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“Concordia established a program that is shaping legal education. It’s a blend of the standard classroom education with practical skills in a way that allows long-standing law school traditions to remain while providing for the needs of today’s students.”

—Craig Cannon, student
Concordia University School of Law
The foundation for the law school is rooted in the home campus of Concordia University, a fixture in Portland, Oregon, for more than a century. The private, non-profit, liberal arts university was created as a four-year academy to meet the needs of the region for pastors and parochial school teachers for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, before becoming a junior college following World War II.

The Concordia University-Portland of today is a full-scale, four-year liberal arts Christian university with more than 35 undergraduate, pre-professional, and graduate programs and an on-campus enrollment of more than 2,000 students.

Groundbreaking from the Ground Up

For years, Boise remained one of the few state capitals in the United States without a full three-year law school. The city contains the majority of Idaho’s law firms, attorneys, and judicial institutions, but lacked a law school to match the dynamic environment and prepare the next generation of legal minds.

That all changed in 2007 when this fact came to the attention of several Concordia University board members – all distinguished lawyers including a few from the Boise area. Backed by the support of Concordia President Charles Schlimpert, the concept for the law school quickly gained traction – both with Concordia leaders and the Boise legal community. Groundbreaking took place in 2010, with the campus officially opening in August of 2012.

So while the law school may be new, the background and history are anything but. This is a law school for the 21st century, with brick-and-mortar roots going back to 1905.
Following an extensive nationwide search, long-time Boise resident Cathy Silak was selected as dean of Concordia University School of Law. Her role in the state as an appellate judge and state supreme court justice, along with her work in private practice and leading a non-profit community foundation, resulted in connections vital to a start-up law school.

With Dean Silak on board, community outreach began well before the school was built. She sought an array of viewpoints and welcomed ideas on how to structure the law school for success. The Dean’s Advisory Council, made up of area lawyers, educators, and business leaders, helped shape the law school’s core – from the development of the curriculum to the early law library collections and even the site selection for the school itself.

A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY

A Partnership Between City & School
Concordia University School of Law provides a key educational opportunity for the Boise area by providing a start-to-finish legal education in the heart of Idaho’s legal core. As the only three-year law school based in Idaho’s vibrant capital and the state’s legal hub, our optimal location ensures that students here have access to mentorships, pro-bono opportunities, and relevant courtroom experience that only a capital city can provide. The school has already made a positive impact on the local economy and the caliber of the area’s work force, serving as a net importer of legal talent to the region. In short, the addition of Concordia Law is a win-win for the school, the community, and most importantly, the students.
“All lawyers need to have fundamental grounding in the basic curriculum of law. But our professors go out of their way to incorporate practical exercises that challenge, enlighten, and even entertain.”

—Cathy Silak, Dean
Concordia University School of Law
Concordia University School of Law’s academic philosophy is rooted in a curriculum designed to give students the established foundational education to pass the bar exam, practical skills to pass real-life tests, and electives that reflect today’s legal environment.

**Developing Thought Leaders**

At Concordia Law, we follow proven and important first-year classes, steeped in the foundations of law. We also integrate key skills by providing an intensive legal research and writing course. Another skills class provides instruction on how to brief cases, outline courses, and prepare for exams.

In addition, we augment research, writing, and the doctrine of law with a course that examines the foundations of justice. Here, students and professors work together to consider the philosophical, religious, and intellectual roots of law. The readings challenge you to think deeply about what your role will be, and to remember that the hard work of law school will allow you to make a difference, to serve as an advocate, and to solve complex legal problems.

According to the 2014 Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE), Concordia gets positive marks in a variety of areas that set us apart. Students here receive significantly more written work than at other schools, better preparing them for life outside law school. All assignments are graded to better ensure course success. And instead of being lectured to, courses here are interactive between professor and students.

Whether it’s learning the foundations of centuries-old law or exploring the latest Supreme Court rulings, Concordia Law provides a rigorous academic journey that teaches you to think like a lawyer and prepares you to pass the bar.

“By the end of the first year, the most important thing we give students is confidence in their own abilities.”

To see Professor Fordyce-Ruff’s full interview, visit the Concordia University School of Law YouTube channel.

—Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff, Director of the Legal Research & Writing Program
Concordia University School of Law
“The mission of the Career Services Office is to support students as they find meaningful, gratifying, and relevant ways to apply their legal education. From experiential learning that provides the best possible real-world training to the résumés and cover letters required to obtain an interview, we work with every student, one-on-one, to develop a plan for long-term employment.”

—Benjamin Cramer, Interim Director of Student Affairs/Career Advisor Concordia University School of Law
The minute you commit to Concordia University School of Law, we commit to you, putting all of our resources towards helping you succeed.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

LEGACY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM: This unique program pairs every student with an attorney or judge who acts as a support system, providing insight, knowledge, and advice. These mentors take an active role in helping you learn first-hand what it means to be a lawyer. Whether it’s to observe a deposition, assist with research, or accompany them as they litigate a case, students discover how the foundational legal education taught in the classroom applies to real experience.

PRO BONO COMMUNITY SERVICE: “Servant leadership” is one of the founding principles behind Concordia University School of Law. Even though the requirement is for each student to complete 50 hours of law-related public service prior to graduation, the vast majority go well past that minimum number of hours. Through community service, students hone their skills by giving back to people in need. A sampling of pro bono clients includes the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Idaho Legal Aid, ACLU, and the Idaho Innocence Project.

INTERNSHIPS & EXTERNSHIPS: Our internship and externship programs give students the opportunity to work side-by-side with some of the region’s most powerful and important legal organizations, including the Idaho Attorney General’s office, Legal Aid, and the Idaho Innocence Project. This provides an easy way to enhance professional networks and gain experience. Students can also participate in internships or externships out of state.

Prepared & Practice Ready
Concordia University School of Law provides a variety of professional development opportunities and career services designed to help students build a path to a meaningful career. Students have access to individual career counseling, workshops, practice panels, mock interviews, and job fairs, as well as on-going support and transitional training programs to help them achieve their professional goals.
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

1–THE FOOTHILLS: Trailheads start just north of campus for the 130-mile protected trail system called Ridge to Rivers.

2–BOISE GREENBELT: This 25 mile biking and walking trail is one of Boise’s most beloved outdoor areas. Tree-lined pathways follow the river through the heart of the city and provide scenic views, wildlife habitat and pedestrian access to many of the area’s popular riverside parks. The Greenbelt also serves as an alternative transportation route for commuters.

3–BODO: Boise downtown, or BoDo, includes a trendy area of theaters, shopping, restaurants, coffee shops, and music venues just two blocks west of school.

4–BASQUE BLOCK: Idaho is home to one of the largest Basque communities outside of Europe. Take a short walk north of the law school to experience the art, food, and festivities of this unique culture.

5–FIRST THURSDAY: On the first Thursday of each month, an art walk covers Boise’s creative side – from the acclaimed Boise Art Museum to local shops, galleries, and boutique art spaces.
Boise is a thriving capital city with an amazing quality of life and low cost of living. It is also renowned for its proximity to the great outdoors, ever-changing cultural scene, and dedication to livability. And its centralized location provides easy access to many metropolitan cities throughout the western half of the United States. Here are 10 great activities that are all within 10 minutes of Concordia Law.

6–BOISE RIVER: Soaking in the scenery, float trips, paddle boarding, and Greenbelt excursions are the perfect study break.

7–CAPITAL CITY PUBLIC MARKET: Every Saturday from the beginning of spring through the fall harvest, local farmers and artisans set up an extensive farmer’s market on the sidewalks of downtown.

8–THE CAPITOL: Opened in 1912, the Idaho State Capitol is just a few blocks north of Concordia Law. Critical state, congressional, and legal institutions, along with dozens of law practices, radiate from this hub.

9–BRONCO STADIUM: While the Broncos are the official athletic program of Boise State University, city residents have adopted the BSU campus and its famous blue turf as their own. Watch a game, enjoy a theatrical performance, or catch a concert at the many campus facilities available to the community.

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10–IDAHO SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Set against the spectacular Boise foothills, the works of William Shakespeare and the world’s best classical playwrights are brought to life each summer. A 770-seat, state-of-the-art facility was specially designed to feature the human voice.

Boise consistently ranks among the Top 10 in national publications for livability, best downtowns, best city for raising a family and best places to find a job.
With a view towards relevance and repurposing, Concordia University School of Law transformed an old brick building on the underdeveloped edge of downtown Boise into a $10 million, state-of-the-art 54,000 square-foot campus.

The building features a collaborative, workshop design with open space, natural light, and natural wood throughout.

Three floors were added to house classrooms, offices, and gathering spaces – such as conference rooms and a common area. Mock trial and moot court rooms mirror actual courtroom sizes and design. There’s even a secure bike garage and student showers.

In the end, every decision was made in order to meet the requirements of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

#### A Law Library for the 21st Century

The largest part of the building is the library, home to an up-to-date collection that’s practice-ready and student oriented, designed to support all levels of legal research, writing, and theory.

The George R. White Law Library features new technology platforms in addition to long-held research models and materials. A team of reference librarians – holding degrees in both law and library science – supports students as they write research papers and tackle the intricacies of the legal system.

➤ **Part-Time Option is Also Available.** For students juggling work, family, and outside commitments, Concordia Law offers a part-time program that takes four years to complete. Visit law.cu-portland.edu for complete details.
“Classes here are tough, but extremely fascinating. Conversation is dynamic and the atmosphere is really energetic. At Concordia Law, everyone wants to succeed.”

—Marcus West, student Concordia University School of Law

To see Marcus’ full interview, visit the Concordia University School of Law YouTube channel.
Concordia University School of Law fosters collaboration and camaraderie through a close-knit community of students. With class sizes kept small, you’ll quickly come to know fellow students and faculty. Classmates become friends and professors become mentors.

At Concordia, You Belong
Concordia Law sponsors a variety of student-led organizations where you can hone your skills, discuss common issues, or just unwind and have fun. A sampling of some of our clubs, organizations, and associations includes:

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION:** This is the student-led governing body of Concordia University School of Law. It was formed, as the law school division of the American Bar Association, to represent the students and promote both fellowship and communication among faculty, administration, and the legal community.

**IDAHO TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION:** The goal of this group is to increase accessibility to the courts for all citizens. Student members help staff the Street Law Clinic and the Family Law Clinic which provide on-the-spot legal advice to walk-in clients.

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PILSO):** This group of public service oriented students seeks to raise awareness about issues involving access to the legal system for underserved populations.

**RUNNING FROM THE LAW:** Concordia Law’s fitness club ensures that members get out of the building and get some exercise with weekly runs, mountain bike rides, and other fitness-related events.

“You need to see the campus in person. The web, a letter, a phone call doesn’t do it. You’re investing in a three-year legal education. With Concordia, you’re not joining a law school, you’re joining a community, you’re joining a family.”

—Brit Kreimeyer, student
Concordia University School of Law

To see Brit’s full interview, visit the Concordia University School of Law YouTube channel.
“This scholarship allowed me to attend Concordia University School of Law. As a somewhat older student, I am very conscious of the debt amount I take on. Through this generous award, I can continue to be community-minded and focus on the areas of law that are meaningful to me.”

—Lori Carson, scholarship recipient and student Concordia University School of Law

RICHARD C. AND SHIRLEY I. FIELDS TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship, named in recognition of two well-respected members of the Boise community, covers 90 percent of tuition for talented individuals committed to the transformation of society through service. Visit our website for more information.
Scholarships, Grants, & Awards

Merit-based scholarships range from $3,000 to $14,000 each year – and they’re automatically renewable for students in good academic standing. These scholarships are based on prior academic excellence and the potential for success as indicated by your LSAT results.

In addition, every student receives a guaranteed service grant of $5,000 per year. This award is designed to encourage students to prioritize service, both during and after law school.

Another way we strive to keep costs manageable is by cultivating a community of supporters to assist our students. Gifts from individuals, firms, bar associations, foundations, and others help make Concordia University School of Law more affordable.

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Note: Average award based on class of 2017.

*Scholars Society Awards are based on application received dates. Apply by November 15 and receive $1,500 per year, apply by February 15 and receive $1,000 per year.

Once we receive your completed application, we do our best to get you a decision as quickly as possible – usually within two weeks.
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FAFSA SCHOOL CODE 003191

CONCORDIA LAW BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO 6 to 1

100% of Concordia Law’s electricity is purchased through Idaho Power’s voluntary Green Power Program that invests in clean energy.

AVERAGE AGE 32

APPLICATION FEE $0

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE MERIT AND/OR FINANCIAL AID AWARDS 100%

Best Places to Live in the U.S. #8 (CBS MarketWatch, 2011)

Top Ten Long-Term Job Growth (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2011)

Top Ten Best Places to Find a Job (The Fiscal Times, 2011)
You can tell a great deal about a law school from its leadership, its programs, and its dedication to ensuring student success. You can also tell a great deal about a law school from its numbers – both expected and unexpected. Here are some interesting and telling statistics about Concordia University School of Law.

### Concordia University School of Law

**Volumes in the Law Library**: 120,000

**Average Scholarship Amount**: $12,750

**Percent of Reference Librarians with Law Degrees**: 100%

**Average Number of Students, Per Year**: 100

**Percent of Part-Time Students**: 38%

**Top Boise-Area Employers Include**:
- St. Luke’s Health System
- Micron Technology, Inc.
- Hewlett-Packard Co.
- J.R. Simplot Co.

**Boise’s Nickname**
- City of Trees -

**#1 Best Cities for Men**
(Men’s Health Magazine, 2013)

**#2 Best City for Raising a Family**
(Forbes Magazine, 2012)

**#3 Best River Town in America**
(Outside Magazine, 2012)

**#4 Top Downtowns in America**
(Livability.com, 2012)

**#5 Healthiest City**
(Women’s Health/Men’s Health, 2012)

**#6 Most Inventive State**
(CNN Money, 2012)

**Class of 2017**

**Incoming GPA**
- 75%: 3.54
- MEDIAN: 3.12
- 25%: 2.80

**Incoming LSAT Scores**
- 75%: 157
- MEDIAN: 152
- 25%: 149
A Strong Case for Concordia

When it comes to selecting a law school, we understand that you have many choices. So why here? With Concordia University School of Law, you’ll find a faculty that is vested in helping you succeed. You’ll enjoy a state-of-the-art campus that’s just a stone’s throw from Idaho’s legal hub. You’ll experience a community that’s inviting, exhilarating, comfortable and affordable, all in one.

And while Concordia Law may be new, it’s backed by Concordia University’s century-old history of caring, compassion, and excellence. Preparing leaders for the transformation of society is more than our mission statement, it’s our mission. We hope it will become yours, too.
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed online application form
  - Personal Statement (two pages, double-spaced)
  - Résumé and Cover Letter
- Character and Fitness Addendum (if applicable)
- Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Report from LSAC that includes a valid LSAT score, a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of four), and official copies of all post-secondary transcripts showing completion of a four year bachelor’s degree
Concordia University School of Law is a non-profit institution. The Dean is fully informed as to the Standards and Rules of Procedure for the Approval of Law Schools by the American Bar Association. The Administration and the Dean are determined to devote all necessary resources and take all necessary steps to present a program of legal education that will qualify for approval by the American Bar Association. The Law School is not currently approved by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association and makes no representation to any applicant that it will receive approval from the Council before the graduation of any matriculating student. ABA Standard 102 (f) (formerly Interpretation 102-7). For additional information about the accreditation process, visit law.cu-portland.edu or contact our Office of Admission.