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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, from visa petitions to I-9 compliance issues.

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 for the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program 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

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Immigration
- Business & Finance
- Labor & Employment
- General Counsel Services
- Health Care

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Author, "[Fiscal Year 2027 H-1B Cap Lottery: What Employers Should Know \(Quick Guide\)](#)," Fennemore Blog, February 26, 2026
- Co-Author, "[What Canadian Citizens Should Know Before Traveling to the United States](#)," Fennemore Blog, January 30, 2026
- Co-Author, "[How hiring skilled foreign talent just got more complicated for employers](#)," AZ Big Media, January 19, 2026
- Co-Author, "[H-1B Cap Lottery Update: Higher Wages Get More "Entries" Starting FY 2027](#)," Fennemore Blog, January 13, 2026
- Co-Author, "[Business Immigration in 2025–2026: Key Takeaways for Employers](#)," Fennemore Blog, December 9, 2025
- 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 Refoulement*, 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