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Overall goal for Law:

The NDUS should produce law graduates who are prepared for practice, particularly in areas relevant to North Dakota's legal needs

I. Short-term goals:

- a. Sustain and enhance rural practice initiatives at UND School of Law
 - Seek continued funding for Rural Justice Program summer judicial externships in 2017 Legislative Session (UND School of Law, state courts, SBAND)
 - Steward current private funding through Larson Foundation for expanded summer employment opportunities outside of Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck, and Minot (UND School of Law, UND Foundation)
 - Seek additional private funding to support career paths in rural practice from student recruitment through graduation (UND School of Law, UND Foundation)
- b. Provide field placement/externship opportunity to every UND Law student
 - Continue to expand number of field placements available to students (UND School of Law)
 - Invest in professional staff for effective coordination (UND School of Law, UND, NDUS)
 - Match between student interest and placement capacity
 - Quality educational experience for students
 - Practical benefits to supervisors, including ease of participation
 - Compliance with accreditation standards for awarding credit for field placements
 - Enhance and expand relationships with field placement supervisors (UND School of Law)
 - Outreach and feedback opportunities
 - Training/CLE for supervisors
- c. Enhance career development services at UND School of Law
 - Increase involvement of potential employers (UND School of Law, SBAND)
 - Increase mentoring and networking opportunities among students and potential employers
 - CLEs focused on effective supervision/training of law students and new attorneys
 - Assist retiring solo and small-firm practitioners with succession/selling practice

II. Mid-term goals:

- a. Incentivize UND Law graduates to practice in areas most needed by the state
 - Pursue “loan forgiveness” program akin to South Dakota’s Rural Attorney Recruitment Program (UND School of Law, SBAND, NDUS)
 - Seek private funding for student scholarships and summer stipends tied to needed practice areas, such as family law, criminal defense, etc. (UND School of Law, UND Foundation)
- b. Make basic energy/oil & gas law courses available to all UND Law students

III. Long-term goals:

- a. Invest in areas of distinction that are relevant to state’s legal needs, including rural practice, energy law, and Indian law
 - Highlight areas of distinction in student recruitment, educational program, co- and extra-curricular activities, scholarly activity, and service (UND School of Law)
 - Apply faculty expertise to assist state in addressing issues in these areas (UND School of Law)
 - Strengthen national and international reputation in areas of distinction through student and faculty accomplishments and service (UND School of Law)