

Katie Ball



Katie Ball has worked for the University of Idaho College of Law since 2008. She directs the semester-in-practice and externship programs. She teaches Federal Courts and other classes using experiences from her federal court clerkships and private practice to inform class discussions. She served as the Associate Dean of Students from August 2019 through April of 2021.

Katie is a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho, currently serves as a Lawyer Representative for that court, and has participated in several roles and as a member of the Federal Bar Association Idaho Chapter.

Katie earned her law degree from the University of Idaho in May 2002. During law school she worked for the Idaho Attorney General's Office in the Criminal Appellate Division and for Holland & Hart LLP. She spent her last semester of law school externing for the Honorable B. Lynn Winmill, the former Chief United States District Judge in Idaho.

After graduating from law school, Katie clerked for a year for the Honorable Stephen S. Trott with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. During the following year, she worked as a staff attorney in the habeas/capital case unit at the United States District Court for the District of Idaho and worked part-time for the Honorable Thomas G. Nelson with the Ninth Circuit. She spent a year with the law firm of Holland & Hart LLP before returning to the federal court to work for the Honorable Larry M. Boyle in 2005. She worked for ten years as the career law clerk for Judge Larry M. Boyle and then the Honorable Ronald E. Bush, former Chief United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Idaho, before leaving federal service to teach full time at the College of Law.

Katie supervises the UI College of Law Golf Club and the FBA Idaho Chapter Law Student Division. She also coordinates the state Magistrate Judge Research Assistance Program and an Institute for secondary school teachers focused on the rule of law and need for an independent judiciary.