



COLORADO LAW
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

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WELCOME

Selecting a law school is a momentous and individual decision. Typically, students choose the University of Colorado Law School because it combines the best all-around legal education with a great location, a supportive community, top specialties, interdisciplinary study, dedicated faculty, and a public service tradition. This Viewbook introduces Colorado Law so that you can know us better.

Diverse Students. Our students choose Colorado Law over other prestigious schools, bringing intellectual and exciting backgrounds to the classroom and community. They represent a rich blend of geographic and ethnic diversity. Many are distinguished by their leadership experience, career achievement, and community service. Although competitiveness among highly qualified students is typical, our students have a proud history of putting collegiality first.

Expert Faculty. Our faculty are nationally and internationally recognized for their scholarly work and impact in their chosen fields. Collectively, they are among the most published and influential law faculties in the nation. But our highest calling is teaching and interacting with students, so we keep a low student-faculty ratio.

Innovative Programs. While keeping the fundamental academic program strong, Colorado Law continues to refine its curriculum.

- The Experiential Learning Program makes the school a leader in practical experience.
- Clinics offer opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience and to provide free legal services to underserved clients.
- Students excel in national moot court and trial competitions, winning regional and national competitions.
- Research centers are engaged nationally and internationally, providing our students with valuable research, educational, and networking opportunities.
- Certificate, dual degree, and LL.M. programs allow students to pursue legal specialties.

Career Placement Opportunities. Colorado Law provides our graduates with the benefit of a strong alumni network, a wide range of placement opportunities that go well beyond traditional legal practice, and a loan repayment assistance program for those graduates who pursue public service.

Colorado Law has shaped legal professionals for nearly 120 years, and its excellent student body, faculty, and programs equip it for a bright future built on innovation and a tradition of service. Our 7,000 alumni, located in every state and around the world, are leaders in the profession, politics, and business, and they generously provide assistance to the School and our graduates.

I welcome your interest in Colorado Law and all that it has to offer for a student seeking an extraordinary legal education among talented colleagues and faculty, in a place conducive to learning and a quality of life.

Philip J. Weiser
Dean

Our Vision

A supportive and diverse community of scholars and students in a place that inspires vigorous pursuit of ideas, critical analysis, and civic engagement in order to advance the rule of law in an open, sustainable society.

Our Mission

Teaching: To employ robust theoretical inquiry, doctrinal and policy analysis, and professional skills.

Scholarship: To explore and discuss ideas, to develop and test new ideas and approaches, to challenge the status quo, and to convey our research and ideas to lawyers, academics, policymakers, and the world.

Public Service: To instill in our students an awareness of a lawyer's civic responsibilities and opportunities to serve and lead.



BOULDER, COLORADO

Boulder Has Everything

Boulder is renowned for being the perfect package: striking natural beauty, sunny weather, outdoor recreation, culture (top restaurants, art shows, concerts, sports, and theaters), outstanding alternative transportation options, and a highly educated population, all in a small town but close to Denver. Boulder was ranked among “The Smartest Cities in America” and “Best Places for Business and Careers” by *Forbes*, “Best Places to Live” by *Men’s Journal*, and “Best Green Places” by *Country Home* magazine.

Boulder is at the base of the inspiring Rocky Mountains, which stretch more than 120 miles and include 56 peaks over 14,000 feet. And, with 300 days of annual sunshine, there are countless outdoor opportunities. The Boulder area alone has 43,000 acres of open space and 200 miles of trails. Within two hour’s drive, skiing and snowboarding are available at 10 different mountains. After the snow melts, these mountains and the more than 40 state and national parks in Colorado offer camping, hiking, rock climbing, and biking, and the rivers offer tubing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and fishing.

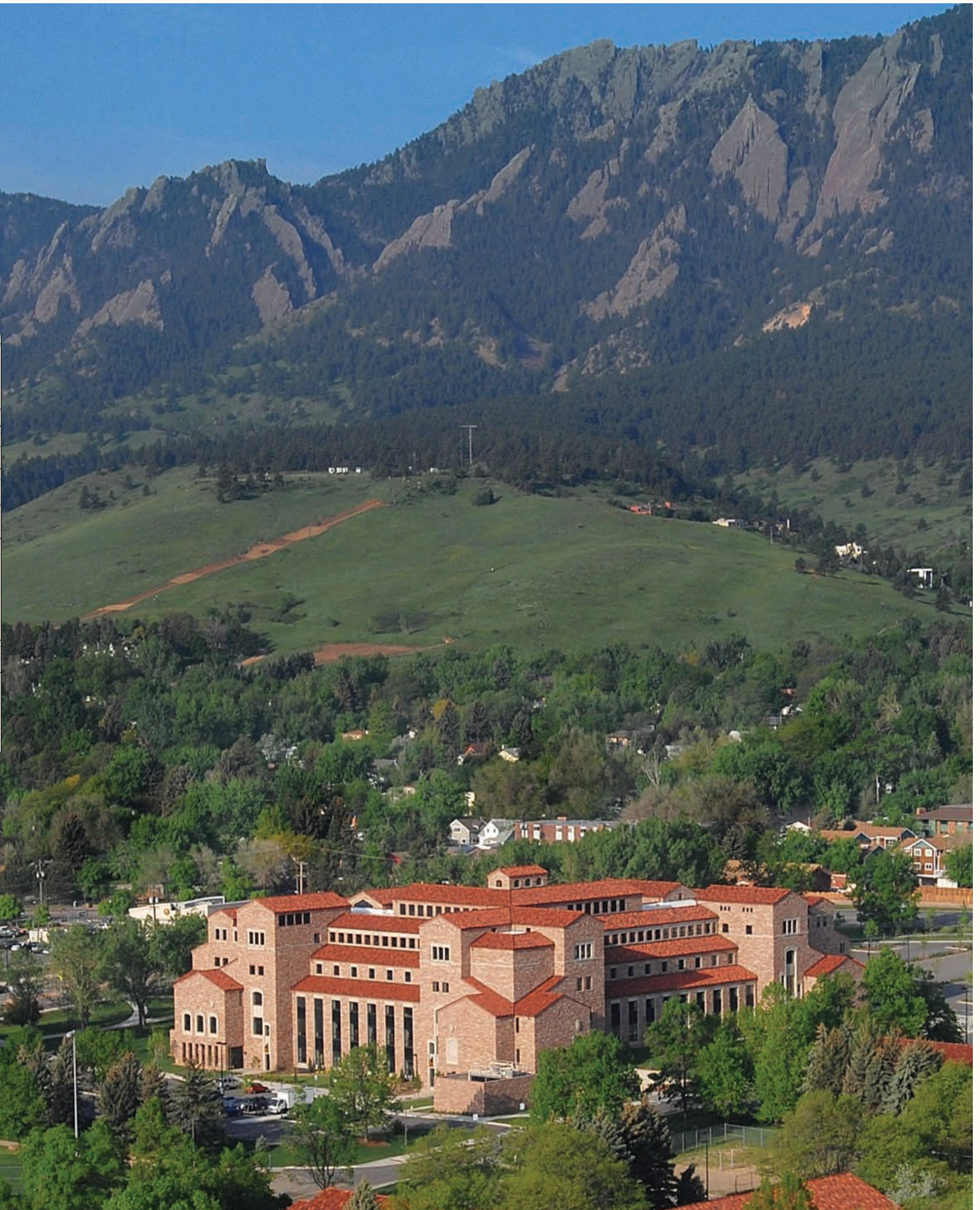
Colorado Law offers the incomparable quality of life of the Rocky Mountain West.

Denver, The Mile High City

Denver, the Colorado state capital, is nicknamed the “Mile-High City” because it is located 5,280 feet above sea level. Just 30 minutes from the Law School, Denver is headquarters to many top national law firms, federal agencies, and large corporations and to numerous attractions including the Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Denver Art Museum, Denver Zoo, and Denver Performing Arts Complex, the second-largest arts center in the nation. It is one of only two cities in America with eight professional sports teams, including the Colorado Rockies (baseball), Colorado Avalanche (hockey), Denver Broncos (football), Denver Nuggets (basketball), and Colorado Rapids (soccer)—not to mention an active nightlife for all entertainment tastes.

Denver has an enviable **quality of life** and consistently tops the lists of most livable cities. Its young, active residents (31 is the average age) rank as the nation’s fourth most physically active. With a population of 600,000 that is 40 percent Hispanic and 10 percent African American, Denver celebrates its **rich ethnic history** and diverse cultural heritage with a number of events throughout the year, including the nation’s largest Cinco de Mayo celebration, the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival, National Gay Rodeo Finals, and the Dragon Boat Festival. A city of distinctive neighborhoods, Denver’s cost of living remains affordable, ranking slightly above the national average but well below many other major cities.







Kristina Garcia '11

used her BS in chemical engineering to work as the brewing group manager of a leading area brewing company, and was co-president of the Latino Law Students Association.

COLORADO LAW

Best of Old and New

The University of Colorado Law School, established in 1892, has a long and proud history as a top public law school. The school became a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools organized in 1901, and, has been on the American Bar Association's list of accredited law schools since its first publication in 1923.

Today, Colorado Law provides one of the best comprehensive legal educations in the nation, featuring:

- Juris doctor, three master of law degrees, eight dual degrees, and four certificates
- 545 students, selected from the nation's **statistically best applicants** with diverse backgrounds and representing 100 undergraduate institutions
- A **favorable student-faculty ratio** (10.8:1) encourages class discussions
- **60 highly published faculty** dedicated to interacting with students inside and outside the classroom
- First-year students who are placed in **small sections** for more class participation opportunities and to build relationships with classmates and professors
- Vibrant student body boasting over **30 organizations** and three student-led journals
- **Experiential Learning Program** that integrates lawyering activities, including eight clinics, externships, a public service pledge, and trial and appellate court competitions
- Four research centers providing valuable research and networking opportunities and promoting intellectual discourse and debate
- Comprehensive career development program and a student-alumni mentor program
- Impressively **high first-time bar passage rate of 93 percent**, well above the Colorado state average

CU-Boulder Offers Interdisciplinary Study Opportunities

Colorado Law is located on the University of Colorado Boulder campus, one of the nation's leading comprehensive teaching and research universities, with a student body of 30,000, including 5,200 graduate and professional students. Law students have vast opportunities for interdisciplinary study, funded research, and extracurricular activities within CU-Boulder's wide range of nationally recognized colleges, schools, centers, and programs.



Areas of Academic Excellence

Colorado Law's primary areas of strength offer students comprehensive programs of study, including specialized certificates, dual degrees, LL.M.s, clinics, research centers, student organizations, journals, and more.

- **Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Law.** Ranked consistently among the best in the country, the environmental and natural resources law program has been a key focus of the Colorado Law curriculum for more than half a century, and is one of the strongest and deepest programs of its kind.
- **Technology, Entrepreneurial, and Intellectual Property Law.** Boulder is the heart of one of the nation's premier telecommunications and technology hubs, and boasts a vibrant entrepreneurial and venture capital community, ranked by Federal Reserve Bank of Boston researchers as the highest performing small city for venture capital investment.
- **American Indian Law.** With more than 30,000 American Indians living within a 30-mile radius of Boulder, and two reservations in the state, Colorado Law is in the "Hub of Indian Country," which is why Boulder is also home to the Native American Rights Fund.
- **Juvenile and Family Law.** With U.S. state trial courts reporting nearly 5 million cases per year involving domestic relations, there is an increased demand for trained lawyers and advocates who have acquired an interdisciplinary specialization in resolving family issues.



Mark Wiranowski '12

has a background in nonprofit management with a master's in public policy from Harvard, and has come to Colorado Law to focus on renewable energy because of the many legal angles and prospective growth of the field.

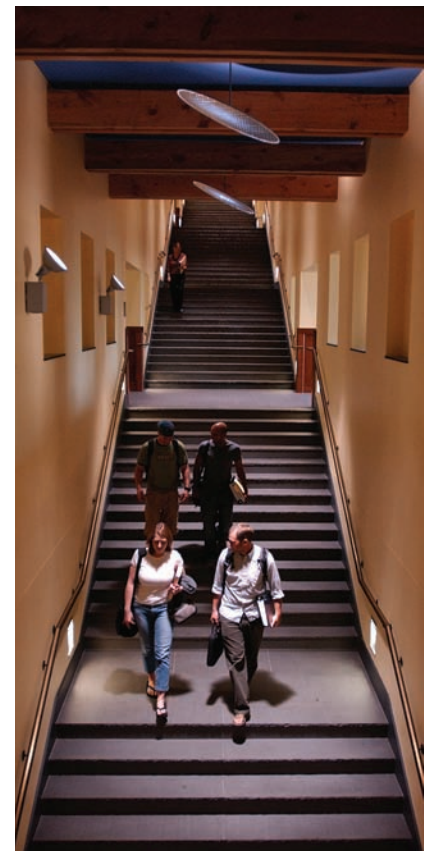
The Wolf Law Building

The **Wolf Law Building** was completed in 2006 and made possible by the generous financing of alumni, friends, law firms, and, the largest part, by students.

- Top "green" certification, from construction to operation, including 88 percent renewable energy and electricity, 40 percent water use reduction, and 59 percent regionally manufactured materials
- Technologically advanced wireless networking, video conferencing, videotaping capabilities for distance learning, and digital kiosks
- Classrooms have electrical outlets for each student and complete audio-visual equipment (LCD projectors, DVD, VHS, and cable) with touch-screen control systems
- Student commons with café and patio, study and interview rooms, individual lockers and mailboxes, and courtyard with a barbeque
- Suites and offices for centers, clinics, student organizations, journals, and all faculty
- Large courtroom and a teaching courtroom for mock trial practice and clinical training

The three-story **William A. Wise Law Library** is housed in the Wolf Law Building.

- Most comprehensive law library in the 12-state Rocky Mountain region, one of the largest in the country, also serving as a selective federal government depository
- 40 instructional student lab computers, five group study rooms, 445 seats, and distributed computing stations
- Over 750,000 volumes and microform equivalents



ACADEMICS

Colorado Law's three-year full-time juris doctor (JD) degree provides a strong legal education with a rich mixture of theory, policy, doctrinal analysis, and professional skills. Students have broad flexibility to meet their individual interests and needs. The faculty and administration are invested in every student's success, and nearly 100 percent of each entering class graduates from Colorado Law.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs allow students to add a law specialty to their JD degree. Students must earn six credit hours beyond the JD requirements, and can complete these within the normal three years.

- American Indian Law
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Juvenile and Family Law
- Tax Emphasis Program
- Graduate Certificate Program in Environment, Policy, and Society (through CU's Environmental Studies Program)

Dual Degree Programs

Colorado Law students take advantage of an array of rich opportunities for interdisciplinary study through other CU schools that allow students to earn dual degrees in less time than it takes to earn each degree separately. Students apply separately to and are admitted by the two schools under their respective admissions requirements. Law students may combine their JD with:

- Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) with CU-Boulder's Leeds School of Business
- Master in Environmental Studies (JD/ENVS) with CU-Boulder's Environmental Studies Program
- Doctorate in Environmental Studies (JD/PhD) with CU-Boulder's Environmental Studies Program
- Doctor of Medicine (JD/MD) with UC Denver's School of Medicine on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora
- Master of Public Administration (JD/MPA) with UC Denver's School of Public Affairs
- Master of Science, Telecommunications (JD/MST) with CU-Boulder's Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program
- Master of Urban and Regional Planning (JD/MURP) with CU-Boulder's College of Architecture and Planning
- Bachelor of Laws (JD/LLB) with the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Canada



Study Abroad

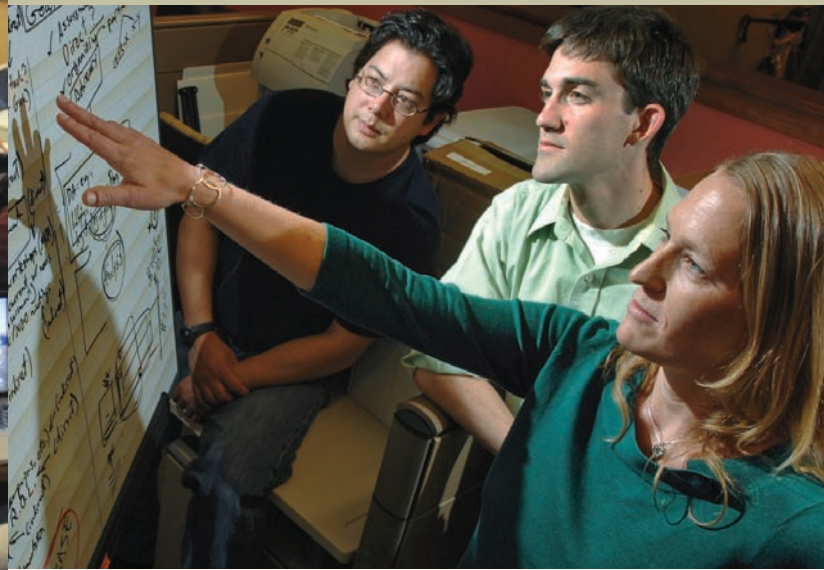
Colorado Law offers study abroad programs for students to prepare for the global market for legal services and study with law students from other countries in international business, comparative law, European Union law, and international law. About 20 Colorado Law students study abroad each year.

- University of San Diego School of Law Summer Law Study Abroad Program in Barcelona, Dublin, Florence, London, Oxford, Paris, and Moscow/St. Petersburg
- Bucerius' International Exchange Program in International and Comparative Business Law in Hamburg, Germany
- Bar Ilan University Law Exchange in Tel Aviv, Israel

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Colorado Law offers one-year, full-time LL.M. degrees in three specialty areas. Students are selected from U.S. law school graduates and graduates of universities outside of the United States who hold a law degree or its equivalent in education or practical experience. LL.M. degrees provide in-depth expertise in specific areas to improve career marketability or change specialties.

- Entrepreneurial Law
- Information Technology & Intellectual Property Law
- Natural Resources Law



First Year

First-year courses lay the foundation to learn to “think like a lawyer.” Many foundational courses are taught in the Socratic method, which develops legal reasoning and critical thinking skills. All first-year students are assigned to a **small 30- to 35-student section** to help build strong relationships with faculty and encourage formation of study groups.

Fall Semester

- **Civil Procedure:** Rules governing pleading, joinder of parties, discovery, jurisdiction of courts, right to jury trial, appeals, res judicata and collateral estoppel, with emphasis on the Federal and State Rules
- **Contracts:** Contract liability, offer and acceptance, consideration, statute of frauds, contract remedies, the parol evidence rule, contract performance, conditions, and changed circumstances
- **Legal Writing:** Legal analysis and document preparation, objective legal analysis techniques, legal rule synthesis, authority use to explain rules, and rule application to case facts
- **Legislation and Regulation:** Statutory interpretation, architecture of the administrative state, and interpretation and review of regulation
- **Torts:** Nonconsensual allocation of losses for civil wrongs, focusing on negligence and strict liability

Spring Semester

- **Appellate Court Advocacy:** Appellate brief and document preparation, oral arguments before a three-judge mock court, techniques of persuading a court to accept a

client’s view of the law and facts, professional judgments within ethical boundaries, and lawyer credibility

- **Constitutional Law:** Constitutional structure, including judicial review, federalism, separation of powers, and constitutional rights of due process and equal protection
- **Criminal Law:** Statutory and common law of crimes and defenses, procedures by which the law makes judgments to criminality of conduct, and constitutional limits
- **Property:** Personal property, estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant, basic land conveyancing, and private land use controls

Academic Support

From day one, Colorado Law invests in each student’s academic success. Through the Rothgerber Academic Assistance Program, upper-division law students tutor first-year students. The program is open to all first-year students, and more than **50 percent of the class participates** in this free opportunity.

Legal Research and Writing

Colorado Law’s Legal Research and Writing Program ensures students are proficient in legal research, analysis, and writing, and capable of adapting these skills to varying contexts. All first-year *Legal Writing* and *Appellate Court Advocacy* courses are taught by full-time legal writing faculty. Certain upper-division courses are designated as writing classes and students spend a seminar preparing a substantial paper requiring significant legal research and writing.

Second and Third Years

Students must take *Evidence* and *Legal Ethics and Professionalism* courses, a seminar course, and a legal practice course. Colorado Law encourages a balance between experiential learning and classroom studies, graded courses and non-graded courses, and study within and outside the law school by providing extensive elective courses and externships.

Elective Courses

Business

Accounting Issues for Lawyers
 Advanced Contracts: Commercial Transactions
 Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
 Antitrust
 Bankruptcy
 Business Planning
 Business Transactions
 Commercial Drafting
 Corporate Finance
 Corporations
 Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection Deals
 Government Regulation of Business
 Law Practice Management
 Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations
 Payment Systems
 Regulation of Financial Institutions
 Secured Transactions
 Securities Regulation
 Sports Law
 Venture Capital and Private Equity

Criminal

Advanced Evidence: Forensic Science and the Criminal Courts
 Capital Punishment in America
 Comparative Criminal Procedure
 Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
 Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
 Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
 White Collar Crime

Family, Gender, and Health

Domestic Violence
 Drug Product Liability
 Family Law
 Gender, Law, and Public Policy
 Health Law I: Finance, Administration, and Organization of Health Care
 Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation
 Juvenile Justice
 Parent, Child, and State
 Sexuality and the Law

Government and Public Interest

Administrative Law
 Advanced Torts
 Civil Rights Legislation
 Colorado Workers Compensation Theory and Practice
 Conflict of Laws
 Education Law
 Election Law
 Employment Discrimination
 Employment Law
 Federal Courts
 First Amendment
 Labor Law
 Lawyers for Social Change
 Legislation
 Local Government
 Poverty Law
 Race and American Law
 Supreme Court Decision Making

Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications

Computer Crimes
 Copyright
 Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
 IP and Technology Contracting
 Patent Law
 Patent Litigation
 Privacy and Security in the Digital Age
 Quantitative Methods
 Standards and Standardization Wars
 Telecommunications Law and Policy
 Trademark and Unfair Competition

International

Comparative Employment Law
 Comparative Law
 Immigration and Citizenship Law
 International Business Transactions
 International Criminal Law: Theory and Practice
 International Dispute Settlement
 International Environmental Law
 International Human Rights
 International Law
 International Legal Order: History and Foundations
 International Trade Law
 Introduction to Islamic Law
 Introduction to Jewish/Israeli Law
 Refugee and Asylum Law

Jurisprudence and Perspective

Economic Analysis of Law
 Jurisprudence
 Law and the Holocaust
 Law and Neuroscience
 Law and Religion
 Law and Social Sciences

Litigation

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
 Complex Civil Litigation
 Jury Selection and History
 Litigation Drafting

Natural Resources and the Environment

American Indian Law I
 American Indian Law II
 Climate Change Law and Policy
 Energy Insecurity and Sustainable Law
 Energy Justice
 Energy Law and Regulation
 Environmental Law
 Environmental Litigation
 Foundations of Natural Resources Law and Policy
 Jurisdiction in Indian Country
 Land Conservation Law
 Mining and Energy Law
 Oil and Gas
 Public Land Law
 Toxic and Hazardous Waste
 Water Law
 Wildlife and the Law

Practice: Clinical

American Indian Law Clinic
 Appellate Advocacy Clinic
 Civil Practice Clinic
 Criminal Defense Clinic
 Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
 Extern Program
 Juvenile Law Clinic
 Natural Resources Clinic
 Technology Law and Policy Clinic

Practice: Simulation

Advanced Trial Advocacy
 Alternative Dispute Resolution
 Appellate Advocacy Competition
 Arbitration
 Evidence and Trial Practice
 International Moot Court Competition
 Legal Negotiation
 Mediation
 Motions Advocacy
 Rothgerber Moot Court Competition
 Trial Advocacy
 Trial Competition

Property

Construction Law
 Cultural Property Law
 Land Conservation Law
 Land Use Planning
 Real Estate Planning
 Real Estate Transactions
 Wills and Trusts

Research and Writing

Advanced Legal Research
 Advanced Legal Writing
 Colorado Legal Research
 Creative Writing for Lawyers
 Independent Legal Research: *Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy*, *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law*, and *University of Colorado Law Review*
 Judicial Opinion Writing

Taxation

Corporate Taxation
 Estate Planning
 Federal Estate and Gift Tax
 Federal Tax Politics
 Income Taxation
 International Taxation
 Partnership Taxation
 Payment Systems

Seminars

Advanced Constitutional Law: Education and the Constitution
 Advanced Constitutional Law Equality and Privacy
 Advanced Constitutional Law, Theory and Practice of Free Speech in the United States
 Advanced Criminal Procedure
 Advanced Natural Resources Law
 Advanced Topics in American Indian Law
 Advanced Topics in Federalism
 Advanced Topics in Health Law and Policy
 Advanced Torts
 Affordable Housing
 Antidiscrimination and the First Amendment
 Bioethics and Law
 Child Abuse and the Law
 Cities, Suburbs, and the Law
 Civil Liberties Litigation
 Class and Law
 Comparative Constitutional Law
 Comparative Public Health Law and Ethics
 Computers and the Law
 Constitutional Foundations: Core Ideas
 Constitutional Theory
 Consumer Empowerment
 Counseling Families in Business
 Gender Law
 Higher Education and the Law
 Information Privacy
 International Crimes and Punishment
 Jurisprudence
 Law and Economic Development
 Law and Economics of the Information Age
 Law and Economics of Utility Regulation
 Law and Literature
 Media, Popular Culture, and Law
 Modern Legal Theory
 Oil and International Relations
 Power, Ethics, and Professionalism
 Protected Public Lands
 Public Health Law and Ethics
 Securities Litigation and Enforcement
 Separation of Powers
 Tax Policy
 Theory of Punishment
 Wal-Mart

Note: Not all courses are offered each semester. This is a composite list of the last three years of course offerings.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential education encompasses lawyering activities in which students receive experience outside the classroom—clinics, externships, appellate and trial competitions, and voluntary public service work.

Legal Clinics

Colorado Law's Clinical Education Program started in 1948 and now serves 400–500 clients each year. Clinical courses provide practical learning experiences for students, assistance to those in need, and an invaluable service to the public good. By handling actual cases, under the supervision of expert clinical faculty, student practitioners take primary responsibility for understanding the goals of their clients and working to represent those clients' interests persuasively and competently. Each year, about 110 students take clinical courses, logging more than 8,000 hours.

- American Indian Law Clinic
- Appellate Advocacy Clinic
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Family Law Clinic
- Juvenile Law Clinic
- Natural Resources Clinic
- Technology Law and Policy Clinic

Public Service Pledge Program

Colorado Law is a public institution with a public spirit. Faculty and students have a passion and deep appreciation of a lawyer's civic responsibility to serve the underprivileged and the community. Under this program, students who complete a voluntary pledge of at least 50 hours of law-related public service work, not for credit or other compensation, receive recognition on their transcripts. Students can perform pro bono work for government agencies engaged in legal work (administrative agencies, public defenders, district attorney offices, and the judiciary), nonprofits that provide legal services, public interest law firms, or private firms with pro bono projects. Colorado Law students report over 10,000 law-related public service hours each year.



Professor Mimi Wesson,

teaching criminal law, evidence, and law and literature, has written three novels: *A Suggestion of Death*, *Render Up the Body*, and *Chilling Effect*. She was recently named the Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning.



Colorado Innocence Project

Colorado Law's Clinical Education Program is home to the Colorado Innocence Project, which identifies individuals with colorable claims, and ensures that counsel is appointed to assist these individuals, per Colorado law. Cases are referred for further evaluation to volunteer lawyers who may be assisted by Colorado Law students.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING *(continued)*



Desta Asfaw '11

spent a summer in Hollywood interning at a fashion public relations firm on Sunset Boulevard, where she worked closely with magazine editors, fashion designers, and celebrities.



Todd Spivak '11

was a political reporter in Illinois and has interviewed Barack Obama and Rod Blagojevich.

Trial Advocacy and Moot Court

Appellate advocacy, mock trials, and moot court competitions develop skills in appellate brief writing and oral argument, and provide valuable trial practice experience. Colorado Law teams are extremely competitive both participating in and hosting competitions. Coaching and support come from an experienced group of faculty, fellow students, alumni who recently competed, local judges, and lawyers. Students may earn academic credit for their participation and each year **more than 100 students compete**.

- Constance Baker Motley National Moot Court Competition
- Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Competition
- Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- Jim R. Carrigan Trial Advocacy Competition
- Mardi Gras National Moot Court Competition
- National Moot Court Competition
- National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law
- National Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition
- The National Trial Competition
- Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition
- Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- The Rothgerber Moot Court Competition
- Saul Lefkowitz National Moot Court Competition

Externships

Students may earn academic credit for performing substantive unpaid legal work with government agencies, public interest institutions, and nonprofits. Students develop professional lawyering skills, gain insight into various aspects of the legal system and profession, and cultivate a sense of professional responsibility. Approximately **225 Colorado Law students** serve as externs, working over 20,000 hours each year.



RESEARCH CENTERS

Colorado Law's centers have earned national prominence for their research, publications, and conferences, which debate legal and policy issues, foster practical solutions and innovative ideas, facilitate networking, and produce scholarship. Students are an integral part of the centers, working as research assistants, volunteers, and externs. In addition, students have unique access to national and local policymakers, researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and legal practitioners.

Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law. Named in honor of the retired Supreme Court justice and CU alumnus, the center enhances the study and teaching of constitutional law and stimulates public debate and understanding of the constitutional system. Each year, the center gathers politicians, academics, and practitioners for the Rothgerber Conference. Recent topics have included home rule, reapportioning Colorado, and conscience and the free exercise of religion.

Center for Energy and Environmental Security. As a nonpartisan forum, the center develops innovative ideas dealing with energy and environmental security issues through interdisciplinary research and policy. It moves beyond research to create practical real-world strategies and solutions that address local, state, national, and international issues. Major projects include EnergyPledges, President's Climate Action Plan, Colorado Energy Profile, Energy Justice: Fuel for Life, and Capital Solutions for a Sustainable Future.



Natural Resources Law Center. The center promotes intellectual discourse on critical natural resources law and policy problems to foster practical and effective solutions. Research projects bring an academic focus to complex issues. Major projects include The Western Water Policy Program to assure adequate water supplies, The Red Lodge Clearinghouse, The Public Comment Project, and Best Management Practices for Oil and Gas Surface Use.



Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. The center is nationally recognized as a telecommunications law powerhouse. It hosts leading technology policy conferences with legal, technical, regulatory, and business experts.



Students assist on major research projects including the Software Regulation Clearing House and help organize 15–20 events a year on topics such as digital broadband migration, entrepreneurial law and startups, new technology, business plan competition, private equity, software patents, and regulatory law and economics.

University Partners

Colorado Law partners with the more than 90 CU-Boulder research centers, institutions, and laboratories for events, research opportunities, courses, outreach, and internships.

- Alliance for Technology, Learning, and Society Institute
- Center for Science and Technology Policy Research
- Center of the American West
- Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences
- Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program
- Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute
- Robert H. and Beverly A. Deming Center for Entrepreneurship
- Technology Transfer Office



Julie Penner '10

(JD, Entrepreneurial Certificate/MBA)

“Business law is dynamic and rewards ingenuity and creativity. Entrepreneurship is translating the cutting-edge into an opportunity. It’s not enough to invent it, an entrepreneur can see how to enable it. At Colorado Law, I’ve learned about the mistakes a start-up can make.”



STUDENT LIFE

Colorado Law students are actively engaged in extracurricular activities that enrich the law school experience.

Commitment to Diversity

Colorado Law is proud to have been one of the earliest law schools in the nation to graduate diverse lawyers. The first students of color entered Colorado Law in 1898 and the first woman graduated in 1908. In 2011, the entering JD class is 25 percent racially diverse and 48 percent are women.

Colorado Law's commitment to diversity is evident throughout the school. The faculty and administration seek students with not only the academic credentials to excel in a rigorous legal education program, but also a desire to join a diverse community of future lawyers committed to serve. The Deans' Diversity Council is a joint effort with Colorado Law and DU College of Law deans and the Front Range legal community to promote diversity in law school admissions, hiring, retention, and advancement of lawyers in corporations and law firms. In addition, the school's student-led Dean's Committee for Diversity promotes the improvement and enhancement of Colorado Law's awareness about diversity. For first-year students, the Career Development Office supports the Colorado Pledge to Diversity Summer Clerkship Program for summer associate positions.

Events

Each year, Colorado Law hosts approximately 350 events in which law students participate. Highlights from past years include:

- **Recent Speakers.** Former Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissioner Paul Atkins, chairman, president and CEO Duke Energy James Rogers, former ABA president Karen Mathis, U.S. ambassador to Belize Robert Deiter, billionaire entrepreneur Sam Zell, media mogul/philanthropist Ted Turner
- **Social Events.** Barristers Ball, intramural sports tournament, Halloween Party, Talent Show, Happy Hour in the Courtyard, Movie Nights, Mid-year Themed Party, International Beer Fest, Faculty Auction, Cupid's Champagne Dinner, Mid-Summer BBQ, Chili Cook-Off, Homecoming BBQ



- **Recognition Events.** Spring Awards Ceremony, Scholarship Reception, Winter and Spring Commencements, Women's Law Caucus Female Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event, Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Student Services

Computer Support. Colorado Law has IT support staff to assist with technology needs, supplementing university IT services.

Transportation. Boulder is renowned for its public transportation infrastructure, and buses are free with a student pass. It's also easy to get around Boulder on a bike, with 300 miles of bike paths, lanes, and routes. Students may purchase campus parking permits.

Housing. Most law students live off campus in the Boulder area and find arrangements through CU's Off-Campus Student Services, the Colorado Law Housing/Roommate Message Board, Internet ads, and private housing brokers.

Health Services. All CU students receive health insurance coverage. Wardenburg Health Center provides medical and mental health services on campus.

CU-Boulder Recreation Center. Colorado Law students are full members of one of the largest student recreation centers in the country.

Journals

Colorado Law is home to three nationally respected, student-led law journals. These journals provide legal research, writing, editorial, and publishing experience to 165 competitively chosen second-year and third-year law students, with a select number of third-year students serving on the prestigious Editorial Board.

- *University of Colorado Law Review*
- *Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy*
- *Journal on Telecommunications & High Technology Law*



Student Organizations

Colorado Law's student organizations reflect the diverse interests and concerns of its active student body. The Student Bar Association serves as the school's student government, represents the interests of law students generally, allocates funding to other organizations, and administers the school's honor code with the Honor Council.

- Aerospace Law and Policy Association
- American Bar Association, Law Student Division
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Colorado Election Law Project
- Construction and Real Estate Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi
- Doman Society of International Law
- Diversity Awareness Now
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Juvenile and Family Law Club
- Latino Law Students Association
- Law & Medicine Society

- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Legal Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
- National Lawyers Guild
- Native American Law Students Association
- OUTlaw
- Phi Delta Pi
- Public Interest Students Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Student Association
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Student Trial Lawyers Association
- Technology and Intellectual Property Society
- Women's Law Caucus

Order of the Coif

The Order of the Coif is a national law school honor society founded to encourage legal scholarship and to advance the ethical standards of the profession. Colorado Law, one of 81 law schools in the society, became a member in 1942. The top 10 percent of the school's graduating class is eligible for membership.

Honor System

Members of the legal profession are held to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct, and law school faculty and students are expected to maintain the same level of professional competence and integrity in their work. The Colorado Law School Honor Code, subscribed to by all students and administered by student officers, demands the highest ethical conduct.



Shandea Williams '12

"Boulder is not only beautiful and great for outdoor activities, but the performing arts in Boulder and Denver are amazing."

CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Colorado Law prepares students for a wide variety of careers and encourages students to take an intentional and creative approach to planning their careers. Starting with 1L orientation where career development is a theme, we bring in speakers and have programming to support students' career exploration. Whether you come to law school knowing exactly what you want to do when you graduate or come to law school to build skills and explore options, our Career Development Office (CDO) is here to support you throughout your career by offering individualized career advising and a range of services and programs to help you refine and achieve your career goals. The CDO has four career advisors with JDs and experience helping students and alumni succeed in the current job market.

Services and Programs

- **Career Counseling.** Each first-year student meets with a career counselor who helps with résumés and job search action plans. Appointments with career advisors are available and encouraged throughout the three years of law school.
- **Employer Outreach.** Coordinating with the Career Development Office is our External Affairs Group, which includes an assistant dean dedicated entirely to employer and other outreach on behalf of students and the school, and a director of alumni relations who connects students with alumni and engages alumni who are interested in hiring students.
- **Career Fairs/Symposia.** The office organizes employer networking opportunities on and off campus.
- **On-Campus Interviews.** Each year, approximately 70 employers come on campus to interview students for summer clerkships, internships, and associate attorney positions with law firms and government agencies.
- **Résumé Collections.** Résumés from interested students are sent to in-state and out-of-state employers.
- **Brown Bag Speaker Series.** Practicing attorneys speak to students about their fields during regular lunch-hour informational sessions.
- **Job Postings.** Through a secure web-based system, students and alumni can review current job listings and an online resources library.
- **Mock Interviews.** Students participate in practice interviews with counselors or volunteer attorneys and receive feedback.

- **Referrals.** Counselors help students connect with alumni and other legal professionals as resources.

Job Opportunities

Colorado Law helps students pursue numerous job opportunities and obtain valuable experience in various positions, including the following:

- **Externships** are unpaid student positions in the legal community for academic credit, under the supervision of a field and faculty supervisor.
- **Internships** are paid or voluntary student positions with law firms, corporations, government agencies, judges, and public interest organizations.
- **Honors programs** are prestigious programs for students and graduates to work within federal government agencies.
- **Judicial clerkships** are prestigious positions for new graduates working for judges in federal and state, trial and appellate courts. Judicial internships and externships also are available.
- **Summer law clerk jobs** are paid positions for first-year or second-year students in law firms and other organizations.
- **Fellowships** provide funding for law students and graduates to work with public service organizations or academic programs.

Employment during Law School

The study of law is demanding and requires the highest level of concentration. Most students devote 50–70 hours a week to class time and study. Therefore, it is Colorado Law's policy that students must seek permission from the dean of students to accept employment during the critical first two semesters. After that, students may be employed for no more than 20 hours per week when enrolled in more than 12 credit hours, in accordance with ABA Rule 304(f).

Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Public Interest Jobs

Colorado Law is dedicated to helping its graduates make career choices that are right for them, despite the reality of educational debt. This program provides partial loan repayment for recent graduates who choose public interest jobs, not including judicial clerkships. Starting in 2010, awards were increased to \$8,000 per recipient.

For questions about the CDO,
e-mail lscareer@colorado.edu.

Bar Associations

Bar associations work closely with Colorado Law through student organizations, career development, and scholarships. Many Colorado Law alumni serve as association presidents. In addition to the Colorado Bar Association, there are 27 local bar associations, and 10 state specialty bar associations:

- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado
- Colorado Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
- Colorado Criminal Defense Bar
- Colorado Defense Lawyers Association
- Colorado Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Bar Association
- Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
- Colorado Indian Bar Association
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association
- Colorado Women's Bar Association
- Sam Cary Bar Association



Employers

Our alumni and students work in a wide variety of roles and organizations throughout the state, nation, and world. While the majority choose to work in law firms and traditional legal careers following graduation, we have an increasing number of students who are pursuing work in policy, business, and other areas in which the analytical skills developed at Colorado Law provide a distinct advantage. Examples of employers of Colorado Law graduates include:

- **National and International Law Firms.** Cooley Godward Kronish, Faegre & Benson, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Hogan Lovells, Morrison & Foerster, Snell & Wilmer, Townsend & Townsend & Crew, Wilmer Hale
- **Boutique Firms.** Reilly Pozner; Sheridan Ross and Setter Roche (intellectual property); Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff (water law)
- **Judicial Clerkships.** U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, and the Central District of California
- **Government.** District Attorney and Public Defender Offices, U.S. Departments of Interior and Housing and Urban Development, Federal Communications Commission, Judge Advocate General's Corps
- **Public Interest.** Crow Tribal Legislature, DNA People's Legal Services, Institute for Ethical and Civic Engagement, Mountain States Legal Foundation, National Conference of State Legislatures, Wilderness Society
- **Business and Industry.** Boeing, EchoStar, GroovesHark, Kaiser Permanente, Waterhouse Coopers

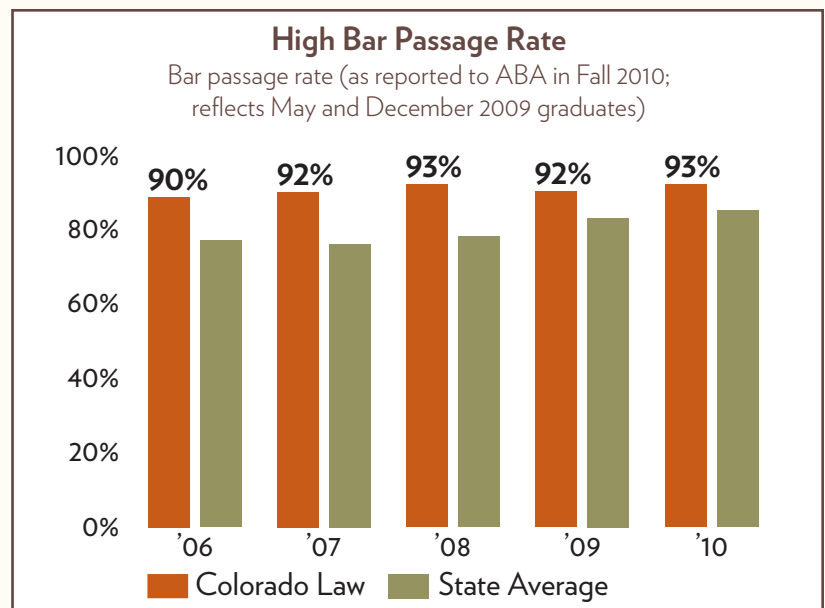
Class of 2010 Employment

(% of reported jobs by employment sector)

46%	Law Firms
16%	Judicial Clerkships
16%	Government
14%	Business/Industry
5%	Public Interest
1%	Academic
2%	Post-JD Studies

Starting Salaries

	Median	Maximum
Law Firms	\$80,000	\$160,000
Judicial Clerkships	\$60,000	\$75,000
Government	\$51,500	\$72,000
Business	\$50,000	\$50,000
Public Interest	\$48,996	\$48,996





Ryan Paul Haygood '01

Attorney, NAACP
Legal Defense Fund
New York, NY

“The high-quality legal education I received at Colorado Law empowered me to practice law with excellence and to develop an unwavering commitment to racial justice and professionalism.”

The Alumni Network

Colorado Law alumni are leaders in every conceivable practice and industry and serve as mentors and resources for students.

- **Law Firms.** Most alumni practice in national and local law firms in every practice area.
- **Judiciary.** Alumni serve as judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the Colorado Supreme Court, and many others.
- **Government.** Alumni proudly serve in foreign, national, state, and local governments as executives, elected officials, and legal professionals, including those in the military Judge Advocate General's Corps.
- **Public Interest.** An impressive number of alumni serve those most in need through public defender offices, legal clinics, conservation trusts, and constitutional rights centers.
- **Corporate Counsels.** Alumni working as in-house attorneys are found at the center of many Fortune 500 corporations in the energy, technology, retail, and health industries.
- **Industry.** Entrepreneurial alumni are founders and top executives of national companies in industries ranging from organic food markets to mining to banking.
- **International.** Alumni find stimulating work in foreign countries, from non-profit to law firms to universities.



FACULTY

Faculty and students alike choose Colorado Law because its size and setting allow for a collaborative yet personalized approach to legal education. The Law School's 60 resident, and 40 adjunct and visiting faculty are passionate teachers committed to providing students with a well-rounded legal education that prepares them to serve wisely and with professionalism.

Colorado Law faculty are nationally recognized scholars who rank among the most prolific and often-cited law faculties in the nation, publishing casebooks, chapters, and hundreds of articles.

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tion during her child-
hood on a small island called
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coast. Her Kuna name is
“Nebagyri” meaning
daughter of the sun.



**Professor
Scott Moss,**

teaching constitutional
and employment law,
once pretended to be
a flower deliveryman to
serve an evasive defen-
dant with papers for trial.



**Professor
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teaching legislation and regulation, constitutional law, and employment discrimination law, was recently certified as a wildland firefighter.



**Professor
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a nationally recognized expert in Indian, federal public land and western water law, has written 15 books, including his most recent book, *The People are Dancing Again: The Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon*.

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ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

JD Admission Standards

Above all, Colorado Law values leadership, character, diversity, and commitment to service in its students. The small size of the student body—about **170 in each entering class**—and the large number of applicants require a very selective admissions process. Admissions decisions are based on many factors, including undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, and take into account other indicators of ability, motivation, and achievement as well. In the faculty's judgment, a diverse student body improves the educational experience of all students.

JD Application Process

The **Early Decision** application process is for prospective law students who know that Colorado Law is the school they wish to attend. Candidates who apply under this option are expected to enroll at Colorado Law if offered admission. Early Decision applications are accepted starting **September 1**, and all materials must be received by **November 15** for the application to be reviewed for early decision. Early Decision applicants will receive a decision in early January. Those students who are not admitted through this process will automatically be considered again as part of the regular admission process.

Regular admission applications with all required materials should be submitted starting **October 1** and no later than **March 15**. Find complete application instructions at www.lsac.org and on the Colorado Law website. The Admissions Committee considers regular decision applications beginning in December. Applicants are notified by decision letters from mid-January until the class is filled in May. Admission from the wait list, which is not ranked, can occur as late as August and the number of offers varies from year to year.

International Students

International applicants have additional requirements as explained on the school's website, including transcripts showing completion of the equivalent of an American bachelor's degree, foreign degree verification, and transcript translation, if applicable. The TOEFL is required of all students whose native language is not English, as a thorough and excellent command of written and spoken English is crucial to success in law school. After admissions, international students must submit a financial affidavit stating that they have the financial resources to support themselves while attending school in the United States, since Colorado Law cannot offer loan assistance to international students.

Transfer Students

Students who have completed at least one full year of study (approximately 30 semester credits) at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association may apply for fall transfer admission to Colorado Law. Applications for fall enrollment are accepted after **May 1** and must be received by **July 1**. The number of transfer students admitted varies each year, and only those who have done very well in their law studies elsewhere have a substantial chance of admission.



Lee Zarzecki '11

was a professional soccer player and played left midfielder for numerous soccer teams across the country, including the Colorado Rapids Reserves, Chicago Fire Reserves, and the Virginia Beach Mariners.

LL.M. Application Process

Applications with all required materials should be submitted starting October 1 and no later than March 15. Find complete application instructions on the Colorado Law website. The Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified in writing of the committee's decisions. Please apply electronically at www.lsac.org.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID *(continued)*



Jane Taylor '10

took advantage of Colorado Law's study abroad program and worked in the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, gaining invaluable knowledge about international law.



CiCi Cheng '12

spent her childhood in China and then moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended UGA, graduating with a BS in biochemistry and molecular biology and a BA in political science.

Visiting Students

Colorado Law admits some students who are receiving their law degree from another law school to study here for the fall or spring semester. Admission as a visiting student is available to applicants who have completed one or two years of high-quality work at another law school and have demonstrated a compelling need to attend Colorado Law. Financial aid for visiting students is usually handled by a consortium agreement between Colorado Law and the degree-granting institution.

Financial Aid

All admission decisions are made without regard to students' financial need. Every attempt is made to provide full financial assistance through federal and private educational loans, grants, work study, and scholarships. Students applying for financial aid, private law scholarships, or grants based on financial need must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submit it to the processor as soon as possible after **January 1**. The priority FAFSA filing deadline is **April 1**. Eligible students are awarded Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans up to a maximum of \$20,500 per year. Graduate PLUS loans are available to students when financial need exceeds Stafford loan limits. Graduate PLUS loans are federally guaranteed, but unlike Stafford loans, they have good credit requirements for borrowers. Private alternative law loan programs have interest rates and fees that vary according to the lender, the credit rating of the student, and whether there is a co-signer. Both loan fees and interest rates may be higher than those of the Stafford loans and there is no cap in interest rates.

Currently, Colorado Law does not offer scholarship funding for LL.M. students.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards

All admitted first-year JD students are automatically considered for scholarships, as recipients are selected by the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee after an offer of admission has been made. It is possible for scholarships to be awarded through August. Colorado Law also offers scholarship money to second-year and third-year students each spring. More than 100 scholarships, fellowships, and awards are given annually based on academic and financial considerations. These scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and other criteria, such as economic need and demonstration of assistance in advancing the diversity of the student body.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords certain rights with respect to a student's education records. Copies of the policy are available in the Wise Law Library and the Rules of the Law School on the website.



UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS OF COLORADO LAW STUDENTS

Adams State College
 Agnes Scott College
 American University
 Amherst College
 Appalachian State University
 Arizona State University
 Austin College
 Barnard College–Columbia University
 Bates College
 Baylor University
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Brandeis University
 Brigham Young University
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 California State University–Fullerton
 California State University–Los Angeles
 California State University–San Bernardino
 Calvin College
 Carleton College
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Claremont McKenna College
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado College
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Columbia College–MO
 Columbia University
 Cornell College
 Cornell University–New York
 Creighton University
 Dartmouth College
 Denison University
 Duke University
 Eastern Oregon University
 Emory University
 Florida State University
 Fort Lewis College
 Furman University
 George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Grambling State University
 Grinnell College
 Hamilton College
 Hampton University
 Harvard University
 Harvey Mudd College
 Illinois State University

Indiana University–Bloomington
 Kansas State University
 Kenyon College
 Lewis and Clark College
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola University
 Macalester College
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McGill University
 Mesa State College
 Metropolitan State College of Denver
 Miami University Oxford
 Michigan State University
 Middlebury College
 Montana State University
 Murray State University
 New York University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northwestern University
 Ohio State University
 Oklahoma State University–Stillwater
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pepperdine University
 Princeton University
 Regis University
 Rhode Island College
 Rhodes College
 Rice University
 Rocky Mountain College
 Rutgers University
 Saint Edwards University
 Saint Lawrence University
 Saint Mary's University
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Clara University
 Seattle University
 Siena College–New York
 Smith College
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern Virginia University
 Stanford University
 SUNY–Buffalo Center
 SUNY–Geneseo
 SUNY–New Paltz
 Swarthmore College
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University

Texas Christian University
 Texas Woman's University
 The College of New Jersey
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Military Academy
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Alabama
 University of Alaska–Fairbanks
 University of Arizona
 University of Arkansas–Fayetteville
 University of California–Berkeley
 University of California–Davis
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 University of California–Santa Cruz
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado–Boulder
 University of Colorado–Colorado Springs
 University of Colorado–Denver
 University of Dayton
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Idaho
 University of Illinois–Urbana
 University of Iowa
 University of Kansas
 University of Louisville
 University of Mary Washington
 University of Maryland–College Park
 University of Massachusetts–Amherst
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri–Columbia
 University of Montana
 University of Nebraska–Lincoln
 University of Nevada–Reno
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill
 University of North Texas
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania

Entering Class Statistics

Fall 2011

163	Number of Students
164	LSAT Median
3.64	Cumulative GPA Median
48%	Women
25%	Racially/Ethnically Diverse
25	Average Age (Range 21-53)
13	Graduate Degrees
99	Undergraduate Schools
37	States Represented
46%	Colorado Residents
30%	Acceptance Rate
14	Transfer Students in Fall 2011

University of Pittsburgh
 University of Puget Sound
 University of Rhode Island
 University of San Diego
 University of Southern California
 University of Tennessee
 University of Texas–El Paso
 University of Texas–Austin
 University of the South
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin–Madison
 University of Wyoming
 Vanderbilt University
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Wake Forest University
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington University
 Weber State University
 Wellesley College
 Western Michigan University
 Western Washington University
 Williams College
 Yale University

Note: List created from past several years of Colorado Law matriculants.

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