around for a year before I would be leave for law school...little did I know what life had in store for me.

The skills and abilities I developed in the Politics and Economics Department at the College gave me an edge in federal service from the outset. The abilities to reason clearly, write well, and speak in public with confidence, were invaluable assets to me in what became a rewarding and challenging career. Due in large part to my education from the College of Idaho, I was able to rise through the ranks of Social Security quickly, culminating in a job as a GS-12 Operations Manager in the Boise office in 2010. Ultimately, I decided that I didn't want to be a career manager in the federal government. So, in 2014, I took the plunge and went back to law school at the Concordia University School of Law in Boise. After 13 years away from school, I wondered if I still had what it took to succeed academically. My Politics and Economics degree came to the rescue again. Law school is about the ability to reason well and to write clearly and persuasively. Lo and behold, it was exactly those skills that the professors in the Politics and Economics department had trained me in. I look back on my time at the College of Idaho fondly and am grateful for the education I received in the Politics and Economics Department.

J.B. Evans, 2001

In 2007, I graduated from C of I with a major in political philosophy. While at C of I, I worked for the ACLU of Idaho in Boise, Idaho for two years. That year, I moved to San Francisco to attend the University of San Francisco School of Law. In 2010, I graduated with a juris doctorate in 2010 and became a member of the California State Bar. I have since worked on exclusively criminal and civil rights cases while living in the Bay Area; Jackson, Mississippi; Missoula, Montana; Ely, Nevada; and Los Angeles and assisting the Mississippi Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, the Capital Appellate Project, and the Law Office of James Thomson. Most of the cases that I have worked on have involved the death penalty. I currently own and operate my own law practice in San Francisco, which exclusively represents people at all stages of criminal proceedings and prisoners in civil rights actions. I most recently took the Idaho Bar Exam with the hopes of opening another office in Idaho. Hope this works for you. Please say hello to the rest of the gang for me.

Brian C. McComas, Esq., 2007

Upon graduation (2007), I played professional basketball in Germany for 2 years. Thereafter (in 2009), I enrolled in law school at the University of Idaho, intending to become a trial attorney. I did internships as

a public defender (2010) and prosecutor (2011). During my final year of law school while working for a criminal law attorney, I realized that I did not enjoy the stress of the courtroom and decided to become an estate planner, doing less stressful work such as writing wills and trusts. Upon graduation and passing the bar (2012), I opened my own estate planning practice. Shortly thereafter, I stumbled upon the opportunity to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ to youth as a profession. Since May of 2013, I have worked full-time as a seminary teacher for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Borah Seminary in Boise.

Ike Stafford, 2007

I graduated from the College of Idaho in 1970 with a degree in history. I took a number of political science courses. I attended the University of Washington School of Law and graduated in 1973. I clerked for the Idaho Supreme Court for one year and then went into private practice. I started out working on litigation files but quickly found my way to business transactions. I practiced at Moffatt Thomas until 1999 when I took the position of General Counsel for Building Materials Holding Corporation (BMC) a client of mine in private practice. I added the role of Chief Administrative Officer during my career. My experiences with BMC included an IPO; General Counsel for a public company; Chapter 11 restructuring; and a merger with another public company. I participated in a number of financial transaction and over 70 acquisitions.

Paul Street, 1970

I am attending the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College. I recently finished my first year, am now a member of Environmental Law, a board member of L&C's student chapter of The American Constitution Society, a volunteer for the ACLU, and a clerk for a solo practitioner in family law practice. At my clerk day job, I deal predominantly with victims of domestic and sexual violence, mostly children. My lower-level, foundation courses from the Department have been the most useful, such as EPK and Intro. to Political Philosophy.

Scott Culpepper, 2014

After college, I attended Berkeley Law (Boalt), where I was an editor of the California Law Review. I interned at a public defender's office, a U.S. district court, and an impact litigation firm. I also volunteered at a housing law clinic, taught remedial math in San Quentin, and spent my third year working exclusively on a habeas petition for a client sentenced to death. After graduating, I spent the next three years working as a songwriter and touring musician, performing in various bands and as a solo artist. I occasionally tended bar or worked as an academic editor. I now work as an administrator at Berkeley Law, while still actively pursuing my songwriting, performing and writing careers. I plan to start an MFA in poetry in 2016.

Galen Currens, 2007

After graduating from C of I (then, ACI) in May 2005, I headed off to law school in Moscow at the University of Idaho. In my third year/last year of law school I was pondering where I would like to practice and what exactly I wanted to do with my law degree. Although I had always imagined I would have stayed in the Northwest, something moved me to explore bigger options. I, therefore, the day after graduating from U of I, College of Law, moved to California. After studying and passing the California Bar I was a Deputy District Attorney with the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. After approximately two years I decided to make my way to Los Angeles. For the next four and half years I worked in the private sector in LA as a civil litigator. Finding that I missed criminal law I decided to return back to civil servant duties and have been with the City of Santa Monica for the last year as a Deputy City Attorney, in our Criminal Division, and plan on sticking around for many years to come.

Autumn Rindels (formerly "Renshaw"), 2005

After graduating in 2005, I spent two years working in the office of the Governor for the State of Idaho as a policy assistant and as an assistant to the governor's counsel. In 2007, I went to law school at the University of Idaho. I was Editor in Chief of the Idaho Law Review, and was on the Dean's list all but one semester. It was my experience that C of I alumni were among the best prepared for law school. I passed the Bar Exam in the summer of 2010, and for the last five years, I have worked at White Peterson in Nampa as an attorney. My practice focuses on complex civil litigation, estate planning, probate and estate litigation, and Municipal law.

If I had any advice for current POE students, I would say that they should focus on developing their writing and critical thinking skills. I would also encourage current students to make as many connections with future employers as possible, preferably through internships and summer jobs.

Bill Punkoney, 2005

I was fortunate to be accepted in the College's 3+3 program with the University of Idaho College of Law and earn my law degree a year earlier than the traditional method. During law school, I interned in a hospital's legal department. Through that internship, I learned to appreciate having one client with common interests, and I enjoyed the employment law aspects of the job. At the recommendation of the general counsel, I took a job at a law firm after graduation to obtain that experience and perspective before going in-house. I worked with a number of great lawyers, but in particular The Honorable Candy Dale ('79) for the District of Idaho, before she became a judge; she was an incredible mentor. After a few years of working in the firm, I knew it wasn't the place for me and I wanted to go in-house. It took some time for the right position to come along, but Boise Cascade, at the time a privately held, 10,000 employee company, was looking for an employment attorney. The members of the Boise Cascade legal department and the clients I met during the interview process seemed like a great fit. I have now been with the company for eight years and, the company and my legal practice have had many changes. I am Associate General Counsel for a local \$3+ billion public company with approximately 5700 employees, still doing employment law, but also transactional, real estate, general business and any other type of legal work the company needs. I work with great people and enjoy coming to work every day. Based on my expertise in the law and building materials industry, I am also on the board of Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit building affordable homes for people in the area.

Jill Twedt, 2001

The Political Economy department helped me to develop a multi-faceted and pragmatic understanding of the legislative and regulatory process. This has helped me in law school, the job hunt, and my career as a whole. After graduating from the College of Idaho, I went to law school at UT Austin. In law school, I worked for a judge and a private law firm in Austin - both of which placed an emphasis on regulatory law. After graduating, I worked a fellowship with the Texas Attorney General and then worked as a

legislative analyst with the Texas legislature. Right now I'm doing regulatory consulting for banks and other financial institutions. I continue to benefit from the critical thinking, professional network, and strict deadlines of the Political Economy department.

John Heinemann, 2011

I graduated from the College in 2006 with a degree in Political Economy and History. I decided during my junior year, after taking Dr. Hunter's Mock Supreme Court course, that I wanted to be an attorney. Immediately after graduation, I worked in Boise for three years at Zions Bank, where I helped commercial and real estate loan officers manage their loan portfolios.

I began law school in the fall of 2009 at the University of Idaho, like many College of Idaho POE majors before me. I learned quickly that our POE majors have a reputation for kicking serious ass in law school. Our majors do so well there because the POE courses train students to work hard, think critically, and write well: three skills that every attorney absolutely must have to succeed. Despite being outnumbered every year by graduates from the University of Idaho and Boise State University, we almost always place a POE major in the top 5 or 10% of the graduating class (I graduated fourth overall in a class of almost one hundred). It's not a coincidence.

I graduated law school in 2012, summa cum laude, and started my legal career as a law clerk for a trial court judge in Boise. In that capacity, I drafted nearly all of the judge's written decisions, and had the chance to meet many of the best attorneys in our state. Following my clerkship, I was hired as an associate attorney at Moffatt Thomas, one of the largest and most well-respected commercial law firms in Idaho. I love my job, and I attribute the success and opportunities I've had to Kerry, Rob, Jim, and Jasper.

Kirk Houston, 2006

Back in my day" (Class of '73), Political Economy was not offered. I studied Political Science (and Philosophy) under some great, iconic professors.

Then UCLA School of Law, followed by 30 years as a Trial Lawyer in Los Angeles.

And then it got really exciting when I moved to Rwanda, Africa, eight years ago to engage in not-for-profit work that focuses on Business As Mission (BAM) and the education of the next generation of African leaders.

When at C of I, I was excited by Political Science and Philosophy, but imagined Economics to be the most dreary, boring subject imaginable. After engaging in the developing world, I now understand that Economics and Political Economy ultimately determines the quality of quality-of-life for the 7 billion people who inhabit this planet, and economic policies are a matter of "life and death" for billions. If you want your studies and your life to matter, Political Economy is a good choice. Make a difference. Change the world.

Tom Allen, 1973

After graduating from the College of Idaho, I interned at the International Criminal Court, in the Hague, the Netherlands, and the American Civil Liberties Union in Boise, ID; volunteered at the International Rescue Committee in Boise, ID; and obtained an Advanced Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies at the European University Centre for Peace Studies in Stadtschlaining, Austria. I later obtained a Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame Law School, during which time I interned at the Center for Justice and International Law in San Jose, Costa Rica, and at a women's shelter in South Bend, IN; conducted research on migration policies in Chile and Peru for the Notre Dame Program on Law and Human Development; and participated in an asylum externship with the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago, IL. Following law school, I was awarded the Thomas L. Shaffer Law Fellowship to work at Public Counsel in Los Angeles, CA, as a staff attorney in the Immigrants' Rights Project and represent unaccompanied children.

Rachel Odio, 2008

I went to law school in the East after graduation from the C of I. I lobbied for trade associations while in law school and thereafter for awhile. I then worked on the Hill as a legislative assistant and then in the federal Legal Services Program of the War on Poverty. I practiced in a legal aid society followed by a stint as a director at the American Bar Association in Chicago and then service as the director of a state bar association in the West. That was followed by a decade as director of a national nurses association headquartered in Chicago. After that I drifted around the country working for or as a director of various nonprofits and foundations involved mainly in vocational and professional education. Near the end of my career I earned a masters in nonprofit administration. Along the way I was a volunteer in a plethora of nonprofits and am currently on the board of several governmental entities and nonprofits in the community where I am retired in Central Oregon.

I should mention that both of my children have Poly Sci as well as advanced degrees. Jillian is a policy advisor to the mayor of Portland and John teaches English in Mexico. My wife was a Poly Sci major at the C of I and served for many years as the Information Director at the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Roger Detweiler, 1964

From my vantage point, what can't one accomplish with a degree in political science or international political economy? I have been afforded a wide variety of opportunities since graduating in 2002 due to my degree.

In 2002, I received notification of early acceptance to the University of Utah College of Law. Of the 9 law schools to which I applied, I was accepted to 8 and wait listed to 1. During the year between graduating from C of I and starting law school, I was able to obtain employment as a program specialist at Inclusion, Inc. in Meridian where I assisted individuals with developmental disabilities because my major was in the social sciences. My degree enabled me to make a good salary, considering the fact that I was 21-years-old and fresh out of college, which helped me to be able to save money for graduate school. I attended the U of U from 2003 to 2006. The summer after my first year of law school I was a summer associate at Washington Group International. During my second year of law school, I competed in and won the Miss Idaho USA pageant and took a semester off to fulfill my duties back home in Idaho and also compete in the national pageant in Baltimore, Maryland. The summer after my second year, I was a summer associate at Elam and Burke. During my second and third years of law school, I also served as a law school research assistant to one of the professors and assisted her in researching articles for publication in academic law review journals across the country. While I received an offer to join the Army and serve as Judge Advocate General during the last year of law school, a few weeks before signing my commitment letter I received a job offer to join a local Salt Lake City law firm. For the last nine years I have practiced civil litigation focusing in the areas of transportation, insurance defense, construction defect, employment, and family law. In 2012, I became a partner at the law firm Strong & Hanni where I have had the good fortune to successfully defend numerous clients during litigation, at trial, and also on appeal.

The value of my degree cannot be overstated. First and foremost, it helped to prepare me to succeed in a Tier 1 law school. Second, as indicated above, the degree enabled me to obtain a good job earning a good salary directly out of college. Third, the small class size, attention from professors, and the curriculum focused on writing and presentation has helped me be successful with public speaking and public presentations in everything from pageants to jury trials.

Sade' A. Turner, Esq., 2002

Immediately after my graduation in 2005, I attended the University of Idaho Law School. During my first year there, I attended a College of Idaho Legal Community Meet and Greet. I met an alumni-attorney there who was kind enough to show me the ropes through law school and my first few years of practice. I interned at a small prosecutor's office, and after graduation, found employment at a larger prosecutor's office. I now work at the smaller office again. Good times are had by most.

Erick Thomson, 2005

After graduation from law school and while awaiting the results of the bar exam (Washington) I taught university for a year in Montana. While there, I co-created and team-taught a class in Indian Law. Upon receipt of notice of passage of the bar, I moved to Bellingham WA and opened my own practice. Being a lawyer has allowed me to remain self-employed since 1978.

Over the years, I was awarded contracts to provide public defender services to indigents charged with felonies in the county where I live. Two local municipalities also contracted with me be the prosecutor for misdemeanors heard through their municipal courts. The speedy trial rule that applies to criminal matters is a wonderful thing; trial level criminal work gets fast-tracked through the court system, and if I was not one already, I rapidly became a trial lawyer.

My office is approximately 20 miles from the U.S./Canada border and, a few years later, I transitioned to the fulltime practice of immigration law. During the course of my immigration-related work I have become well known within the profession - I have chaired several national committees on immigration related matters, been credited as the lead in changing a law or two, and have delivered immigration related papers across the country and internationally.

As of late, I have combined my interests in Indian Law and Immigration Law, and have made it my mission to revitalize the provisions of the Jay Treaty of 1794 that call for free passage to the U.S. for American Indians born in Canada. A copy of my latest paper on the topic can be found at this hyperlink: http://www.wvu.edu/bpri/files/2014_Boos_McLawsen_Fathali_Final.pdf This is the third version of the paper. It has always taken me several tries to complete a paper to my full satisfaction, and as soon as the Department of State responds to my 2013 Freedom of Information Act request regarding Jay Treaty related documents in its archives I will take another run at it. In the meantime, I believe I have helped facilitate a national conference on the Jay Treaty to be held sometime next year.

There is an old saying about how the law can be a harsh mistress, but I have found my engagement to the practice (and the shaping) immigration law to be highly rewarding – Not only have I been able to be my own boss for over 35 years, for most of that time I have been able to interact daily with immigration law, policy and the immigrant experience, all among the great leitmotifs that have shaped America. Who could ask for more?

Greg Boos, 1973

I am a third-year full-time law student at Willamette University. My activities at school have included participation in Willamette Law Review and the Willamette University Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution during my second year. In addition, I serve as a paid student assistant to two professors. For Professor Edward Harri, I help first-year Legal Research & Writing students learn how to write legal memoranda, appellate briefs, contracts, etc. Further, I help Professor Harri prepare materials for his yearly Continuing Legal Education seminar on worker's compensation law. I am also a research assistant to Professor Symeon Symeonides, revising the newest edition of his Conflict of Laws textbook. Outside of school, I am a court certified intern for SAIF Corporation, the public worker's compensation insurance carrier for the State of Oregon. Although I am only a law student, I advise claims adjusters, maintain and prepare legal files, and litigate at hearing.

Skylar Jae Hall, 2012

After graduating from The College of Idaho in 1965, I went to Harvard Law School and earned my J.D. in 1968. I moved to Los Angeles, passed the California Bar Exam, and worked as a Deputy Attorney General of California for about 2 years, focusing on criminal appeals. I then moved to the San Francisco Bay area, where I lived until 2000. During that time I worked primarily as a legal editor for a law book publisher, writing articles for various publications. I also maintained a criminal appellate practice, handling all kinds of appeals, including one death penalty case. In addition, I was an adjunct professor at San Francisco Law School, where I taught Constitutional Law for 5 years.

Knowing that I was tiring of the law, in 1992 I enrolled as a graduate student in Chinese at San Francisco State University. I took courses there, primarily in Chinese but also in other disciplines, until 1999.

In 2000 I took early retirement to pursue other interests. From 2000 to 2014 I spent most of my time in the Philippines, where I was a househusband caring for my then-youngest child. In 2002 I accepted a position as an oral English instructor at the National University of Defense Technology in Changsha,

Hunan, People's Republic of China, where I was certified as a foreign expert in the field of education, and I remained there during the 2002-2003 academic year, subsequently returning to the Philippines.

During an extended break over the 2013-2014 Christmas holiday, I was an English Camp instructor at the American International School of Subic, teaching classes in oral English and American culture to Korean students who were visiting the Philippines for intensive language instruction.

In June 2014 I returned to Caldwell, where I now live. Since September 2014 I have been working as a substitute teacher in the Caldwell and Vallivue school districts.

Jimmie Tinsley, 1965

I graduated from C of I in 1982. The College had 450 undergraduate students. I had Dr. Cope, Dr. Boyer in Political Science as mentors. I also had Mr. Specht and Dr. Sayre in History as professors as well. They were a great foundation for my next stage of life which was law school at the University of Idaho. Three other Yotes went to the U of I Law School with me and all four of us graduated together in 1985. One is a lawyer in Caldwell, one is a Magistrate Judge in Weiser and the last is the Law Librarian at Northwestern. Political science was the standard route many people went through to get to law school back in the day. The law is about precedent and context. Political science and history were great assets for me.

After graduation I went to work for a small firm in Meridian, Idaho that handled a general array of clients, but our primary client was the City of Meridian. The firm had represented the City since World War II and the Senior Partner had been the City Attorney and his partner, my boss, was the current City Attorney at the time. I became the City Prosecutor. After 3 ½ years I moved on to the City of Boise's City Attorney's office. I worked my way up from prosecutor, to Supervisor of the Prosecution Unit to the Criminal Division Chief. After a number of years I moved into the Civil Division and eventually was the #2 person in the City Attorney's office. While working for Boise City I ran and won a seat on the Meridian City Council in 2001. My career came full circle in 2004 when I was appointed Meridian City Attorney. I now manage a law office which includes 3 full time attorneys and a Paralegal. The City of Meridian has grown from a town of 8000+ when I started as the prosecutor to a city of 90,000+ today.

The College of Idaho is still a valued part of my life. I still have a great fondness for those times in my life when the College was much smaller than it is today. I still have contact with many of the people I went to school with at C of I. Those relationships can be lifelong and very rewarding. That is probably the greatest value that the C of I was for me. The relationships you establish will last you well beyond graduation.

Bill Nary, 1982

Political Science and Business Administration, C of I, BA

61-64 US Government, Social Security Administration

64-67 Willamette College of Law, JD

67-71 associate private practice of law ,La Grande ,Oregon

71-84 Union County District Attorney (elected)

84-2005 Private Law Practice, solo practice ; private business developments, including a RV Park, dental office, Sears retail store

2005-current retired. President Liberty Theatre Foundation, Inc., an IRS 501(c)3 Working to restore, as a volunteer, the Liberty Theatre in La Grande, Or. This is a \$2.5 million dollar project. MOTTO: Planning, patience, perseverance, politics!

D. Dale Mammen, 1961

Immediately after graduating I went to law school at UC Hastings. While at Hastings, I specialized in Social Justice law with the intent of working in the non-profit sphere after graduation. I interned with Equality California (the premiere LGBT rights organization in this state) my first summer and hated the work, which was 90% fundraising. My second summer I interned with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, which was a much better fit. In the end, with six figures of student debt, I decided not to pursue a career in non-profits and instead took a position as an associate to a family law (divorce mostly) attorney and quickly took over her practice. After four years of running my boss's practice and making all the court appearances, I recently left and took all the clients with me. Most of them had never even met her, so it wasn't a big deal. Now I'm 31, I own a law firm with a staff of 3, and I take great pride in my work. I help people who are often at the worst point in their lives (at least they feel that way) and they are almost unanimously very kind and appreciative of the time I put into understanding their goals and helping them achieve them so they can have some security as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

John Glen Davis, 2007

After graduation, I spent a summer of fun in Idaho's mountains before heading off to law school at William & Mary to become a public defender/international human rights lawyer. While there, I interned at five different public defender's office at the state, federal, and international levels. While working for a public defender in rural Cambodia, I realized that most incarcerated populations only wanted to talk about their land problems. Thus, I wrote and received a grant for the David L. Boren Fellowship to research land issues affecting Cambodia's indigenous populations. That summer I interned with the UN in Phnom Penh, Cambodia researching anti-corruption, then began my Boren Fellowship in the rural northeast. After my year of research, I traveled to Sierra Leone where I worked on land issues with Namati, an international human rights organization. I returned to Virginia to finish my law degree, passed the Virginia Bar, and got a job as an Asylum Officer with Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations in Miami as a fulfillment of my federal government service obligation I incurred during the Boren. While waiting for my security clearance, I again interned for Namati in D.C. researching land issues. Since last July, I have been living on Miami Beach and adjudicating refugee and asylum claims for people fleeing their home countries. I recently passed the Florida Bar and will be doing pro bono work for the Miami Public Defender's Office.

Alison Rabe, 2010