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Professor Richard Seamon joined the University of Idaho College of Law in 2004, having previously taught at the University of South Carolina School of Law and Washington and Lee Law School. He currently teaches Administrative Law and Constitutional Law, and serves as Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs. In the past, he has taught courses on civil procedure, criminal procedure, federal courts, and U.S. Supreme Court practice. He also served as the associate dean for administration and students from 2006-2009.

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