# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

COLORADO LAW





# **COLORADO LAW**

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# WELCOME FROM DEAN PHIL WEISER

SELECTING A LAW SCHOOL IS A BIG DECISION. For those choosing to join us at the University of Colorado Law School, the most important factors are that we offer an impressive all-around legal education, unique opportunities for hands-on experiential learning, an unparalleled location, a supportive community, compelling opportunities for specialization and interdisciplinary engagement, outstanding and dedicated faculty members (with a favorable student-to-faculty ratio), a terrific career development program, and a public service tradition.

Selecting the right law school for you is becoming an even more important decision amidst a series of disruptive changes in legal education: increasing student debt and, in recent years and likely for the near future, a more difficult employment environment for newly minted law school graduates. Those strains on legal education also create opportunities—opportunities for law schools to be entrepreneurial and to find ways to elevate their students and prepare them to thrive. Colorado Law is doing just that and is well positioned to continue to provide its students with a high-value experience at a reasonable cost. Tuition has stayed flat over my first two years as dean and I intend to keep it that way.

Colorado Law has shaped legal professionals for more than 120 years. Our 7,000 alumni, located in every state and around the world, are leaders in the profession, politics, and business, and they generously support 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 an environment conducive to learning and an excellent quality of life.



# **ACADEMICS**

### WORLD-CLASS FACULTY AND AN INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

ITH A 9.68:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO, you will learn from professors ranked in the top 30 nationwide in scholarly influence through cutting-edge coursework and innovative programs. Our expert faculty members are passionate about teaching and are committed to providing a well-rounded learning experience that prepares students to thrive as effective legal professionals in a changing environment.

Colorado Law's curriculum provides students with an outstanding platform to build their careers on, employing a solid foundation in the fundamentals of law, robust theoretical inquiry, doctrinal and policy analysis, real world experience, legal reasoning tools, and professional skills.

colorado.edu/law/academics

### FIRST YEAR COURSES

FALL **SPRING** 

Civil Procedures Constitutional Law Contracts Criminal Law Legal Writing I Legal Writing II

Legislation and Regulation Property Torts 1L Electives

#### 1L ELECTIVES OFFERED 2012-2013

Civil Courtroom Observation Criminal Courtroom Observation

Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy Environment, Policy, and Society

Framing and Legal Narrative

Introduction to the In-House Practice of Law

Legal Ethics and Professionalism

The Philosophy of Law

#### **DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**

JD/Master in Environmental Studies

JD/MBA

JD/PhD in Environmental Studies

JD/MD (Anschutz Medical Campus)

JD/Master of Public Administration (CU-Denver)

JD/Master of Science, Telecommunications

JD/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (CU-Denver)

JD/LLB (University of Alberta)

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

American Indian Law Entrepreneurial Law

Juvenile and Family Law Tax Emphasis Program

#### MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)

**Entrepreneurial Law** 

Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law Natural Resources Law





# **STUDENTS**

TALENTED, HARD-WORKING, SERVICE-ORIENTED LEADERS

OLORADO LAW STUDENTS ARE IN THE TOP 30 NATIONWIDE with GPA and LSAT performance in the 90th percentile. Our impressive, diverse, and collaborative 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 intense competitiveness among highly qualified students is typical, our students have a proud history of placing collegiality first.

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"Many schools point to 'collegiality' as a strength of their student body, but at Colorado Law it is more than just talk. Students truly help each other in times of need. I could not have made it through law school without support from the Colorado Law family."

#### KEVIN BROWN ('13)

Co-Founder, Military Law Society Former AH-1W Super Cobra Attack Helicopter Pilot, U.S. Marine Corps





"I chose Colorado Law because of its engaging and approachable professors, wide range of courses, low student-to-faculty ratio, high quality clinics, supportive Career Development Office staff, and genuine, driven culture. Colorado Law is an all-around great deal."

GENET TEKESTE ('14)
President

Black Law Students Association

"Colorado Law has fostered a collaborative environment where students are willing to share information and cheer for each other's success. Law school can be a stressful time, but being at a university that emphasizes community goes a long way toward creating a positive environment for students."



#### CHARLIE CLARK ('15)

Latino Law Students Association and Sports Law Society



"In the last two years, I have faced several difficult challenges in my life outside of law school. I would not have been able to continue to succeed as a law student without the kindness and generous support I have received from other students."

#### CHRISTIANA MCCORMICK ('14)

Intern, Office of Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education



# CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

[CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT]

TODD ROGERS, JD

Assistant Dean for Career Development

"We are here to help students find satisfying, meaningful employment after graduation with individualized career counseling. As an office, we have a real dedication to helping students put together a portfolio of skills that will be marketable to employers by making sure that they have job experiences throughout law school that will help them achieve their professional goals."

KAREN TROJANOWSKI, JD

Director of Alternative and Emerging Careers

"We have many opportunities for students to network with employers and mentors, both on and off campus, through our on-campus interview program, JD Pathways conference, and various career fairs and panels. We expose students to traditional law practice careers and, also, to non-traditional career paths for students seeking alternative ways to use their law degrees."

ALEXIA MCCASKILL, JD

Director of Government and Public Interest Careers

"In addition to placing about 160 students in externships with government and nonprofits while in school, we also offer loan repayment assistance for those in qualifying public interest jobs after graduation."

JENNIFER WINSLOW, JD

Director of the Private Sector and Judicial Clerkships

"We help prepare students for career placement with mock interviews, practicing attorney speaker series, résumé collections for in-state and out-of-state employers, and our online job bank. Students get great experience through our internships in the private sector, diversity internships, and summer and post-graduate fellowships."

# **CAREERS**

### LEADER AND INNOVATOR IN DEVELOPING LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

UR COMMITMENT TO HELPING YOU EXCEL IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS revolves around legal professionalism, inclusive intellectual community, and career ownership. You are responsible for identifying, developing, and pursuing your career goals and investing in yourself. We give you the tools to succeed.

Our Career Development Office supports you throughout your career by offering individualized advising by four career advisors with JDs and experience with helping students and alumni succeed in the current job market.

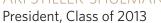
We will connect you with employers both during the academic year and during the summer. Starting with 1L Orientation, where career development is a central theme, we will encourage you to take an intentional and creative approach to planning your career.

colorado.edu/law/careers

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"We have a wonderful Career Development Office at Colorado Law. Not only are the staff members friendly and approachable, but I've been very impressed by their desire to get to know students personally. They call you by name in the halls and email opportunities that fit your career interests."







"The quality of education at Colorado Law is of the highest caliber. Colorado Law also offers a robust professional network that is extremely passionate about the success of its graduates. Those alumni and friends make the difference in today's difficult job market."

THERESE KERFOOT ('11)
Associate, CoreSite

# **ALUMNI NETWORK**

### CLASS OF 2012 EMPLOYMENT

% of reported jobs by employment sector

35% Law Firms

17% Judicial Clerkships

15% Government

12% Public Interest

10% School-funded\*

8% Business

3% Other

\*School-funded positions include post-grad fellows working for judges and government agencies

Colorado Law provides our graduates with the benefits of a strong alumni network and a wide range of placement opportunities that go well beyond traditional legal practice. 90% of the class of 2012 reported employment 9 months after graduation. Colorado Law was ranked #8 in state and local judicial clerkships by U.S. News & World Report (2011).

# **BOULDER-DENVER**

### AN UNPARALLELED LOCATION

#### ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP METRO AREAS

Population of over 3.1 million (16th largest)

Extensive cultural offerings (ballet to professional sports)

#1 Best Quality of Life in America (2010), Portfolio.com

#1 Happiest City in America (2011), Gallup

#1 Most Creative City (2012), The Daily Beast

#1 Most Educated (2011), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

#1 Place for Startups (2012), CNN

### WOLF LAW BUILDING AND CAMPUS

The University of Colorado Boulder public research institution is ranked #32 in the world (2011), *Academic Ranking of World Universities* 

One of the largest student recreation centers in the nation

Colorado Law ranked #37 on the Diversity Honor Roll (2012), National Jurist

Completed in 2006, the cutting-edge, green Wolf Law Building earned a LEED gold certification

Technologically advanced building with electrical outlets at each classroom seat

William A. Wise Law Library is the most comprehensive law library in the 12-state Rocky Mountain region, and one of the largest in the country, with over 880,000 volumes in all formats

#### 300+ DAYS OF SUNSHINE ANNUALLY

Music, theatre, art, festivals, farmer's markets, and boutique shopping Rock climbing, hiking, running, and biking with 300+ miles of bike trails

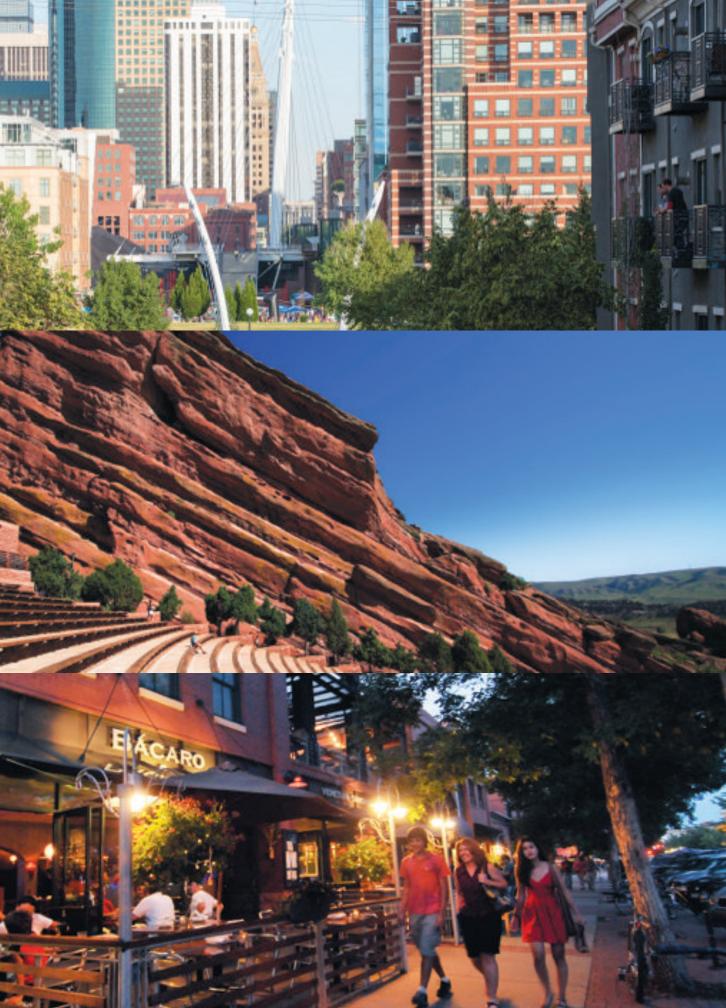
Tubing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and fishing

27 ski resorts in Colorado

30 minutes from Denver, with access to ballet, opera, theatre, professional sports teams, symphony, etc.

#1 Foodiest Town (2010), Bon Appetit, with 40+ independent coffee shops





# NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

ANKED CONSISTENTLY AMONG THE VERY BEST IN THE NATION, Colorado Law's natural resources, energy, and the environment program is one of the strongest and in-depth programs of its kind. Faculty members are national leaders deeply committed to creative teaching with a long-standing reputation for innovative work on water resources, climate change, and energy. Being at the base of the Rocky Mountains, you will directly interact with and explore the places, issues, and communities that you will study.

colorado.edu/law/environmental





GETCHES-GREEN NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CLINIC

COLORADO NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW

LLM IN NATURAL RESOURCES LAW

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

CLYDE MARTZ SUMMER WATER CONFERENCE

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Berg Hill Greenleaf &
Ruscitti LLP Scholarship
Charles N. Woodruff Fellowship
Environmental Law Society Fellowship
Frances Green Sustainability Scholarship
Gordon and Welda Allott Scholarship
Harrison Innovation in Water Law
and Policy Fellowship
John & Cynthia Schultz Law Scholarship
Sandgrund Environmental Law Fellowship
Sustainable Development
Law Scholarship
Tom Lustig Environmental Scholarship

## GETCHES-WILKINSON CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The center is the nexus of Colorado Law's efforts to solve the most pressing environmental problems facing the state, region, nation, and the world.

As the platform for thought leadership, the center works on diverse and increasingly interwoven topics ranging from environmental justice to climate change, public lands management to energy development, and the governance of the Colorado River to tribal resource management.

colorado.edu/law/gwc



### TOP EMPLOYERS

Colorado Attorney General's Office,
Natural Resources and Environment Division
EPA Region 3, Honors Fellowship,
Office of General Counsel
Grand Canyon Trust
High Country Citizen's Alliance
Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C.
Petros & White LLC
U.S. Department of Energy, Honors Program

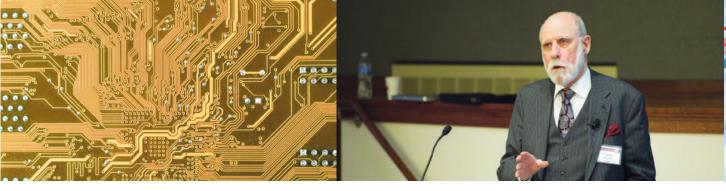
#### **CFRTIFICATES**

American Indian Law
Graduate Energy Certificate
Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate Program in
Environment, Policy and Society

"ON ANY GIVEN DAY students may be studying the initiatives of Teddy Roosevelt and other giants in the field, meeting with scientists to discuss the impact of oil and gas fracking on rivers and groundwater aquifers, taking a field trip to an American Indian reservation to observe the tribe's timber harvesting program, debating the merits of a controversial case in front of the Supreme Court, or actually appearing in court themselves as part of the excellent American Indian Law Clinic."

### CHARLES WILKINSON

Distinguished Professor Moses Lasky Professor of Law Chair of Getches-Wilkinson Center Board



# TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

HETHER YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LITIGATION, TRANSACTIONAL WORK, OR POLICY, Colorado Law is at the forefront of technology and intellectual property law with one of the most comprehensive legal programs that will provide you with the foundation you need to be prepared to practice law in the information age.

colorado.edu/law/technology

TECHNOLOGY LAW AND POLICY CLINIC

ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW CLINIC

LLM IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

JOURNAL ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY LAW

### **CONFERENCES**

Digital Broadband Migration Symposium Technology of Privacy Symposium

# MOOT COURT AND WRITING COMPETITIONS

Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Silicon Flatirons Writing Competition Telecom Fall Challenge

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Colorado Intellectual Property American Inn of Court Silicon Flatirons Student Group



### SILICON FLATIRONS CENTER FOR LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Our interdisciplinary research center provides unique opportunities for students to interact with high-level attorneys, policy-makers, businesses, and entrepreneurs.

siliconflatirons.org

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

James R. McBride Scholarship Hatfield Scholars Award Patton Boggs Public Policy Fellowship Thomas E. Schatzel Intellectual Property Scholarship

### TOP EMPLOYERS

DISH Network LLC
Fairfield and Woods, PC
Federal Communications Commission
Federal Trade Commission
Kilpatrick Townsend LLP
Merchant & Gould PC
Patton Boggs LLP

### ARIELLE BROWN ('14)

Editor in Chief, Journal on Telecommunications and High Technology Law

"AT COLORADO LAW, I DISCOVERED my passion for technology and privacy. Through the outstanding faculty and course offerings, Silicon Flatirons Center, technology journal, and student groups, I was introduced to an area of law that I never even considered before law school. With the help of Silicon Flatirons, I was able to land summer internships for an FTC Commissioner and a top Washington, D.C. law firm."



# **PUBLIC SERVICE**

S A PUBLIC INSTITUTION, PUBLIC SERVICE IS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR CULTURE. Our courses, extracurricular offerings, committed faculty members, and engaged community provide intellectual, social, and career support that will help you cultivate and maintain a strong commitment to public service, whatever your career path.

We believe that our faculty and students all have obligations to the law school, the university, the profession, and the local and global communities for the privilege of being part of an honored endeavor. Moreover, a commitment to service is an ingredient of a full and satisfying life.

To support that commitment, our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) awards \$6,500 per year to graduates who choose qualifying employment.

colorado.edu/law/about/public-service

# BYRON R. WHITE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The White Center is dedicated to supporting legal scholarship, to expanding constitutional literacy, and to offering educational programming that serves Colorado's public schools and teachers through community outreach. As Marshall-Brennan Teaching Fellows, law students prepare high school students for a moot court competition and a trip to Washington, D.C.

colorado.edu/law/whitecenter

#### PUBLIC SERVICE PLEDGE

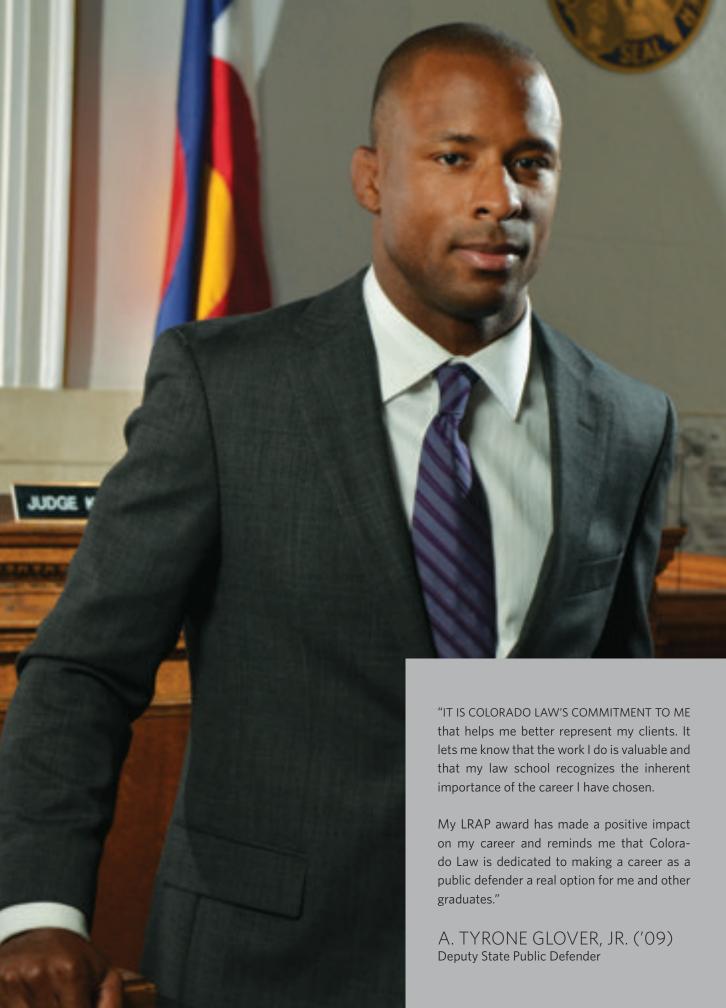
Incoming law students may volunteer to pledge to complete at least 50 hours of law-related public service. Last year, students volunteered a total of 17,316 hours of public service.

#### TOP EMPLOYERS

10th Circuit Court of Appeals
Colorado Public Defender
Colorado Supreme Court
Denver District Attorney's Office
Federal Communications Commission
IRS Office of Chief Counsel
U.S. Attorney's Office

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Bryan Shaha Scholarship
Dale Hatfield Scholars Award
Dan Barash Scholarship
Davis Graham & Stubbs Scholarship
Gene R. Nichol Public Interest Scholarship
Jonathan Boyd Chase
Human Rights Fellowship
Kenneth N. Kripke and
Derril K. Kripke Scholarship
Melanie Ruth Vogl Memorial Scholarship
Patton Boggs Public Policy Fellowship
PISA Public Interest Fellowship
Women's Law Caucus
Public Interest Fellowship



# ENTREPRENEURIAL AND BUSINESS LAW

OULDER IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST COMMUNITIES FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP in the world today, and Colorado Law is at the heart of this community. Whether you want to counsel start-ups and investors, form your own company, or work in a larger law firm or corporation, coming to Colorado Law opens up doors through its many programs, access to job opportunities, scholarships, and student organizations.

colorado.edu/law/entrepreneurial



LLM IN ENTREPRENEURIAL LAW

ENTREPRENEURS UNPLUGGED SERIES

NEW TECHNOLOGY MEETUPS

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** 

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Certificate in Entrepreneurial Law Tax Emphasis Program

#### CU NEW VENTURE CHALLENGE

Annual collaborative, campus-wide business plan competition

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Business Law Association

Deming Center Venture Fund

Journal on Telecommunications and
High Technology Law

Silicon Flatirons Student Group

Technology and Intellectual
Property Society

Transactional Law Meet

Venture Capital Investment Competition

#### CRASH COURSE FOR ENTREPRENEURS SERIES

Topics include security, privacy, financing, corporate social responsibility, and boards of directors

## SILICON FLATIRONS CENTER FOR LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Our interdisciplinary research center provides unique opportunities for students to interact with high-level attorneys, policy-makers, businesses, and entrepreneurs.

Silicon Flatirons Center annually hosts 90 conferences engaging 1,084 students, 452 alumni, and 7,986 professionals in the technology world.

siliconflatirons.org

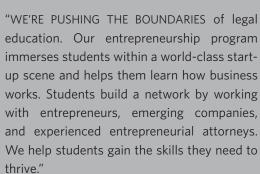


### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Association of Corporate Counsel Scholarship Buck Family Law Scholarship Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Scholarship Yaley Family Law Scholarship

### TOP EMPLOYERS

Boulder Brands, Inc.
Cooley LLP
DISH Network LLC
Hogan Lovells
Latham & Watkins LLP
MWH Global, Inc.
SolidFire



### BRAD BERNTHAL Associate Professor

"IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN START-UPS, Boulder is the place to be, not only because of the number of start-ups, but because of the way the community engages students directly in their experiences and education. Colorado Law brings the start-up community together better than any other place I know."

#### JASON MENDELSON

Co-Founder and Managing Director, Foundry Group Adjunct Professor



# CLINICS FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

OR MORE THAN 65 YEARS Colorado Law's clinical education program has prepared students with unparalleled opportunities to practice law with actual clients. Each year about 110 students serve 400-500 clients on real cases or projects and every student may take clinic.

colorado.edu/law/clinics

#### **CLINICS**

American Indian Law
Civil Practice
Criminal Defense
Criminal and Immigration Defense
Entrepreneurial Law
Family Law
Juvenile Law
Natural Resources
Technology Law and Policy

"I am already making a difference in law school. Clinics give you a truly hands-on practical experience. Instead of having to wait until after you graduate, you get the experience of being the lead lawyer by meeting with clients and making arguments in court before a judge."

### XAKEMA HENDERSON ('14) Juvenile Law Clinic



"It has been an amazing experience to have real clients and real time in court. You cannot get that experience anywhere else."



# COMPETITIONS

### LEARNING THROUGH ACTION

OMPETITIONS ALLOW YOU TO DEVELOP SKILLS in appellate brief writing and oral argument and gain valuable trial practice experience. You will be coached by experienced faculty, fellow students, alumni, local judges, and lawyers to prepare yout to compete at the regional and national levels.

colorado.edu/law/competitions



## RECENT REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ABA Client Counseling Competition

ABA National Employment Law Competition

ABA Negotiation Competition

Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual

Moot Court Competition

Inter-American Sustainable Development

Moot Court Competition

John L. Costello Criminal Law Trial

**Advocacy Competition** 

John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure

**Moot Court Competition** 

National Appellate Advocacy Competition

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Thomas Tang International Moot Court 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

Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition

Transactional Lawyering Meet

### JIM R. CARRIGAN CUP STUDENT TRIAL COMPETITION

The Jim R. Carrigan Cup Student Trial Competition is the law school's most prestigious in-house competition for aspiring litigators. Two accomplished upper class teams perform an entire trial in our own Wittemyer Courtroom before a panel of distinguished trial judges and litigators.



# ROTHGERBER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Rothgerber Moot Court Competition is Colorado Law's premier internal appellate advocacy challenge. Top upper class Colorado Law students compete for honor and prizes in this traditional capstone event that show-cases their oral advocacy talent. Students are judged by state and federal appellate judges and justices.

#### OTHER INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

ABA National Client Counseling Selection Competition
ABA National Negotiation Selection Competition
Colorado Appellate Advocacy Competition
Colorado Cup
Hogan-Lovells DU-CU Cup
LawMeets Selection Competition
Reilly-Pozner Challenge



# THOMAS TANG INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT CHAMPIONS 2012

"TRY OUT FOR MOOT COURT YOUR 2L YEAR because it is a great opportunity to learn, and as an added benefit you can get a class credit."

SURBHI GARG ('13) Class of 2013 Secretary Former President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

"IN ADDITION TO FUNCTIONING AS A GREAT networking opportunity, the competition experience has provided me with excellent talking points for interviews with potential employers. The intellectual exercise of being able to successfully argue both sides of a complex issue will make me a better attorney."

# LEAH GOULD ('14)

Former President, Military Law Society U.S. Naval Intelligence Officer Former fighter jet pilot "I received credit for externships with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Denver Metro Volunteer Lawyer's Legal Clinic at the Denver Indian Center, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Government. I have worked on a plethora of legal issues, ranging from the mundane to the extremely complex, all relevant, enlightening, and useful for my future career."



MORGAN FIGUERS ('13) American Indian Law Program

# **EXTERNSHIPS**

REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE

THE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM GIVES STUDENTS PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE by performing much needed legal work for judges, government officials, public interest institutions, and nonprofits. With approximately 200 placements per year and over 25,000 hours of cumulative work locally and nationwide, students gain course credit in addition to invaluable experience for future careers.

colorado.edu/law/externships

### RECENT EXTERNSHIPS

10th Circuit Court of Appeals

Colorado Attorney General's Office

Colorado Secretary of State

Colorado Supreme Court

Deming Center Venture Fund

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Native American Rights Fund

Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

U.S. Attorney for District of Colorado

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Western Mining Action Project



# **ELECTIVE COURSES**

NOTE: Not all courses are offered each year. This is a composite list of the last three years of course offerings and new course approvals.

#### AMERICAN INDIAN LAW

Advanced Topics in American Indian Law American Indian Law I American Indian Law II American Indian Law Clinic Cultural Property Jurisdiction in Indian Country

#### **BUSINESS LAW**

Accounting Issues for Lawyers Advanced Deals Lab: Venture Capital Advanced Deals Lab: Securities Advanced Deals Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions Agency, Partnership, and the LLC Antitrust

Bankruptcy Business Planning Business Transactions Commercial Space Law Contract Drafting Corporate Finance Corporations Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection

Deals

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy

Finance for Lawyers

Government Regulation of Business

Insurance Law

Law Practice Management

Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations

Principles of Auditing, Compliance,

and Risk Management

Regulation of Financial Institutions Securities Litigation and Enforcement

Secured Transactions Securities Regulation Transactional Drafting

Venture Capital and Private Equity

#### CRIMINAL LAW

Criminal Law

Advanced Evidence: Forensic Science

and the Criminal Courts Appellate Advocacy Clinic Capital Punishment

Computer Crime Law

Courtroom Observation: Criminal

Criminal Defense Clinic

Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process

Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase

Domestic Violence Juvenile Justice Juvenile Justice Clinic

Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure

Theory of Punishment Victims' Rights and Victim Counseling and Advocacy White Collar Crime

#### FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Advanced Topics in Family Law

Domestic Violence Family Law Family Law Clinic Juvenile Justice Juvenile Law Clinic Parent, Child, and State

#### **HEALTH LAW**

Corporate Transactions in Health Law Health Law I: Finance, Administration, and Organization

Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation

Poverty, Health and Law

Poverty, Health and Law II: Practicum

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Computer Crime Law Computers and the Law Copyright

Information Privacy

Introduction to Intellectual Property Law

IP and Technology Contracting

IP Counseling and Prosecution

Patent Law Patent Litigation

Privacy and Security in the Digital Age

Technology Law and Policy Clinic Telecommunications Law and Policy

The Technology of Privacy

Trademark and Unfair Competition

#### INTERNATIONAL

Conflict of Laws

International Business Transactions International Dispute Resolution International Environmental Law International Human Rights

International Law

International Legal Order: History and Foundations

International Trade Law Law and Development

#### LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND IMMIGRATION LAW

Advanced Legal Writing: Employment Topics

Employment Law Employee Benefits Law Employment Discrimination

Immigration Law and Immigrants' Rights

Labor Law

Refugee and Asylum Law Workers' Compensation

#### LEGAL THEORY

Class and Law Constitutional Theory Critical Law and Economics Critical Theory Colloquium Economic Analysis of Law Gender Law and Policy

International Legal Order: History and Foundations

Jurisprudence

Power, Ethics, and Professionalism

Theory of Punishment

#### LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Advanced Appellate Advocacy Advanced Legal Negotiation Advanced Trial Advocacy Arbitration Civil Practice Clinic

Complex Civil Litigation Evidence and Trial Practice

Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial

Litigation Drafting Judicial Opinion Writing Legal Negotiation Mediation

Motions Advocacy Special Problems in Conflict Resolution

and Management Trial Advocacy

#### NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Advanced Environmental Law: Air Pollution Advanced Natural Resources Law Advanced Oil and Gas Law Climate Change Law and Policy Climate Justice Energy Insecurity and Sustainable Law

**Energy Justice** 

Energy Law and Regulation Environmental Law

Environmental Litigation

Foundations of Natural Resources Law and Policy

International Environmental Law Jurisdiction in Indian Country

Land Use

Mining and Energy Law

Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

Oil and Gas Law Oil and International Relations

Public Land Law

Renewable Energy Finance and Development

Water Law

Wildlife and the Law

#### PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law

Antidiscrimination Law and the First Amendment

Civil Liberties Litigation Civil Rights Legislation Class and Law

Comparative Constitutional Law

Constitutional Theory Conflict of Laws Education Law Election Law Federal Courts First Amendment Gender and the Law

Law and Democratic Governance Law of Presidential Selection

Legal Interpretation and Legislative Process

Local Government Nonprofit Law Race and American Law Separation of Powers Sexuality and the Law

#### PRACTICE: CLINICAL

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

#### PROPERTY

Advanced Real Estate Transactions 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 Across Practice Areas Advanced Legal Writing: Employment Law Topics Advanced Legal Writing and Research for Practice Colorado Legal Research

Judicial Opinion Writing Legal Research Skills for Practice Specialized Research: Environmental Law Transactional Drafting Writing in the Regulatory State

#### TAXATION

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

# **FACULTY**

2013-2014

NORMAN F. AARONSON Clinical Professor, Emeritus JD, Boston University Civil Practice Clinic

AMY BAUER Legal Writing Professor JD, William and Mary College of Law

ERIK BECK Digital Services Librarian MSIS, University of Texas

J. BRAD BERNTHAL Associate Professor JD, University of Colorado Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, Technology Law and Policy Clinic



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# **ADMISSIONS**

#### 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

Find complete application instructions at Isac.org and on the Colorado Law website. The Admissions Committee considers applications beginning in October. Applicants are notified of decisions on a rolling basis from October until the class is filled, usually 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 admission, 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 JD study (approximately 30 semester credits) at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association may apply for fall transfer admission to Colorado Law. 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.

#### 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.

#### LLM APPLICATION PROCESS

Find complete application instructions at Isac.org and 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 submit all materials electronically at Isac.org.

# 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, fafsa.ed.gov), as soon as possible after January 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 service to the law school, 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.

#### **ADMISSIONS DEADLINES**

#### OCTOBER 1

JD application opens at Isac.org LLM application opens at Isac.org

#### MARCH 1

FAFSA filing priority deadline

#### MARCH 15

JD application deadline

#### **APRIL 15**

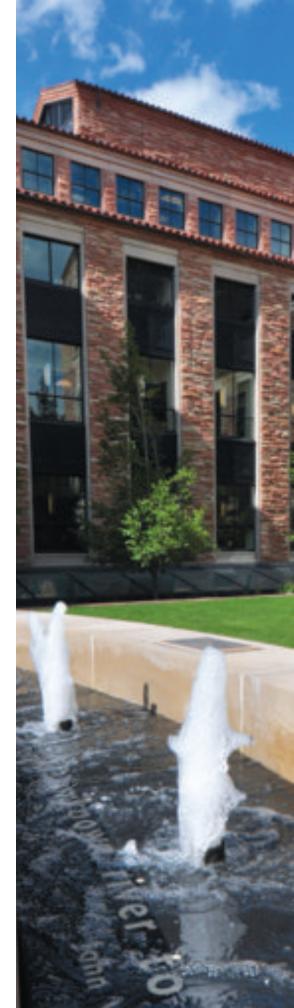
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#### MAY 1

Transfer (fall) and visitor (fall/spring) applications accepted

#### IUIY 1

Transfer and visitor application deadline



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