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# CATHERINE RENSHAW

Catherine Renshaw is an immigration attorney whose practice focuses on immigration law, with extensive experience representing clients in matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services, immigration court, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the federal courts. She has represented individuals in asylum, family-based, and employment-based visa petitions, as well as in litigation before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She also has extensive experience representing businesses in their efforts to solve immigration-related employment

matters.

Prior to joining Fennemore, Catherine worked at a Boise-based law firm practicing exclusively in immigration law. Immediately after law school, she clerked for the Honorable John R. Stegner of the Idaho Supreme Court, where she prepared case analyses, drafted court decisions, and conducted extensive legal research. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Idaho Law Review* and gained substantial advocacy experience through her work with the University of Idaho Immigration Litigation and Appellate Clinic.

Catherine earned her law degree at the University of Idaho. There, she received the CALI Award for Immigration Law & Policy and the Immigration Clinic, Best Student Brief from the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, and Best Oral Advocate in the Civ. Pro. Subject Matter Jurisdiction

Smackdown.

In addition to her practice, Catherine is an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Idaho College of Law, teaching legal reasoning and bar preparation strategies. A highly involved community member, she serves as a pro bono attorney at the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Project and as a member of the Idaho State Bar’s Young Lawyers Section.

# EDUCATION

J.D., University of Idaho College of Law, *cum laude*

CALI Awards: Immigration Law & Policy, Immigration Clinic Best Student Brief, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association

Best Oral Advocate, Civ. Pro. Subject Matter Jurisdiction Smackdown

B.A. French, B.A. International Studies, B.S. Political Science, University of Idaho Minor in Comparative International Politics

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

Immigration Business & Finance

Employment & Labor General Counsel Services Health Care

# REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented a detained asylum seeker, Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Pro Bono Program

Lawyer in the Library, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program Represented a U Visa client, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program AILA Citizenship Day, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program

# ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Author, “Immigration Issues for Employers in 2025 and Beyond,” Firm Newsletter, February 2025

Author, *Reviving the Alien Tort Statute: A Roadmap to Recovery for Asylum Seekers Suffering the Harm of Refoulment*, 60 Idaho L. Rev. 207, 2024

# PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Instructor – Strategies for Legal Reasoning, University of Idaho College of Law, 2023-Present

Pro Bono Attorney, Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, 2022-Present Member, Idaho State Bar – Young Lawyers Section, 2022-Present

# ADMISSIONS

Idaho Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, District of Idaho

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit