

UNIVERSITY OF **COLORADO LAW** SCHOOL



University of Colorado **Boulder**

About



By choosing to join us at the University of Colorado Law School, you are entering a top-tier law school that provides an impressive all-around legal education, unique opportunities for hands-on learning, a strong public service tradition, a supportive community, compelling opportunities for specialization and global interdisciplinary engagement, an outstanding and dedicated faculty, cutting-edge research, and an unparalleled location.

Academics

9.96:1

student-to-faculty ratio

9

legal clinics

3

research centers

3

student-run journals

6

nationally recognized law programs

550

total enrollment

161

median LSAT score*

3.65

median cumulative GPA*

51%

female students*

29%

students of diverse backgrounds*

70%

students from outside Colorado*

21-38

age range*

No. 1

healthiest city in America (Niche, 2017)

No. 1

smartest city in America (Bloomberg, 2017)

**Fall 2017 entering class profile*

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ABOUT



AREAS OF STUDY

American Indian Law*

Constitutional Law

Criminal Law

Dispute Resolution

Entrepreneurial and Business Law*

Health Law and Policy

Immigration Law and Policy

International Law and Human Rights

Juvenile and Family Law*

Labor and Employment Law

Legal Theory

Legal Writing

Litigation

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law*

Public Service Law*

Technology and Intellectual Property Law*

**Nationally recognized programs*

ELECTIVE COURSES

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW

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

BUSINESS LAW

Accounting Boot Camp
Accounting Issues for Lawyers
Advanced Corporate Law
Antitrust
Business Law Colloquium
Business and Human Rights
Counseling Families in Business
Deals Lab: Venture Capital
Deals Lab: Securities
Deals Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions
Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
Bankruptcy
Business Planning
Business Transactions
Compliance
Ethics Compliance Capstone
Construction Law
Corporations
Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection
Deals
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy
Ethical Organizations and Professionals
Insurance Law
Introduction to In-House Practice of Law
Law and Economics of Utility Regulation
Law Practice Management
Law & Mathematics
Mergers and Acquisitions
Regulation of Financial Institutions
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Sports Law
Transactional Drafting
Advanced Transactional Drafting
Venture Capital and Private Equity

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Criminal Justice
Capital Punishment in America
Computer Crime
Courtroom Observation: Criminal
Criminal Defense Clinic
Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
Criminal Law in Context
Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
Domestic Violence
Gender and Criminal Justice
Jury Selection and History
Juvenile Justice
Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
Prosecutor's Role in Criminal Justice
Theory of Punishment
White Collar Crime
Wrongful Conviction

FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

Counseling Families in Business
Domestic Violence
Elder Law
Family Law
Special Topics in Family Law
Comparative Family Law
Juvenile Justice
Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
Parent, Child, and State

HEALTH LAW

Bioethics and Law
Corporate Transactions in Health Law
Federal Health Care Fraud and Abuse
Health Care Compliance
Health Law I: Finance, Administration, and Organization
Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation
Health Law and Policy: Access, Cost, Quality, Choice
Public Health Law and Ethics

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW

Computer Crime
Computers and the Law
Copyright
Cybersecurity
Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age
E-Discovery
Information Privacy
Privacy and Security in the Digital Age
Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
Intellectual Property Counseling and Licensing
Law and Economics of the Information Age
Patent Drafting and Prosecution
Patent Law
Patent Litigation
Special Topics in Intellectual Property
Specialized Legal Research: Intellectual Property
Tech Policy Advocacy
Technology Law and Policy Clinic
Telecommunications Law and Policy
Technology of Privacy
Trademark and Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Business and Human Rights
Conflict of Laws
Foundations of International Legal Thought
International Business Transactions
International Dispute Resolution
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Law
International Trade Law
International Trade Litigation Lab
Global Law and Global Governance
Human Rights in Regional Systems: The Inter-American System
Human Rights in Regional Systems: Africa
Indigenous Peoples in International Law
Specialized Legal Research: International
Special Topics in International Law: Racism
U.S. National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND IMMIGRATION LAW

Citizenship
Colorado Workers' Compensation Theory and Practice
Disability Rights
Employment Law
Employee Benefits and Compensation Law
Employment Discrimination
Immigration and Citizenship Law
Labor Law
Refugee and Asylum Law

LEGAL THEORY

Advanced Torts
Class and Law
Constitutional Theory
Criminal Law in Context
Critical Law and Economics
Economic Analysis of Law
Economics of American Legal System
Equality, Speech, and Religion: Constitutional Values in Tension
Fascism and the Liberal State
Law and Feminism
Jurisprudence
Poverty & Inequality in Comparative Perspective
Problem Solving and Writing
Problem Solving, Professional Judgment, and Decision Making
Problems in Constitutional Law
Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion
Theory of Punishment

LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
Advanced Trial Advocacy
Arbitration
Civil Practice Clinic
Complex Civil Litigation
Deposition Skills
Evidence and Trial Practice
Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial
Judicial Opinion Writing
Jury Selection and History
Legal Negotiation
Legal Reasoning
Mediation
Motions Advocacy
Remedies
Trial Advocacy

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Advanced Energy Law
Advanced Environmental Law: Air Pollution
Advanced Natural Resources Law
Climate Change Law and Policy
Energy Justice
Energy Law and Regulation
Environmental Law
Environmental and Climate Justice
Environmental Decision Making
Foundations of Natural Resources Law and Policy
International Environmental Law
Mining & Mineral Development Law
Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
Oil and Gas Law
Oil and International Relations
Public Land Law
Renewable Energy Project Finance and Development
The Law of the Colorado River
Water Resources

PUBLIC LAW

Access to Justice?: The Provision of Legal Services for Middle- and Low-Income People
Administrative Law
Citizenship
Civil Rights
Comparative Constitutional Law
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Theory
Consumers and the Law
Education and the Constitution

Education Law
Election Law
Federal Courts
First Amendment
Food Law
Food Law and Policy
Food Law and Practice
Foreign Corrupt Practices, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Trafficking
Local Government
Poverty Law
Poverty Health and Law Practicum
Regulation and Innovation
Regulation of Marijuana
Sexuality and the Law
Statutory Interpretation

PRACTICE: CLINICAL

American Indian Law Clinic
Civil Practice Clinic
Criminal Defense Clinic
Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
Sustainable Community Development Law Clinic
Technology Law and Policy Clinic

PROPERTY

Advanced Deals Lab: 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 Writing: Across Practice Areas
Advanced Legal Writing: Persuasion
Advanced Legal Writing: Fundamentals
Advanced Legal Writing: Immigration
Advanced Legal Writing: Torts
Analytical Strategies
Colorado Legal Research
Foundations of Legal Research
Judicial Opinion Writing
Law and Literature
Legal Research Skills for Practice
Legal Interpretations and Legislative Process
Special Topics: Legal Research
Foreign & International Legal Research
Specialized Legal Research: Intellectual Property
Specialized Legal Research: International
Specialized Legal Research: Selected Topics
Transactional Drafting
Research and Writing in the Regulatory State

TAXATION

Corporate Taxation
Estate Planning
Federal Estate and Gift Tax
Income Taxation
International Taxation
Partnership Taxation
Tax Policy
Tax Law, Economics, and Policy

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.

FIRST-YEAR COURSES

FALL

Civil Procedure
Contracts
Legal Writing I
Legislation and Regulation
Torts

SPRING

Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Legal Writing II
Property
1L Electives

1L ELECTIVES OFFERED

Foundations of Legal Research
Intensive Introduction to Financial Information, Accounting, and Law
Legal Analysis
Legal Ethics and Professionalism
The Philosophy of Entrepreneurship

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

American Indian Law
Entrepreneurial Law
Environment, Policy, and Society
(offered through CU's Environmental Studies program)
Health Law and Policy
International Law
Juvenile and Family Law
Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resource Law and Policy
Tax Emphasis

DUAL DEGREES

JD/MBA
JD/Master in Environmental Studies
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)

MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW (MSL)

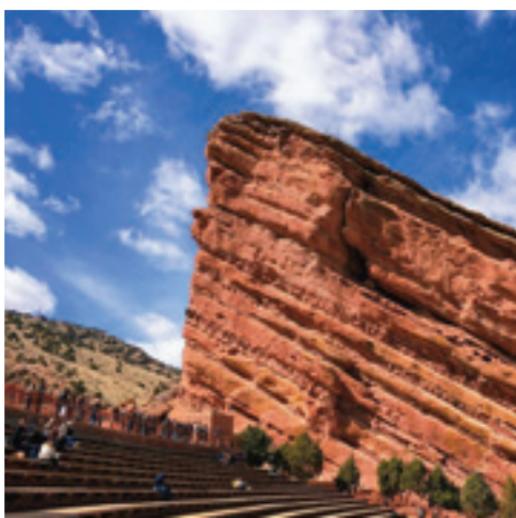
Ethics and Compliance
Human Rights

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)

Entrepreneurship and Business Law
Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy
Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications Law
International Law and Human Rights
Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law
U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers

Location

Receive a top-notch legal education while enjoying one of the most beautiful cities in the U.S. From hiking, biking, and viewing the Flatirons from the state-of-the-art LEED Gold-certified Colorado Law building, to visiting Denver and towns along the Front Range, there are plenty of opportunities to create a healthy work-life balance during law school.





Rocky Mountain National Park

1 hour



Boulder

45 minutes



Eldora Mountain Resort



40 minutes



Denver

BOULDER

No. 1 college town in America (American Institute for Economic Research, 2017)

280 restaurants in downtown Boulder alone

5.5-mile Boulder Creek Path to get around town

ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITY

The city of Boulder boasts a thriving startup community, including opportunities for entrepreneurial law. Rated among the 20 most entrepreneurial universities (*Forbes*, 2015), we not only create entrepreneurial ideas on campus, we also help students develop connections with the community.

DENVER

Top employment market for new lawyers

40 minutes from campus

8 major professional sports teams, 40+ museums and centers, and 20+ music venues in the Denver area

ROCKY MOUNTAINS

45 minutes away from Boulder is our local ski spot, Eldora Mountain Resort

1 hour from Boulder is the stunning Rocky Mountain National Park

< 2-mile walk from the law school to Chautauqua Park

Community



We offer a rigorous academic environment while fostering a friendly sense of community. About 60 to 70 percent of our students are from states other than Colorado, bringing together diverse backgrounds and experiences.

40+ active student organizations

8,181 hours of public service work volunteered by the Class of 2018

1st law school selected to participate in the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative

30 approximate number of cases investigated annually by the Korey Wise Innocence Project

100+ undergraduate institutions represented by our diverse student body



What our students are saying . . .



"In addition to its reasonable tuition and fantastic reputation, Colorado Law has great professors and an alumni network that is deeply entrenched in the Colorado legal community. More importantly, it is a community of people who support each other during law school and throughout their careers."

Abigail Wallach ('15)



"Colorado Law strikes the perfect balance: a high-quality learning environment with a collegial, collaborative student body."

Josh Luna ('17)



"Never have I been in a more welcoming environment where everyone works together and helps each other — from sharing notes from class to learning how to ski."

Amanda Miller ('18)

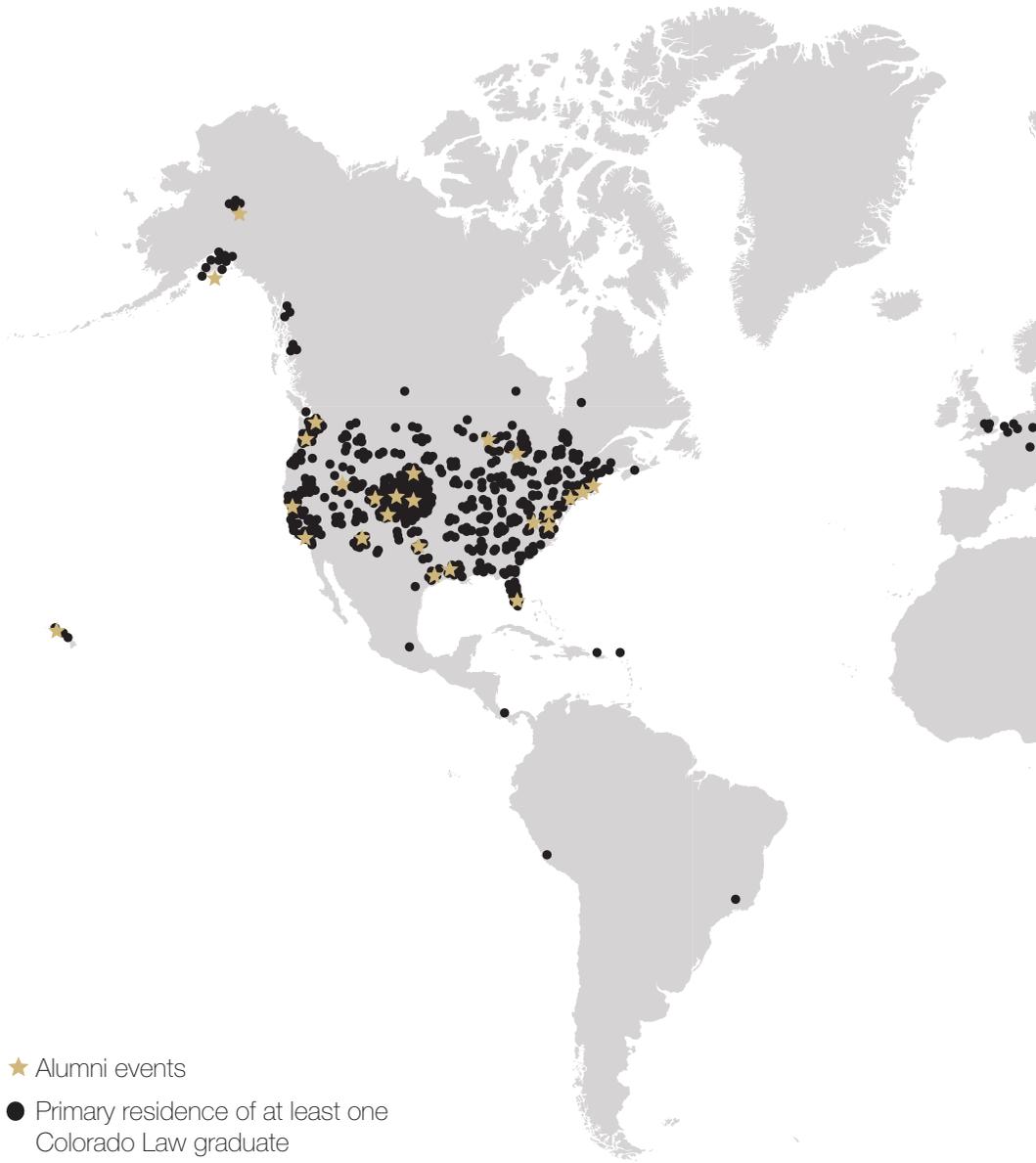


"Come for the strong and supportive community, incredible surroundings, and great network in Colorado and beyond."

John Cook ('15)

Alumni

Colorado Law has shaped legal professionals for more than 125 years. As a Colorado Law graduate, you will join a global network of 7,000+ living alumni across all 50 states, four U.S. territories, 18 countries, and six continents.



(not to scale)

“Colorado Law’s world-class professors, challenging classes, and amazing clinics provided me with a great foundation for my legal career. Since graduating, I have utilized these skills daily as a judicial law clerk and an attorney.”

Tracy Williams ('02)



Colorado Law ranked **28th** in the nation for Class of 2017 graduates employed in judicial clerkships.

Colorado Law ranked **40th** nationally for Class of 2017 graduates employed 10 months after graduation in full-time, long-term, non-school-funded jobs that required bar passage.

Career Development

We care about the success and well-being of our students and alumni. Colorado Law's Career Development Office (CDO) comprises four dedicated professionals with JDs who specialize in connecting law students with employers throughout the year. Our commitment to helping you excel begins at 1L Orientation, where career development is a central theme, and where we encourage students to take an intentional and creative approach to career planning. Our goal is for each student to obtain at least four quality work experiences while in law school.



A degree from Colorado Law positions you for success. Employers recognize the value of our graduate education, and it shows in our employment outcomes:

85% of graduates employed in full-time, long-term positions that required bar passage or for which a JD was an advantage*

77% of graduates employed in full-time, long-term jobs for which bar passage was required*

98% of the Class of 2019 were working in substantive legal or law-related jobs in the summer of 2017

95% of the Class of 2018 were working in substantive legal or law-related jobs in the summer of 2017

\$5,500 individual loan repayment assistance awards to 54 alumni working in qualifying public interest legal positions, 2018

145 extern student placements, 2017–18

*Class of 2017 graduates, within 10 months of graduation



Class of 2017 employment

(% of reported jobs by employment sector)

35% Law firms

18% Government

18% Judicial clerkships

15% Business

9% Public interest

3% School-funded*

2% Education

*Law school-funded positions include postgraduate fellows working for judges and government agencies.





By earning your degree at Colorado Law, you'll gain exposure, experience, and leads on jobs through a high-quality education and extensive resources. Our nationally recognized centers provide students with crucial connections.

Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship:

Serves students, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals at the intersection of law, policy, and technology through papers, conferences, roundtables, and other events.

Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment:

Convenes national thought leaders from public and private sectors to further true sustainability for our lands, waters, and environment.

Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law:

The cornerstone of our public service program that serves as a hub for engaging law students, lawyers, judges, high school students, public school teachers, and interested citizens in our nation's constitutional conversation.

Best-value law school, 2017, *The National Jurist*

Top 50 most affordable law schools in the U.S., 2018, Student Loan Hero

Out-of-state students have the opportunity to claim in-state status after the first year

colorado.edu/law/careers

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 volume of applications requires 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, as well as other indicators of ability, motivation, and achievement.

JD APPLICATION PROCESS

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 waitlist, which is not ranked, can occur as late as August, and the number of offers varies from year to year. Find complete application instructions at lsac.org and colorado.edu/law/admissions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants have additional requirements as explained on our 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, because Colorado Law cannot offer loan assistance to international students. All admitted international students are considered for merit-based scholarships.

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 a very limited number of 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 handled by a consortium agreement between Colorado Law and the degree-granting institution.

MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW AND LLM

The Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified via email of the committee's decisions. Please submit all materials directly to the Colorado Law Admissions Office. Find complete application instructions at colorado.edu/law/msl and colorado.edu/law/llm.

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 Unsubsidized Stafford Loan aid 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 and Graduate PLUS loans, and there is no cap on interest rates. Additionally, private loan aid is not eligible for any of the federal repayment or forgiveness programs.

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. Scholarships may be awarded through August. Colorado Law also offers scholarship money to second- 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 multiple 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 lsac.org

MSL application opens colorado.edu/law/MSL

LLM application opens colorado.edu/law/LLM

April 1

JD application deadline

May 1

MSL and LLM application deadline

July 1

Transfer and visitor JD application deadline



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