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## Natural Resources Law Center Press Releases

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### **NRLC Receives Equity/Justice Award**

In recognition for its contributions toward creating a diverse and supportive learning, working and living environment, the Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC) at the University of Colorado Law School was presented the Chancellor's Minority Affairs Service Award earlier this month. Chancellor Richard Byyny noted the Center's "integration of equity and justice into the management and protection of natural resources" and applauded the Center's many contributions to regional and national communities, its understanding of issues related to people of color, and its working in multicultural settings. The annual presentation includes a \$1,000 cash award.

Among the Center's accomplishments are:

- sponsoring a wide array of programs with both student and non-student groups, including the Native American Law Students Association on the C.U. and D.U. campuses, the Environmental Law Students Association, the Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network, the Native American Rights Fund, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8's Environmental Justice and the American Indian Special Emphasis Programs;
- sponsoring a two-day forum on environmental justice issues at the Tattered Cover bookstore in Denver, whose visitors included Barry Hill, Director of the EPA Office of Environmental Justice, Professor Sheila Foster from Rutgers University, and Dean Suagee, Director of the First Nations Environmental Program at Vermont Law School; bringing Tom Goldtooth, Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, for a two-day visit to the Boulder campus and Denver community;
- sponsoring a two-day Sacred Lands Forum on the Boulder campus and at the Denver Environmental Protection Agency offices that attracted over 100 participants including representatives of more than 10 tribes;
- editing and contributing to the landmark book *Justice and Natural Resources: Concepts, Strategies, and Applications*, which was published by Island Press in January, 2002; and
- encouraging individual staff contributions to the multi-cultural environment of the community through service and volunteer work.

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Accepting the award on behalf of the Center were Law School Dean Hal Bruff, NRLC attorney and research associate Kathryn Mutz, and office manager Geri Lameman.

