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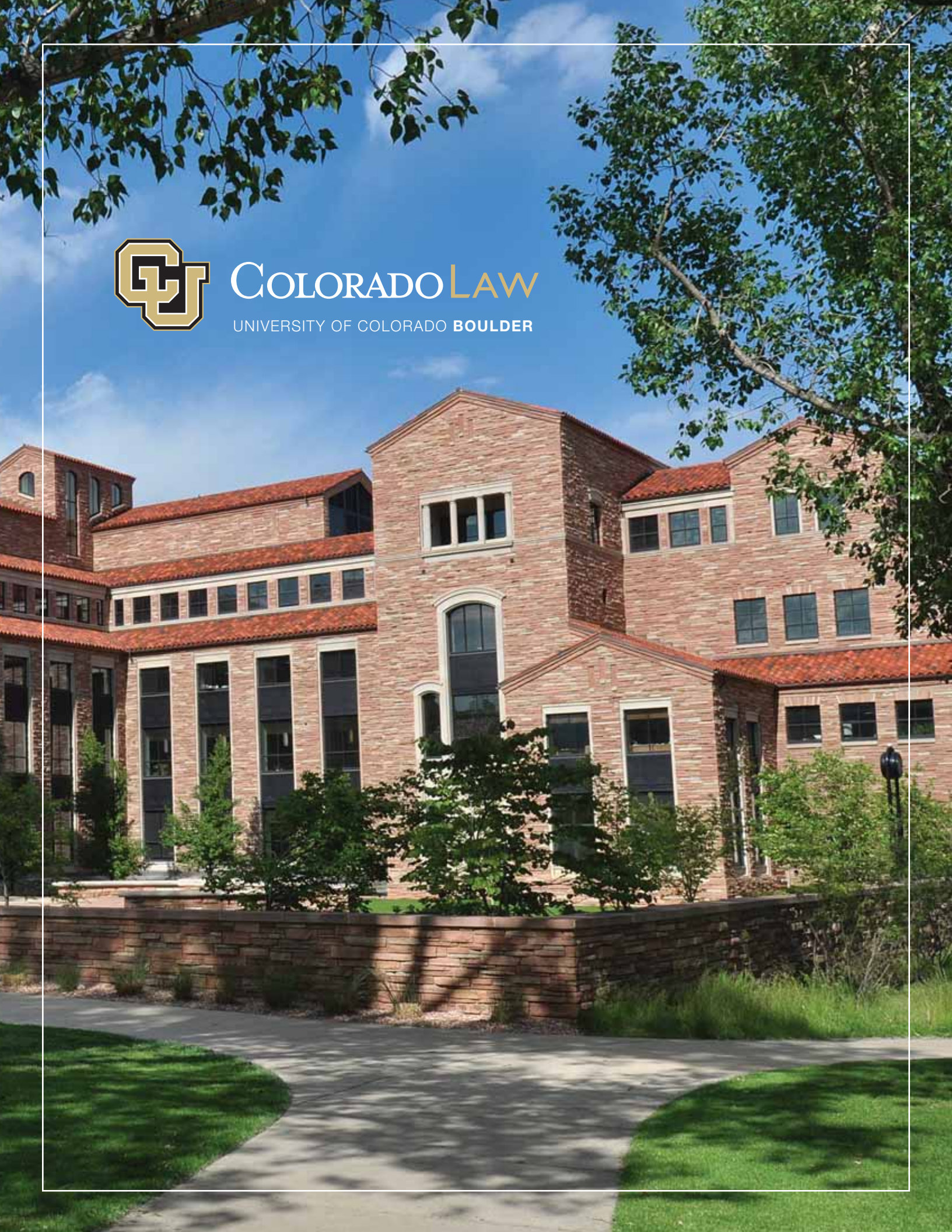




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WELCOME



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, a dedicated faculty (with a favorable student-faculty ratio), and a public service tradition all at a competitive cost that provides a great value. We would like you to get to know Colorado Law better. Please let this viewbook be your guide.

Impressive, Diverse, and Collaborative Students: Our students choose Colorado Law over other prestigious schools, bringing their intellectual curiosity and exciting backgrounds to the classroom and our 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 placing 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 are proud to maintain a favorable 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 providing free legal services to 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 LLM 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 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 students.

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 an environment conducive to learning and an excellent 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.

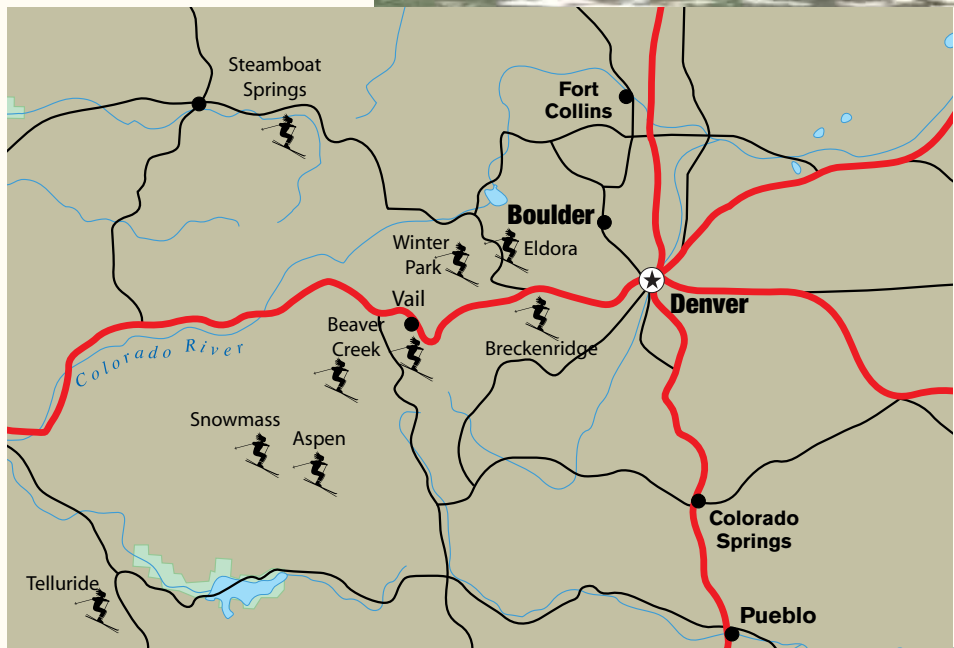
Boulder is at the base of the inspiring Rocky Mountains, which stretch more than 120 miles and include 56 peaks over 14,000 feet. And, with 300 days of annual sunshine, there are countless outdoor opportunities. The Boulder area alone has 43,000 acres of open space and 200 miles of trails. Within a two-hour 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.

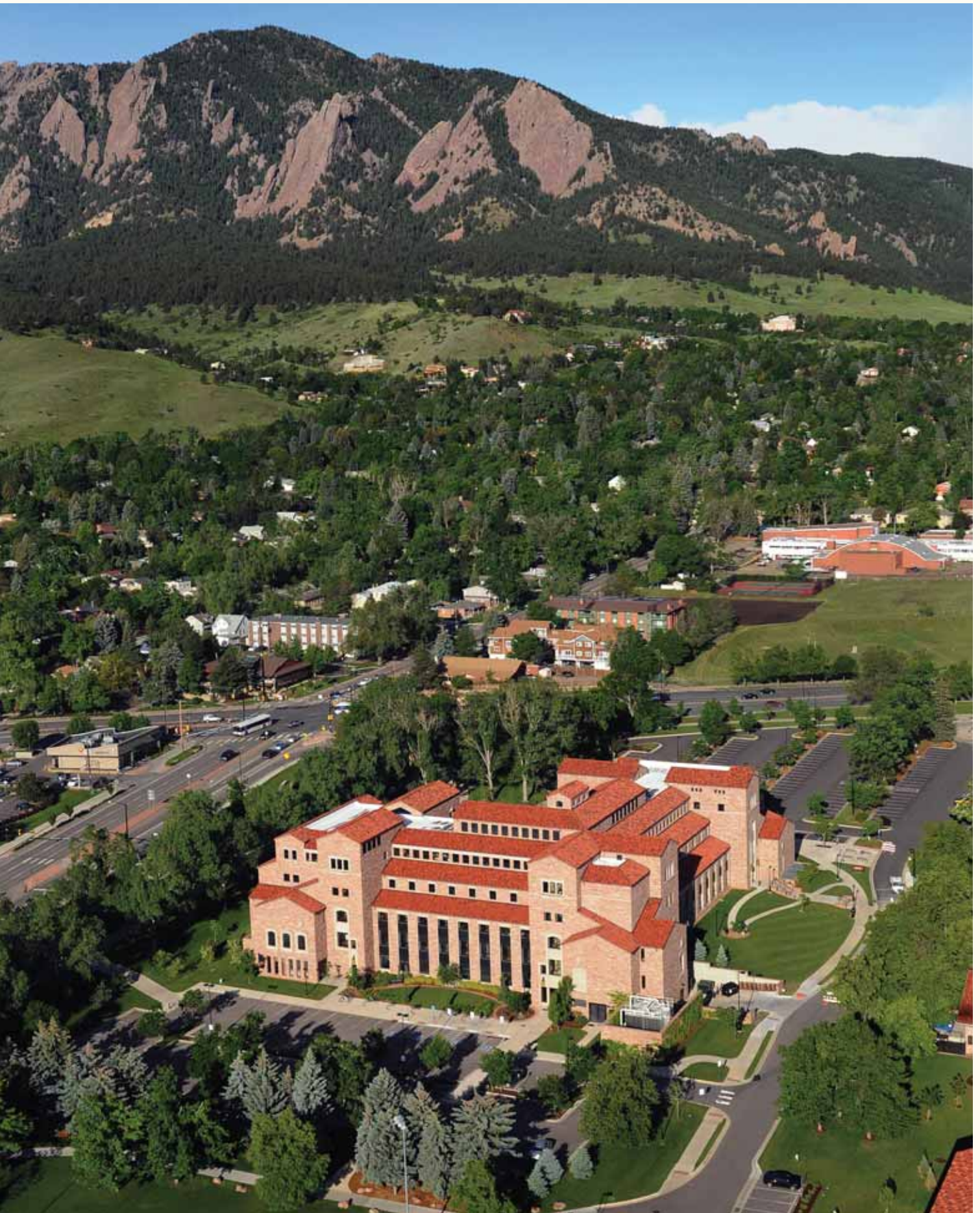
Colorado Law offers the incomparable quality of life of the Rocky Mountain West.

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 home 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, 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.







India Kidd-Aaron ('14)

worked in Washington, DC for Senator Patty Murray of Washington and Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado and contributed to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

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 degree, three master of laws (LLM) degrees, eight dual degrees, and four certificates
- 551 students, selected from the nation's statistically best applicants with diverse backgrounds and representing 100 undergraduate institutions
- A **favorable student-faculty ratio** (9.8:1) encourages class discussions and facilitates meaningful professor-student mentoring
- **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 for building 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 nine clinics, externships, a public service pledge, and trial and appellate court competitions
- Three research centers providing valuable research and networking opportunities and promoting intellectual discourse and debate
- Comprehensive career development program and multiple mentor programs
- Impressively high **first-time bar passage rate of 95 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.

- **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.
- **Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Law:** Ranked consistently among the best in the country, the environmental, energy, and natural resources law program is a key focus of the Colorado Law curriculum, building on an over fifty-year tradition, and is one of the strongest and deepest programs of its kind, including the important role played by the Getches-Wilkinson Center.
- **Juvenile and Family Law:** With U.S. state trial courts reporting nearly five 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.
- **Public Service Law:** Support for and cooperation with government, nonprofit organizations, and public interest law firms is part of Colorado Law's mission as a public law school. As embodied in the Byron White Center's commitment to inspiring public debate and a greater understanding of our constitutional system, Colorado Law offers support and encouragement for public service through a public service pledge program, fellowships, loan repayment opportunities, and scholarships.
- **Technology, Entrepreneurial, and Intellectual Property Law:** Boulder is the heart of one of the nation's premier 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. The Silicon Flatirons Center is the leading center of thought leadership and entrepreneurial engagement of its kind.



Martina Hinojosa ('13)

volunteered at public schools while earning her master's in education at Harvard, where she became interested in the systemic issues in public education. She chose Colorado Law to acquire skills that would help her address these issues holistically.

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.

- LEED gold certification, from construction to operation, including 88 percent renewable energy and electricity, 40 percent water use reduction, 59 percent regionally manufactured materials, 12 kWh roof-top solar array, and electric car recharging station
- Technologically advanced wireless networking, video conferencing, video recording capabilities for distance learning, digital signage, and digital kiosks
- Classrooms have electrical outlets for each student and complete audio-visual equipment (LCD projectors, DVD, and cable) with touch-screen control systems
- Student commons with café, fireplace, and patio, study and interview rooms, individual lockers and mailboxes, and courtyard with barbeque
- Suites and offices for research centers, clinics, student organizations, journals, and faculty
- Large courtroom and a teaching courtroom with video recording 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 880,000 volumes in all formats



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 and can 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

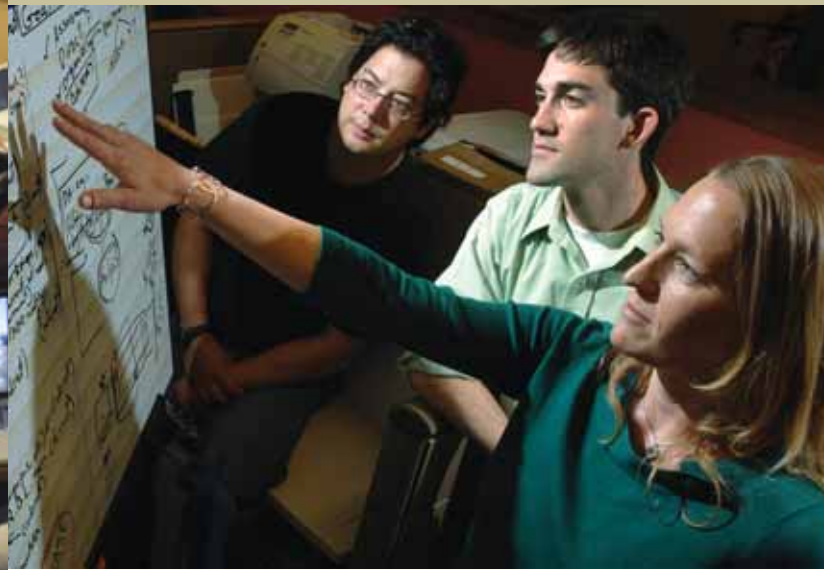
Colorado Law offers study abroad programs for students to prepare for the global market for legal services and study with law students from other countries in international business, comparative law, European Union law, and international law. About 20 Colorado Law students study abroad each year.

- University of San Diego School of Law Summer Law Study Abroad Program in Barcelona, Florence, London, and Paris
- 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 (LLM)

Colorado Law offers one-year, full-time LLM 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. LLM 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. Each first-year student is assigned to a **small section of no more than 30 students** 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 I:** 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

- **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 of criminality of conduct, and constitutional limits
- **Legal Writing II:** 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
- **Property:** Personal property, estates and interests in land, landlord-tenant, basic land conveyancing, and private land use controls

Opportunities for spring electives include: Courtroom Observation–Criminal, Courtroom Observation–Civil; Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy; Framing and Legal Narrative; and a one-credit elective on Legal Ethics.

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 90 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 I* and *II* 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*, *Legal Ethics and Professionalism*, and a seminar. 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
Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
Antitrust
Bankruptcy
Business Planning
Business Transactions
Contract Drafting
Corporate Finance
Corporations
Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection Deals
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy
Finance for Lawyers
Government Regulation of Business
Law Practice Management
Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations
Principles of Auditing, Compliance, and Risk Management
Regulation of Financial Institutions
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Transactional Drafting
Venture Capital and Private Equity

Criminal

Advanced Evidence: Forensic Science and the Criminal Courts
Comparative Criminal Procedure
Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
Victims' Rights and Victim Counseling and Advocacy
White Collar Crime

Family, Gender, and Health

Domestic Violence
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

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
Law of Presidential Selection
Legal Interpretation and Legislative Process
Local Government
Nonprofit Law
Race and American Law

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
Telecommunications Law and Policy
Trademark and Unfair Competition

International

Immigration Law and Immigrants' Rights
International Business Transactions
International Dispute Resolution
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights
International Law
International Legal Order: History and Foundations
International Trade Law
Refugee and Asylum Law

Jurisprudence

Economic Analysis of Law
Framing and Legal Narrative
Jurisprudence
Law and the Holocaust
Law and Religion

Litigation

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
Complex Civil Litigation
Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial
Jury Selection and History
Litigation Drafting

Natural Resources, Energy, 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
Mining and Energy Law
Oil and Gas
Public Land Law
Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development
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
Family Law Clinic
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

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

Research and Writing

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

Taxation

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

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 Health Law and Policy
Advanced Torts
Antidiscrimination and the First Amendment
Bioethics and Law
Business Law Colloquium
Child Abuse and the Law
Civil Liberties Litigation
Class and Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Family Law
Comparative Public Health Law and Ethics
Computers and the Law
Constitutional Foundations: Core Ideas
Constitutional Theory
Consumer Empowerment
Counseling Families in Business
Critical Theory Colloquium
Food Law and Policy
Gender Law
Information Privacy
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law and Social Change
International Crimes and Punishment
Jurisprudence
Law and Democratic Governance
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
Public Health Law and Ethics
Race, Education, and American Law
Securities Litigation and Enforcement
Separation of Powers
Special Problems in Conflict Resolution and Management
Tax Policy
Theory of Punishment

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 is 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)*



Genet Tekeste ('14)

performed in Carnegie Hall as first violinist in the Yale Symphony Orchestra and wants to play in an orchestra while practicing as an attorney.



Christiana McCormick ('14)

taught intensive English language classes to international students and immigrants after earning her master's in English and was inspired by her students to go to Colorado Law to help those who need it most in immigration, civil rights, and criminal law.

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**.

- ABA Client Counseling Competition
- ABA National Employment Law Competition
- Child Welfare & Adoption Law Moot Court Competition
- Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual Moot Court Competition
- Inter-American Sustainable Development Moot Court Competition
- Jim R. Carrigan Cup
- John L. Costello Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition
- John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition
- National Appellate Advocacy Competition
- National Energy and Sustainable Development Moot Court Competition
- National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition
- National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions
- National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law
- National Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition
- Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition
- Rothgerber Moot Court Competition
- Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition
- Transactional Lawyering Meet

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. It also sponsors the Educational Outreach Initiative, which provides law students with the opportunity to bring the Constitution to life for high school students, and the Access to Justice Initiative, which facilitates collaboration by faculty, students, and alumni on pro bono representation.

Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment: The center serves the people of the American West, the nation, and the world through creative, interdisciplinary research, inclusive teaching, and innovative problem solving in order to further true sustainability for our use of the lands, waters, and environment. Major programs and initiatives focus on water and public lands issues in Colorado and the West; renewable energy and climate change adaptation strategies on American Indian reservations; modernization of the electricity grid; design of greenhouse gas compliance systems; unconventional natural gas and its implications for the electric power sector; access to energy in developing countries; and land use and climate policy in tropical forest countries.

Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship: The center is internationally recognized as a technology law and policy powerhouse and is a nerve center for Colorado's world-class startup scene. Silicon Flatirons' core mission is to elevate the debate surrounding technology policy issues; support and enable entrepreneurship in the technology community; and inspire, prepare, and place students in these important areas. In fulfilling this mission, the center hosts leading technology policy conferences with legal, technical, regulatory, and business experts. It also hosts over 100 events per year, including the digital broadband migration conference on Internet policy, events focused on entrepreneurial law and supporting startups (including the Entrepreneurs Unplugged series and the New Technology Meetup), debates on the future of patent policy, and a yearly conference on information privacy.



Mark Wiranowski ('12)

earned a BA from Princeton and a master's in public policy from Harvard, and values the interdisciplinary opportunities at Colorado Law. He served as managing director of the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship Venture Fund at the Leeds School of Business and was part of the first winning team from CU-Boulder in the Venture Capital International Competition.



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

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.

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 Inclusiveness and 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 over **300 events** in which law students participate. Highlights from past years include:

- **Recent Speakers:** U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; former U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and John Paul Stevens; U.S. Securities and Exchange Commissioner Paul Atkins; U.S. EEOC chair Jacqueline A. Berrien; chairman and senior executive of InterActiveCorp Barry Diller; U.S. FCC chair Julius Genachowski; chairman, president and CEO of Duke Energy James Rogers; CNN founder and chairman of the UN Foundation board of directors Ted Turner; U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack; and entrepreneurial investor and chairman of Equity Group Investments Sam Zell
- **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
- **Social Events:** Barristers' Ball, intramural sports tournaments, Halloween Party, Talent Show, Movie Nights, Mid-Summer BBQ, Homecoming BBQ



Student Services

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

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

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

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.

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.

Journals

Colorado Law is home to three nationally respected, student-led law journals. These journals provide legal research, writing, editorial, and publishing experience to over 100 competitively chosen second-year and third-year law students, with a select number of third-year students serving on the journals' prestigious Editorial Boards.

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



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
- Committee for Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Construction and Real Estate Law Association
- Criminal Law/Prosecution Society
- Doman Society of International Law
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies
- Health Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Juvenile and Family Law Club
- Latino Law Students Association
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Legal Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
- Military Law Society
- National Lawyers Guild
- Native American Law Students Association
- OUTlaw, the GLBT & Allies Law Student Group
- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
- Phi Delta Pi
- Public Interest Students Association
- Republic Law Society
- Silicon Flatirons Student Group
- Sports and Entertainment Law Student Association
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Student Trial Lawyers Association
- 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.



Rachelle Yeung ('13)

founded the Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter and was interviewed by National Public Radio and CNN in her role as president.

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. When you come to Colorado Law, you become a member of our community, and our network of alumni and friends is available to provide you with internships, mentorship, and support as you develop your career.

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.
- **Career Fairs/Symposia:** The office organizes employer networking opportunities on and off campus, including a JD Pathways career conference each January that features panel discussions by practicing attorneys, mock interviews, and a lunch and reception designed to facilitate connections between law students and attorneys.
- **Employer Outreach:** Coordinating with the Career Development Office is our External Affairs Group, which is dedicated to employer and other outreach on behalf of students and the school.
- **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 attorneys and receive feedback.
- **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.
- **Referrals:** Counselors help students connect with alumni and friends of the law school.
- **Résumé Collections:** Résumés from interested students are sent to in-state and out-of-state employers.
- **Speaker Series:** Practicing attorneys speak to students about their fields during regular lunch-hour informational sessions.

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 with government agencies and nonprofit entities for academic credit, under the supervision of a field and faculty supervisor.
- **Honors programs** are prestigious programs for students and graduates to work within federal government agencies.
- **Internships** are paid or voluntary student positions with law firms, corporations, government agencies, judges, and public interest organizations.
- **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 fellowships** provide funding for law students and graduates to work with public service organizations or academic programs.
- **Summer law clerk jobs** are paid positions for first-year or second-year students in law firms and other organizations.

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. In 2011, awards were **\$6,500 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:

- **Boutique Firms:** Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff (water law); Reilly Pozner; Sheridan Ross and Setter Roche (intellectual property)
- **Business and Industry:** Boeing, EchoStar, Grooveshark, Kaiser Permanente, Liberty Media, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Zayo Group
- **Government:** District Attorney and Public Defender Offices, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Presidential Management Fellow Program, U.S. Departments of Federal Communications Commission, Interior, Housing and Urban Development
- **Judicial Clerkships:** U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Tenth Circuits; U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Colorado, the Central District of California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wyoming
- **National and International Law Firms:** Cooley, Dorsey & Whitney, Faegre Baker Daniels, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Hogan Lovells, Holland & Hart, Latham & Watkins, Morrison & Foerster, Snell & Wilmer, Townsend & Townsend & Crew, Wilmer Hale
- **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

Class of 2011 Employment (% of reported jobs by employment sector)

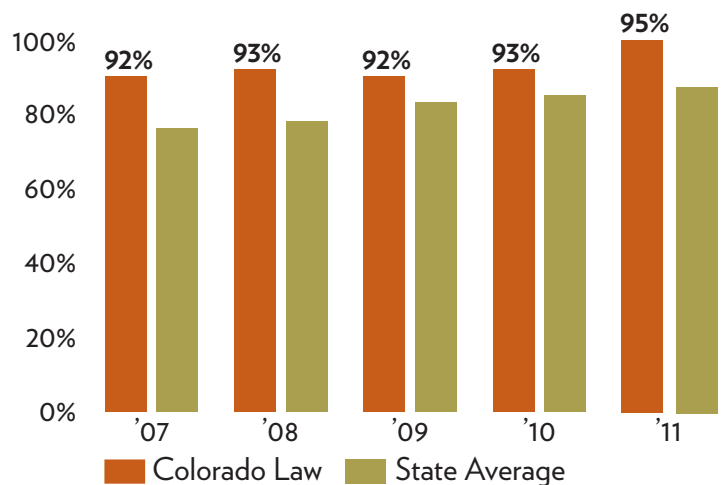
41%	Law Firms
18%	Judicial Clerkships
10%	Government
15%	Business/Industry
5%	Public Interest
3%	Academic
8%	School-funded post-grad fellows working for judges, law firms, and public interest groups

Median Starting Salaries by Sector

Law Firms	\$67,500
Judicial Clerkships	\$50,000
Government	\$51,600
Business	\$50,000
Public Interest	\$45,000

High Bar Passage Rate

Bar passage rate (as reported to ABA in October of the year indicated)



CAREER DEVELOPMENT *(continued)*



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.

- **Corporate Counsel:** Alumni working as in-house attorneys are found at the center of many Fortune 500 corporations in the energy, technology, retail, and health industries.
- **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.
- **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 nonprofits to law firms to universities.
- **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.
- **Law Firms:** Alumni practice in national and local law firms in every practice area.
- **Public Interest:** An impressive number of alumni serve those most in need through public defender offices, legal clinics, conservation trusts, and constitutional rights centers.



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. Colorado Law adjunct faculty are leaders in industry, legal practice, the judiciary, government, and the nonprofit world.

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Professor Violeta Chapin,

teaching the Criminal Defense Clinic, lived on the Kuna Indian reservation during her childhood on a small island called Kuna Yala, off the Panama 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 defendant with papers for trial.

FACULTY *(continued)*



Professor Helen Norton,

teaching legislation and regulation, constitutional law, and employment discrimination law, is certified as a wildland firefighter.



Professor Charles Wilkinson,

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 late December. 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.ljac.org and on the Colorado Law website. The Admissions Committee considers regular decision applications beginning in December. Applicants are notified 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.



Alejandro Vera ('14)

worked with the homeless in New York City, volunteers at animal shelters with the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, and is passionate about public interest and animal rights.

LLM Application Process

Applications with all required materials should be submitted starting October 1 and no later than April 1. 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.ljac.org.

ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID *(continued)*



Amanda Schiabor ('14)

worked for a nonprofit on issues involving campaign finance reform, government accountability, and ethical governing practices.



Steven Martyn ('14)

interned at the White House during the transition between the George W. Bush and Barack Obama presidential administrations.

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, up to the cost of attendance. 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 LLM 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
 University of California–Irvine
 University of California–Los Angeles
 University of California–San Diego
 University of California–Santa Barbara
 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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