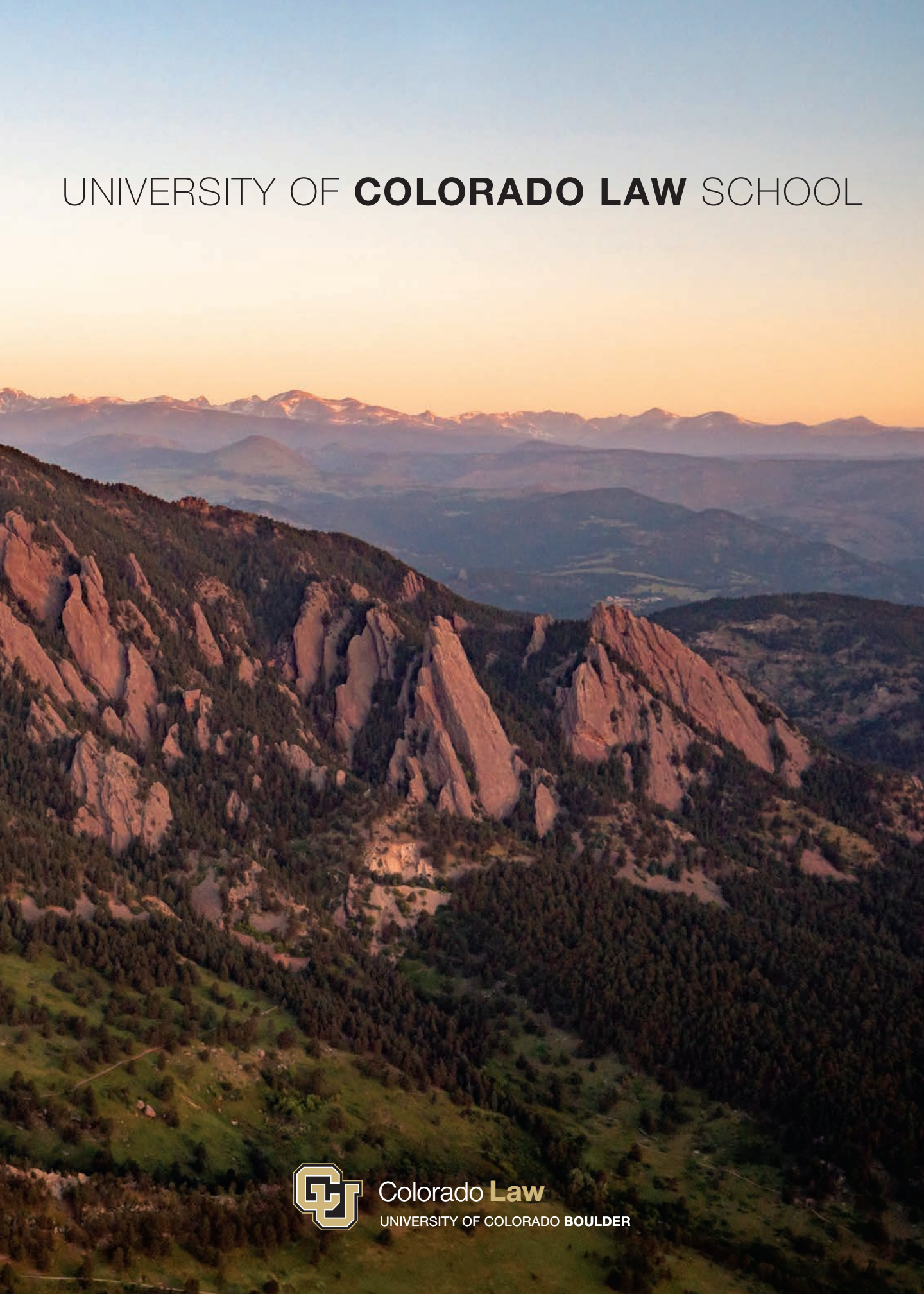


UNIVERSITY OF **COLORADO LAW** SCHOOL



Colorado **Law**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**



Your journey
starts here.



Dean **Lolita Buckner Inniss**
Provost's Professor of Law

With our roots in Colorado and a global outlook, we are advancing knowledge about the law.

6.4:1

student-to-faculty ratio
Calculated using U.S. News & World Report methodology.

Best value

law school
(National Jurist, 2020)

9

legal clinics

100+

undergraduate institutions represented by our diverse student body

3

research centers

32

countries where Colorado Law graduates work

3

student-led journals

Top 10

natural resources and environmental law program

(U.S. News & World Report, 2022)

#6

best law school quality of life

(Princeton Review, 2020)

#1

state economy

(U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

An impressive, all-around legal education.

Our relevant and challenging curriculum prepares you to thrive in a variety of sectors and settings.

Degrees

JD

Juris Doctor

LLM

Master of Laws

MSL

Master of Studies in Law in Ethics and Compliance

Dual Degrees

JD/ENVS

Juris Doctor/Master's in Environmental Studies

JD/MBA

Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration

JD/MD

Juris Doctor/Doctor of Medicine
(Anschutz Medical Campus)

JD/MPA

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration
(CU Denver)

JD/MS

Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Technology, Cybersecurity, and Policy

JD/MURP

Juris Doctor/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (CU Denver)

JD/PhD

Juris Doctor/Doctorate in Environmental Studies

Certificates

American Indian Law

Civil Rights and Racial Justice

Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law and Policy

Entrepreneurial Law

Health Law and Policy

Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Environment, Policy, and Society (offered through CU's Program in Environmental Studies)

International Law

Juvenile and Family Law

Tax Emphasis

Academic Areas of Excellence

American Indian Law

Entrepreneurial and Business Law

Juvenile and Family Law

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

Public Service Law

Technology and Intellectual Property Law





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 Offered

Foundations of Legal Research
Legal Analysis
Legal Ethics, Professionalism,
and Creative Problem Solving

2L/3L Required Courses

Evidence
Legal Ethics and Professionalism

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

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

Business Law

Accounting Boot Camp
Accounting Issues for Lawyers
Advanced Transactional Drafting
Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
Antitrust
Bankruptcy
Business Associations
Business Planning
Business and Human Rights
Business Law Colloquium
Compliance
Construction Law
Corporations
Deals
Deals Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions
Deals Lab: Securities
Deals Lab: Venture Capital
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Ethical Organizations and Professionals
Ethics Compliance Capstone
Insurance Law
Introduction to In-House Practice
Law Practice Management
Mergers and Acquisitions
Regulation of Financial Institutions
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Seminar: Advanced Corporate Law
Seminar: Securities Regulation and Enforcement

Sports Law
Transactional Drafting
Venture Capital and Private Equity

Criminal Law

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

Family and Juvenile Law

Domestic Violence
Elder Law
Family Law
Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
Juvenile Justice
Parent, Child, and State
Seminar: Comparative Family Law

Health Law

Bioethics and Law
Health Care Compliance
Health Law and Policy
Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation
Public Health Law and Ethics

Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications

Computer Crime
Copyright
Cybersecurity
Information Privacy and Cybersecurity

Intellectual Property Counseling and Licensing
Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
Patent Law
Patent Litigation
Seminar: Advanced Information Privacy
Seminar: Computers and the Law
Seminar: Law and Economics of the Information Age
Special Topics in Intellectual Property
Specialized Legal Research:
Intellectual Property
Technical and Engineering Knowledge in Litigation
Technology Law and Policy Clinic
Telecommunications Law and Policy
Trademark and Unfair Competition

International Law

Business and Human Rights
Conflict of Laws
Foundations of International Legal Thought
Human Rights in Regional Systems: Africa
Human Rights in Regional Systems: The Inter-American System
Indigenous People in International Law
International Business Transactions
International Dispute Resolution
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Law
International Trade Law
Introduction to Islamic Law
Seminar: Comparative Law
Seminar: International Human Rights
Seminar: The Law of Pandemics
Seminar: U.S. National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change
Specialized Legal Research: International

Labor, Employment, and Immigration Law

Disability Rights
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Immigration and Citizenship Law
Labor Law
Refugee and Asylum Law
Representing Spanish-Speaking Clients
Seminar: Citizenship
Wage Law and Litigation

Legal Theory

Advanced Torts
Economic Analysis of Law
Economics of American Legal System
Jurisprudence
Legal Reasoning
Problem-Solving, Professional Judgment, and Decision Making
Problem-Solving and Writing
Seminar: Class and Law
Seminar: Constitutional Theory
Seminar: Criminal Law in Context
Seminar: Critical Law and Economics
Seminar: Equality, Speech, and Religion: Constitutional Values in Tension
Seminar: Fascism and the Liberal State
Seminar: Jurisprudence
Seminar: Law and Feminism

Seminar: Poverty and Inequality in Comparative Perspective
Seminar: Problems in Constitutional Law
Seminar: Theory of Punishment
Supreme Court Decision Making

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
Advanced Trial Advocacy
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Advocacy Practicum
Arbitration
Civil Practice Clinic
Complex Civil Litigation
Deposition Skills
Evidence and Trial Practice
Judicial Opinion Writing
Jury Selection and History
Legal Negotiation
Mediation
Motions Advocacy
Remedies
Trial Advocacy

Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment

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

Public Law

Administrative Law
Civil Rights
Conflict of Laws
Education and the Constitution
Education Law
Election Law
Federal Courts
First Amendment
Food Law
Food Law and Practice
Foreign Corrupt Practices, Anti-Bribery, and Anti-Trafficking
Local Government
Poverty Law
Regulation of Marijuana
Seminar: Citizenship
Seminar: Constitutional Theory
Seminar: Equality and Sports

Seminar: Food Law and Policy
Seminar: Sexuality, Gender Identity, and Law
Sexuality and the Law

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 Clinic
Technology Law and Policy Clinic

Property

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

Research and Writing

Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Legal Writing: Fundamentals
Advanced Legal Writing: Immigration
Advanced Legal Writing: Persuasion
Advanced Legal Writing: Torts
Advanced Transactional Drafting
Analytical Strategies
Colorado Legal Research
Foreign and International Legal Research
Foundations of Legal Research
Interactive Programming for Lawyers
Judicial Opinion Writing
Legal Imagination
Legal Research Skills for Practice
Research and Writing in the Regulatory State
Seminar: Law and Literature
Special Topics: Foreign & International Legal Research
Specialized Legal Research:
Intellectual Property
Specialized Legal Research: International
Specialized Legal Research:
Selected Topics
Transactional Drafting

Taxation

Civil Tax Controversies
Corporate Taxation
Estate and Gift Tax Planning
Federal Estate and Gift Tax
Income Taxation
Partnership Taxation
State and Local Tax
Tax Policy



Careers are our focus from day one.

You'll be prepared to serve wisely and with professionalism.

During your time in law school, the career advisors in Colorado Law's Career Development Office will get to know you and your career goals, encourage you to take an intentional and creative approach to planning your career, and give you the tools to succeed.

Our commitment to helping you excel in your professional endeavors begins with individual meetings during your first semester of law school to get to know you, learn about your career goals, and plan the next steps to your 1L summer job. Our focus is for each student to obtain at least four high-quality work experiences while in law school. In summer 2020, 95% of the classes of 2020 and 2021 worked in substantive legal or law-related jobs.

We will connect you with employers during the academic year and the summer, and we maintain close ties with a variety of employers and work with them individually to find students and graduates who will be a good fit. Events such as the JD Pathways career conference and career speaker series will help you build a network of contacts and explore practice areas.

colorado.edu/law/careers

Employers recognize the value of a Colorado Law education, and it shows in our employment outcomes.

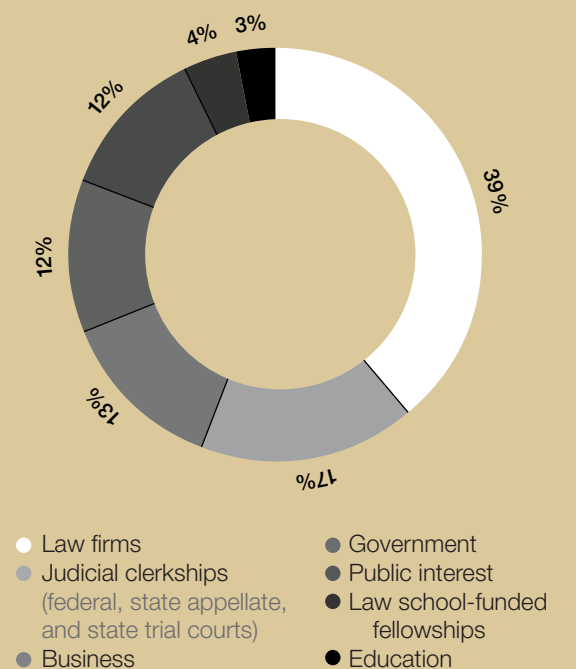
Class of 2020 employment*

89% of graduates reported employment.

79% of graduates employed in a full-time, long-term, non-school-funded job for which bar passage was required or a JD degree was an advantage.

72% of graduates employed in a full-time, long-term, non-school-funded job for which bar passage was required.

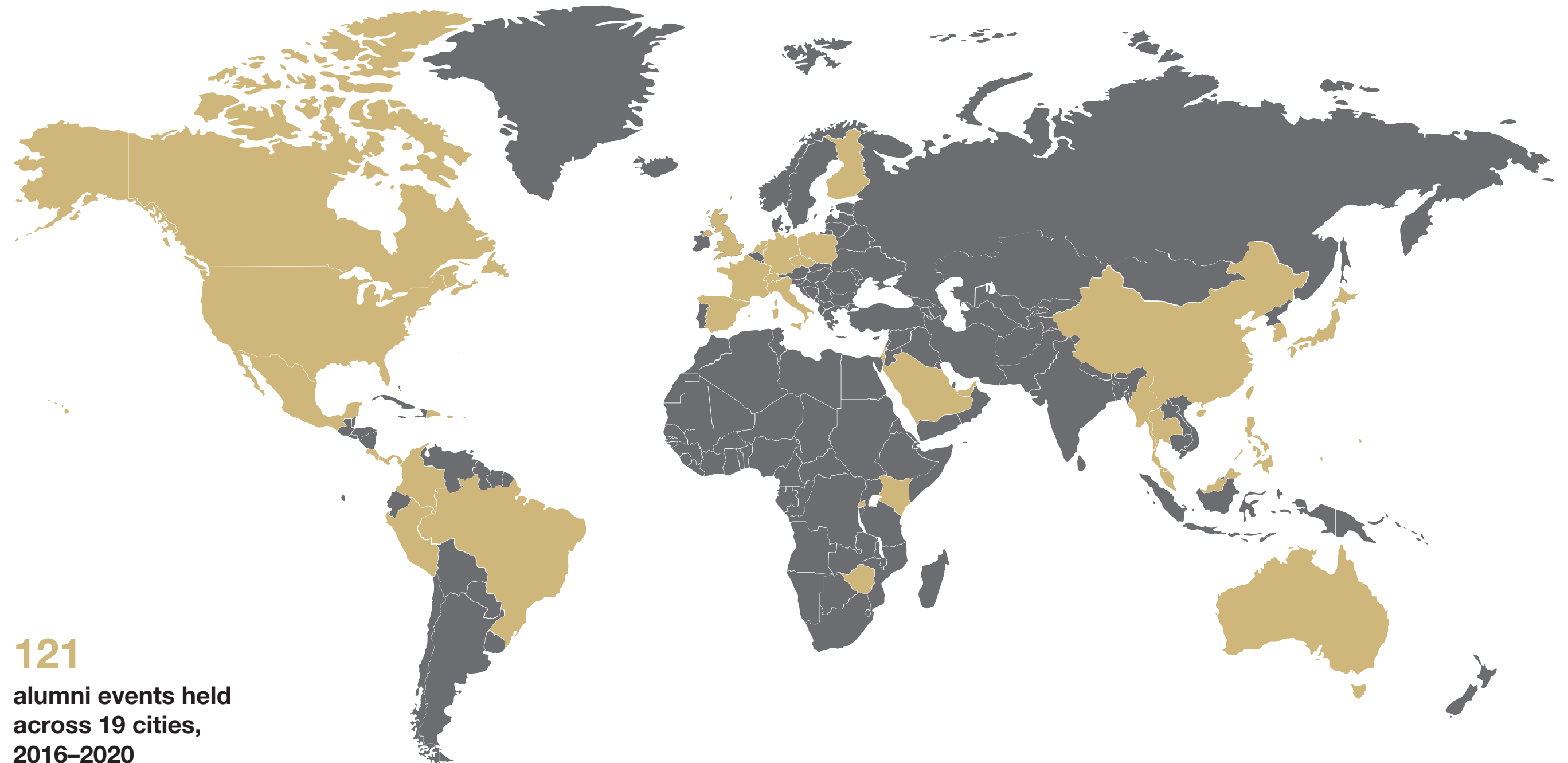
*All statistics reflect employment 10 months after graduation (March 15, 2021).



Your Colorado Law degree opens the door to a vast alumni network.

As a Colorado Law graduate, you will join a global network of 8,000 alumni across all 50 states, 32 countries, and six continents.

● Primary residence of at least one Colorado Law graduate



121
alumni events held
across 19 cities,
2016–2020

Be your whole self in law school.

When they are not learning the law, Colorado Law students take advantage of our location in one of the most beautiful places in the U.S. From hiking the Flatirons to strolling the historic Pearl Street Mall, visiting the restaurants and craft breweries of “America’s Foodiest Town,” and enjoying 300+ days of sunshine a year, there are plenty of opportunities to create a healthy work-life balance during law school.

#2 best small city in the world

(Monocle, 2019)

#8 healthiest city in America

(Niche, 2020)

#1 college town in America

(Best College Reviews, 2020)

Top 20 tech town

(CompTIA, 2018)

Thriving startup community, with Colorado’s tech ecosystem consistently ranked as one of the strongest between the coasts.

Adventure awaits.

Explore opportunities in nearby Denver . . .

Just 35 minutes from campus, Denver is a top employment market for new lawyers. About **57 percent** of our alumni live and work in the metro area.



8 major professional sports teams



40+ museums and centers



20+ music venues

and off the beaten path.

Enjoy the best of both worlds: the convenience of the city with world-class outdoor recreation right in your backyard.



1 hour from Boulder is the stunning Rocky Mountain National Park.



27 ski areas in Colorado. Our local ski spot, Eldora Mountain Resort, is just 35 minutes from campus.



1-mile walk from the law school to Chautauqua Park, the starting point for dozens of hiking trails.

Challenge yourself in a friendly and cooperative environment.

Academic Areas of Excellence

American Indian Law

As one of the nation's leaders in tribal law and policy, Colorado Law's American Indian law program is the region's convening institution for tribal leaders, advocates, scholars, and community members to address the most pressing challenges in American Indian law and policy. Our program will prepare you for all aspects of Indian law practice, whether you are interested in working in tribal governments, federal agencies, or law firms.

Entrepreneurial and Business Law

Boulder is recognized internationally as an entrepreneurial powerhouse, and Colorado Law is at the heart of this community. Whether you want to practice mergers and acquisitions at a traditional large law firm, work at the SEC, counsel a startup through a venture capital transaction, or launch your own venture, Colorado Law provides you the skills and expertise to help you succeed.

Juvenile and Family Law

Colorado Law's juvenile and family law program covers a broad range of practice areas that connect students to specialized learning opportunities and real-world experiences in this field through in-depth courses, research projects, externships, and clinical services that provide free legal help to low-income Colorado residents.

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

Ranked consistently among the best in the nation, Colorado Law's natural resources, energy, and environmental law program is one of the strongest and most in-depth 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 you will study.

Public Service Law

Public service law is central to our culture and academic offerings. Public service, both during and after law school, can involve any of a broad range of substantive areas, including civil rights law, veterans' affairs, criminal law, consumer law, education law, environmental law, juvenile and family law, health law and policy, and immigration law, among others.

Technology and Intellectual Property Law

Colorado Law is at the forefront of technology and intellectual property law. Whether you are interested in litigation, transactional work, or policy concerns, Colorado Law has one of the most comprehensive legal programs in the nation for those interested in exploring the frontiers of entrepreneurial law, technology policy, and intellectual property.

colorado.edu/law/academics





“Colorado Law students benefit from our faculty’s deep, situated experience with natural resources law in the West, but our strengths also extend to energy, climate change, and environmental justice. Our students might find themselves on a trip down the Colorado River, working with nonprofits to increase community participation in energy decision-making, or commenting on new air quality regulations. Our broad and deep alumni network in these fields also supports students as they embark on careers in Colorado; the West; Washington, D.C.; or wherever their passions take them!”

Sharon Jacobs
Associate Professor of Law
Administrative Law
Advanced Topics in Energy Law
Energy Law
Environmental Law
Legislation and Regulation
Regulation and Innovation

Areas of Study Spotlight

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

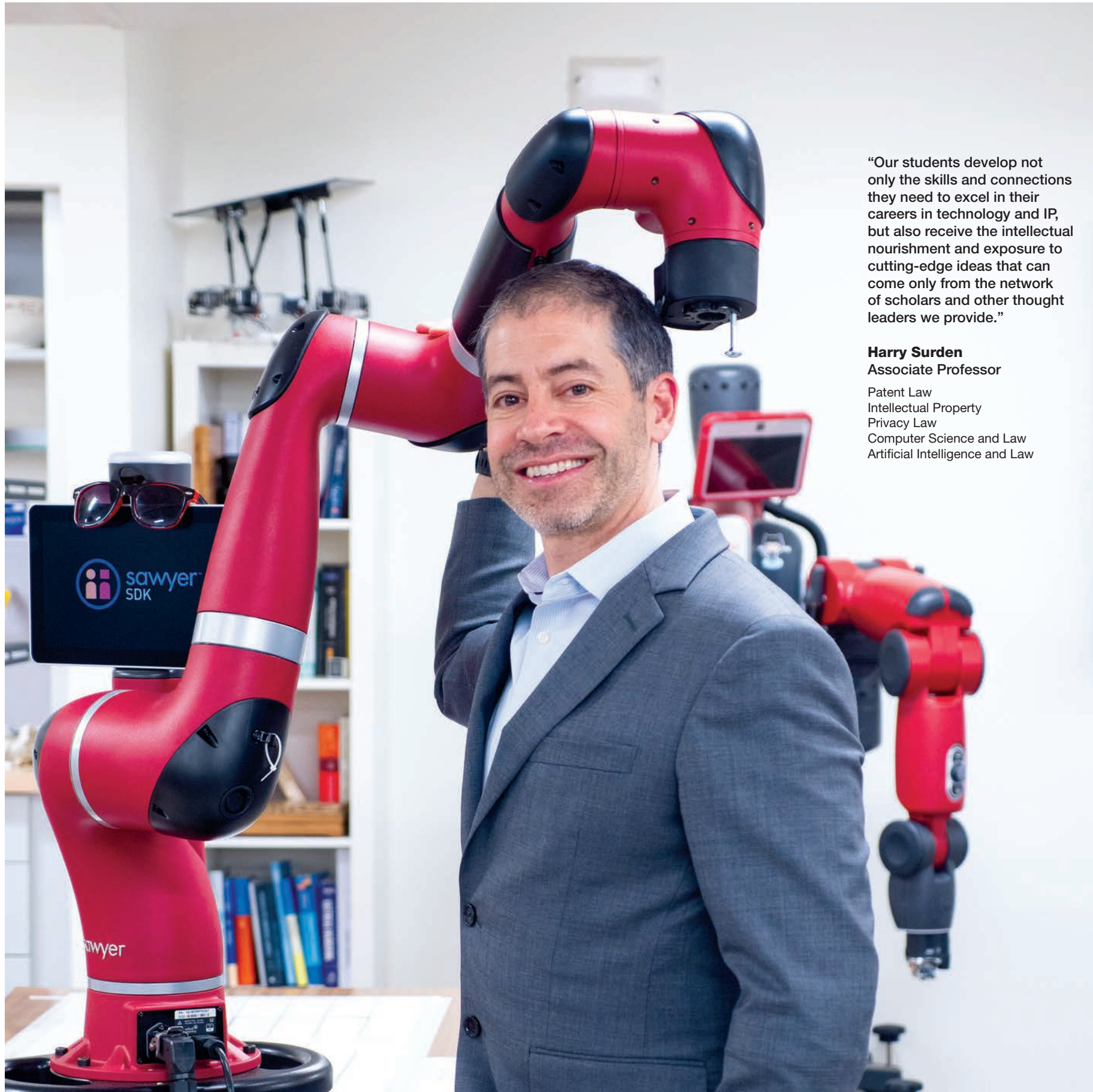
Tackle today’s most pressing issues in water, climate, and energy law.

For over half a century, Colorado Law has set the gold standard for natural resources, energy, and environmental law. Our commitment to teaching and research in these areas complements the school’s physical location in the Rocky Mountain West—a region defined by its vast natural resources, public lands and parks, and many American Indian reservations.

Our innovative environmental and natural resources curriculum, with broad-based courses, specialized seminars, and hands-on practicum opportunities, provides you with the key range of competencies needed to become a multidisciplinary practitioner. We help prepare you for a successful career, from private practice to public service, and train you to be ready for a world of constant change.

Recent top employers

Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Natural Resources and Environment Section
Conservation Law Foundation
Earthjustice
Environmental Defense Fund
Grand Canyon Trust
Idaho Conservation League
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP
Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison, and Woodruff, P.C.
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
The Nature Conservancy
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
WilmerHale
Xcel Energy



“Our students develop not only the skills and connections they need to excel in their careers in technology and IP, but also receive the intellectual nourishment and exposure to cutting-edge ideas that can come only from the network of scholars and other thought leaders we provide.”

Harry Surden
Associate Professor

Patent Law
Intellectual Property
Privacy Law
Computer Science and Law
Artificial Intelligence and Law

Areas of Study Spotlight

Technology and Intellectual Property Law

The foundation you need to practice law in the information age.

Colorado Law provides one of the leading legal programs for information technology law and policy in the nation. Through comprehensive class offerings; hands-on clinical programs; a prestigious technology law journal; extensive internship opportunities in Colorado, Washington, D.C., and across the nation; and access to our Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, students and alumni interested in technology and IP are supported during law school and throughout their careers.

Our location in the Denver-Boulder metro area is the heart of one of the nation's premier telecommunications and technology hubs. Colorado Law also benefits from a substantial network of alumni and supporters across the nation—from Silicon Valley to Washington, D.C., and everywhere in between.

Recent top employers

Adobe
Baker Botts LLP
CableLabs
Cisco Systems
Dish Network
Facebook
Fairfield and Woods P.C.
Federal Communications Commission
Medtronic
Merchant & Gould
Sheridan Ross P.C.
Techstars
T-Mobile
Webroot Inc.
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP



“Colorado Law teaches students about what makes and breaks a business. Our classroom offerings teach students how to become a trusted counselor to companies and entrepreneurs. We have a host of other offerings that get our students directly involved in the world-class startup scene in the Boulder-Denver area. This provides Colorado Law students a powerful advantage as they head into practice and craft their careers.”

Brad Bernthal ('01)
Professor

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Venture Capital
Early Stage Finance
Innovation Policy

Areas of Study Spotlight

Entrepreneurial and Business Law

Join an epicenter of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Beginning in your first year at Colorado Law, you will take advantage of a robust set of business offerings within and outside of the classroom. You will participate in transactional law and entrepreneurship competitions, learn to create value for clients in classes like Negotiations and Venture Capital, make investment decisions in early-stage startups through the student-run Deming Center Venture Fund, draft agreements for startup clients in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, and join a community of professionals leading the future of law, policy, and technology through our Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. We will help you to be ready on the first day of practice while also giving you the tools to solve problems creatively for clients over the length of your career.

Recent top employers

Boulder Brands
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP
Cooley LLP
Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
DLA Piper Global Law Firm
Hogan Lovells
Holland & Hart LLP
Holland & Knight LLP
Ibotta
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
Otter Products
Sage Law Group
Sherman & Howard L.L.C.
SRS Acquiom Inc.

Strengthen your student experience through involvement with our research centers.

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

Founded in 1983, the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment is the oldest and preeminent law school institute in the country dedicated to natural resources law. The center works on diverse and increasingly interwoven topics, including environmental justice, climate change, public lands management, energy development, the governance of the Colorado River, and tribal resource management.

colorado.edu/law/gwc

Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship

Silicon Flatirons is an interdisciplinary research center that provides unique opportunities for students to interact with high-level attorneys, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals at the intersection of law, policy, and technology.

In addition to hosting more than 100 conferences and events annually, Silicon Flatirons offers specialized internship programs in Colorado; Washington, D.C; the Bay Area; and elsewhere for students interested in careers in technology or startups. Students accepted into these programs gain a competitive edge with real-world experience.

siliconflatirons.org

Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law

As the cornerstone of our public service program, the White Center supports legal scholarship, expands constitutional literacy, and offers educational programming to Colorado's public schools and teachers through community outreach. The center serves as a hub for engaging law students, judges, high school students, public school teachers, scholars, and interested citizens in our nation's constitutional conversation.

colorado.edu/law/whitecenter



Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, speaks with Professor Suzette Malveaux at the White Center's 2019 Stevens Lecture.



A team of Colorado Law students and volunteers with the Korey Wise Innocence Project.

Unmatched opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at Colorado Law

Through a range of programming, including networking events, speaker series, case competitions, and new courses and curricula, the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program allows Colorado Law to make ethics and professionalism a central part of every law student's education. By building these skills in law school, you'll be able to seamlessly enter the working world and add value immediately.

D.C. Summer Program

Every year, Silicon Flatirons provides placement assistance for students interested in technology and communications issues to work in Washington, D.C., for the summer. Participating organizations include the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, National Emergency Number Association, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Public Knowledge, Common Cause, Verizon, AT&T, and Disney. The Hatfield Scholars Program, which runs parallel to the D.C. Summer Program, provides grants for summer internships in government or public interest positions.

Governmental Entrepreneurial Leadership Accelerator (GELA)

This first-of-its-kind program supports governments to encourage innovative problem solving to public policy challenges. The accelerator brings together employees from the city and county of Denver, city of Boulder, and state of Colorado with Colorado Law students. Following a boot camp that develops basic entrepreneurial approaches to problem solving, Colorado Law students work with government leaders to propose an innovative, yet tangible, solution to the identified challenge facing state and local governments. The accelerator concludes with Pitch Night, where fellows present their solutions to government officials in an engaging community event.

Institute for the Future of Law Practice (IFLP)

As the practice of law increasingly relies on interdisciplinary skills, IFLP provides real-world business and technology experiences that complement traditional law school curricula. The program kicks off in the spring with an intensive three-week boot camp conducted by industry leaders, followed by a paid internship with corporate legal departments, law firms, legal tech companies, and unpaid internships with public service organizations in Colorado, Silicon Valley, and elsewhere.

Korey Wise Innocence Project

The Korey Wise Innocence Project gives students the unique opportunity to assist people who believe they have been convicted despite being innocent of any offense. Colorado Law students evaluate these claims to see if there are factual and legal grounds to return to court and work with volunteer attorneys to further investigate cases.



U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse ('09)

Elected in November 2018 to represent Colorado's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. Congress, Neguse is Colorado's first African-American congressman, one of only a few first-generation Americans to serve in Congress, and one of the youngest members of Congress in the nation.

Serving our community is at our core.

As a public institution, public service is central to our culture.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

LRAP provides partial loan repayment awards to graduates who choose qualifying public interest work. The program awarded 50 qualified applicants with \$5,500 awards in the 2020 award year to help pay down their student loans.

Public Service Pledge

Incoming law students may volunteer to pledge to complete at least 50 hours of law-related public service during their time in law school. The Class of 2021 volunteered a total of 12,020 hours of public service.

Public Service Fellowships

Public service fellowship opportunities allow students and recent graduates to gain valuable work experience without the burden of additional financial hardship. Recent fellowship recipients worked at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, the United Nations International Law Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, public defenders' offices, and elsewhere.

Service opportunities

Begin making an impact your 1L year.

Acequia Assistance Project

The Acequia Assistance Project is a joint effort by the Getches-Wilkinson Center, Colorado Open Lands, and the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association to provide low- or no-cost legal representation and educational materials to acequias, traditional Hispanic irrigation communities, in southern Colorado. Students develop professional skills, receive mentorship from supervising attorneys, and assist an underrepresented Colorado community.

Maya Land Rights and Development Project

Law students work with Belizean indigenous organizations to help secure Maya customary land tenure and promote sustainable economic development opportunities for Maya communities.

Immigration and Citizenship Law Program

The program connects students interested in immigration law and policy with lawyers in the community who are involved in outreach, litigation, and policy work for externship opportunities and pro bono projects serving immigrants.

Colorado Law Constitution Day Project

Law students visit high school classrooms to deliver a one-day, interactive lesson on a current topic in constitutional law in honor of the nationally recognized signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17.

Gain hands-on experience.

No matter your area of interest, there's a legal clinic to help you hone your skills.

Since 1948, 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. Every Colorado Law student may take a clinic.

American Indian Law Clinic

At one of the first American Indian law clinics in the nation, students gain faculty-supervised experience providing legal assistance in a variety of matters, including tribal sovereignty, child welfare, preservation of tribal identity, employment discrimination, public benefits, preservation of Native lands, and more.

Civil Practice Clinic

Students represent low-income clients in family law, Social Security disability, and immigration asylum cases. The clinic also focuses on employment law, with students representing low-income wage workers and employees who have been the victims of discrimination, among others.

Criminal Defense Clinic

In the first criminal defense clinic in the nation, students learn basic criminal practice skills and represent clients in actual cases, from beginning to end, in municipal and county courts in Boulder County.

Criminal/Immigration Defense Clinic

Students represent noncitizen clients in both criminal and immigration court, including applicants for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Students work with local entrepreneurs, providing transactional legal services for the formation and development of small businesses in Colorado.

Juvenile and Family Law Clinic

Students handle a full range of legal matters related to youth and families, including representing low-income clients in public actions, such as child welfare and juvenile justice cases, or private actions, such as divorce and child custody matters.

Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

Students represent public interest clients in environmental litigation related to federal public land protection. Students learn about expert testimony and witness preparation, analysis of detailed scientific and environmental data, and submission of complex legal briefs.

Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law and Policy Clinic

Students advocate in the public interest concerning technology issues in front of regulatory entities, courts, legislatures, and standard-setting bodies.

Sustainable Community Development Clinic

Students engage in economic development projects, both on behalf of clients and on behalf of the public interest, with a goal of increasing social justice and social enterprise in a range of substantive areas, including land use, housing, local food, and healthy communities.



A Colorado Law student volunteer assists immigrants with their applications for U.S. citizenship.



Learn by doing.

Experiential education includes lawyering activities outside the classroom—clinics, externships, appellate and trial competitions, and voluntary public service work—as well as experientially oriented classroom learning. Colorado Law’s Experiential Learning Program provides students with a well-rounded learning experience.

Competitions

Colorado Law students compete in more than 20 appellate, trial level, and transactional competitions each year across the country and internationally. Recent competitions include the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition, the American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition, The Closer National Transactional Law Competition, and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Externships

The externship program gives students critical experiential learning opportunities by performing substantive legal work for judges, government officials, public interest institutions, and nonprofits. With approximately 160 placements each year and over 25,000 hours of cumulative work locally and nationwide, students acquire academic credit in addition to invaluable experience for future careers.

Student-led Journals

University of Colorado Law Review

The flagship academic journal at Colorado Law since 1929, the *University of Colorado Law Review* publishes four times per year on general topics of legal importance.

Colorado Environmental Law Journal

Published since 1989, the journal provides a forum for the most pressing issues related to natural resources, energy, and environmental law and policy on local, regional, and global scales.

Colorado Technology Law Journal (CTLJ)

Founded in 2001, the CTLJ has since established a position among the elite national technology and telecommunications law journals.

colorado.edu/law/experiential

Recent externship placements

Boulder County Legal Services
Boulder District Attorney’s Office
Centura Health
Colorado Public Defender’s Office
Colorado’s 17th Judicial District
Colorado’s 20th Judicial District
Colorado Supreme Court
Deming Center Venture Fund
Denver District Attorney’s Office
Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Native American Rights Fund
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center
U.S. Attorney’s Office
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit
U.S. Department of Energy: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Labor
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
University of Colorado Athletics Department: Office of Compliance Services



Join our community.

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 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 Isac.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 usually handled by a consortium agreement between Colorado Law and the degree-granting institution.

Master of Studies 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 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-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 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
Isac.org

MSL application opens
colorado.edu/law/MSL

LLM application opens
colorado.edu/law/LLM

April 1

JD application deadline

May 1

LLM application deadline

June 1

MSL application deadline

July 1

Transfer and visitor JD application deadline



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