



ISBA Newsletter Welcome Back!

Welcome back, Law Hawks!

We hope you had a well-deserved, restful break!

As always, you can find the following newsletter in full on the [ISBA website](#).

Now for some important announcements!

[Course Suggestion Survey \(closes on Feb 1st\)](#)

Is there a course you want to take that Iowa Law doesn't offer? Is there a course Iowa Law used to offer that you want back? Now's the time to let us know! Fill out the above form to express your interest, and we'll make sure it gets to the right people.

Meet Sam Ramsey!

Sam Ramsey has taken over Jaret's position as the embedded counselor at Boyd. To schedule an appointment with embedded counselor, Sam Ramsey, LMSW, please call the University Counseling Service main desk at (319) 335-7294 and state that you are a law student and would like to meet with Sam. You can learn more about Sam [here](#).

ISBA Pickleball Tournament

Save the date for a delightful afternoon of pickleball. **Saturday, Feb 17, 2024**, from **10am - 2pm @ Field House**. Student ID required! Stay posted on [Instagram](#) and the bulletin boards for more details. Can't wait to see you there!

Barrister's Ball

Ready to have a ball!? Mark your calendars for **April 6th, 2024**, for a fun-filled night!
Details regarding ticket sales are forthcoming.

DEI Recommendations

At the end of last year, the Regents of the State of Iowa conducted a study on the DEI programs and efforts at Iowa's public universities to determine their utility to the state. The study reveals, among other things, that DEI programs and efforts are generally supported across groups at Iowa's public universities (See Attachment D of the Report). The Regents make a number of recommendations to Iowa's public universities, including the "eliminat[ion] [of] any DEI functions that are not necessary for compliance or accreditation." (See Attachment A of the Report). The University of Iowa College of Law is required by the American Bar Association to "demonstrate by concrete action a commitment to diversity and inclusion" in both admissions and hiring to maintain accreditation (See Attachment B of the Report, Page 7). You can use the link in this announcement's header to read the report and/or provide feedback to the DEI Forward Task Force.

Mental Health Survey Results

The Spring 2023 National College Health Assessment results were released at the end of last year. ISBA has not forgotten about these results. The results for the law school have been attached to this newsletter. ISBA has been working with the administration to ensure that these results are being addressed. If you have any ideas on how to bring awareness to and address mental health concerns in our college, please let a member of ISBA know and/or submit a response to the [anonymous survey](#). We want to hear from you!

Anonymous Feedback Survey

If you have any concerns that you are not comfortable bringing directly to a member of ISBA, please use this [survey](#) to provide anonymous feedback.

That is it for now. We are wishing everyone safe travels back to Boyd and a wonderful semester!

Best,
ISBA