

# The Facts

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | BOISE, IDAHO



<b>LOCATION:</b>	501 Front Street, Boise ID
<b>DEAN:</b>	Cathy R. Silak, J.D., LL.M.
<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Dr. Charles E. Schlimpert
<b>WEB SITE:</b>	<a href="http://www.concordialaw.com">www.concordialaw.com</a>
<b>ENROLLMENT:</b>	First class: 75 students
<b>ACCREDITATION:</b>	The university is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and will follow ABA accreditation standards toward receiving full ABA accreditation within the minimum required three years of operation.
<b>PROGRAMS:</b>	The proposed law school curriculum will emphasize academic rigor, community engagement and ethical decision making to prepare graduates to enter the legal profession, as well as a variety of other careers and leadership positions.
<b>TIME LINE:</b>	
NOVEMBER 2007	Concordia University begins discussions with individuals in Boise about starting a law school in the area.
APRIL 11, 2008	University's Board of Regents votes to authorize Concordia President Schlimpert to commence a national search for a dean and to move forward with the preliminary planning.
MAY 2008	National search for dean begins.
DECEMBER 5 2008	Board of Regents appoints Cathy R. Silak to Dean of the law school.
DECEMBER 15 2008	Cathy R. Silak begins as dean.
APRIL 2009	Dean's Advisory Council is formed.
JANUARY 2010	Agreement signed for downtown Boise location at 501 Front Street.
FEBRUARY 2010	Scholar Society Scholarship program launched.
FALL 2011	Students begin classes.



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# The Background

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**OUR MISSION:** *Concordia is a Christian university preparing leaders for the transformation of society.*

This mission is what makes Concordia different and what will distinguish the graduates of our School of Law. These graduates will contribute to making Boise an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

For more than a century, we've graduated students who are both academically prepared and strive to make a positive difference in their communities. We seek students and graduates committed to the highest levels of ethical conduct and to the deepest sense of building a better world.

- » Preparing leaders and lawyers with a commitment to the letter and spirit of the law is consistent with Concordia's mission and values.
- » There is no law school currently within the Concordia University System of ten higher education institutions across the nation.
- » Forbes Magazine has consistently ranked Boise as one of the top ten metropolitan areas in the nation for starting a business or career.
- » The Treasure Valley is one of the four largest Metropolitan Service Areas without an ABA-approved law school within 100 miles.
- » Currently, there is only one other law school in the State, yet it is 300 miles away from Boise; nearly half of the state's lawyers and the state supreme court are in Boise.

**Together, we'll plant the seeds for a lasting legacy** to further distinguish the Boise/Treasure Valley community as one of the best cities and regions in the American West.

Find out how you can contribute to building Boise's future and its first-ever law school by visiting [www.concordialaw.com](http://www.concordialaw.com).



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