



# **PUBLIC SERVICE**

**COLORADO LAW**

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**N**ESTLED IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, Colorado Law is consistently ranked as a top law school in both academics and commitment to public service. Colorado Law is proud of its reputation as a public service institution and works hard to foster a new generation of public-service-minded lawyers. Our many programs provide students with hands-on experiences, starting in the first year, to understand the legal needs in our community and begin to meet them.

The faculty and staff at Colorado Law are committed to providing a dynamic experience both during law school and after graduation. Students thrive during their summers, with over 150 each year accepting public service summer work, supported with 65 fellowships funded by the law school. Even more exciting is that a quarter of our most recent graduating class took jobs in public service.

Colorado Law offers students a robust academic experience tailored to their passions. Our nine clinics, in diverse practice areas from American Indian Law, to Juvenile Law, to Technology Law and Policy, introduce students to the satisfaction of serving over 700 low income individuals and nonprofit agencies each year, advancing the common good. Our centers organize unique opportunities to explore and understand the law deeply, such as volunteering for Constitution Day and teaching civic lessons to high school students across the state, or successfully engaging communities around the world to bring sustainable energy technologies to some of the world's most vulnerable populations.

Colorado Law offers a multidisciplinary, public-service-minded education to produce the future's best lawyers. We look forward to sharing our programs with you.



COLENE ROBINSON  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Co-Director of the Juvenile and Family Law Program  
Chair of the Public Service Committee

# OVERVIEW

Colorado Law's community and curriculum will enable you to engage in public service during and after school. Our combination of course options, clinics, volunteer opportunities, and networking events prepares students to pursue public service opportunities in government, nonprofit, and corporate environments.

## CLINICS

### American Indian Law Clinic

Since 1992, the American Indian Law Clinic has advised tribes and prepared matters to be heard before federal, state, and international legal bodies. Starting in 2014, the AILC will be providing support to the United Nations Special Rapporteur.

### Civil Practice Clinic

Handling cases in social security, disability, family law, and asylum and refugee law, students finish the year-long clinic with both breadth and depth of experience.

### Criminal Defense Clinic

The Criminal Clinic defends indigent clients accused of jailable municipal and misdemeanor offenses in the Boulder courts. Students represent clients from bond arguments through jury trial.

### Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic

Students represent clients with legal matters before the federal immigration court and/or the Boulder County criminal courts.

### Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic provides transactional legal services to local entrepreneurs who are trying to start a business in Colorado. Student attorneys review applications and work with client businesses throughout the school year.

### Family Law Clinic

Students interested in Family Law counsel low income clients in allocation of parental rights and dissolution of marriage cases in Boulder County.

### Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic students represent clients before courts and administrative agencies to protect the natural resources of the Rocky Mountain region.

### Juvenile Law Clinic

Students in the Juvenile Law Clinic handle a full range of legal matters related to youth, including client representation in the child welfare system or the juvenile justice system.

### Samuelson-Glushkow

#### Technology Law and Policy Clinic

The TLPC advocates for sound technology, telecommunications, privacy, and intellectual property policy in the public interest before federal and state administrative agencies and other policymakers.

## CERTIFICATES

American Indian Law Certificate

Juvenile and Family Law Certificate

Natural Resources Law and Policy Certificate

## LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Awards up to \$6,500 per year for five years in loan repayments after graduation to select students who choose underserved or public service work.

## PUBLIC SERVICE PLEDGE

By signing the Colorado Law Public Service Pledge, students commit to 50 hours of law-related public service work, not for credit or other compensation, during their time at the Law School. Students who fulfill their pledge will be recognized at graduation, and their public service will be reflected on their transcripts.

## PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

Jonathan Boyd Chase Human Rights

Colorado Law Public Service Summer

Environmental Law Society

Dale Hatfield Scholars Award

Richard R. Helmick Public Service

Moran and Kleiman Public Service

Patton Boggs Public Policy

PISA Public Interest Summer

Sandgrund Environmental Law

Women's Law Caucus Public Interest

# CAREERS

Our commitment to helping you excel in your professional endeavors comes through the individualized support of our Career Development Office. With four career advisors with JDs, we will connect you with employers and help you succeed in the current job market. The depth and breadth of experiences, theory, and skills you will gain will enable you to make meaningful contributions to the field of public service upon graduation. Our 7,000+ alumni network provides you access to and support from leaders across the nation.

## RECENT TOP EMPLOYERS

10th Circuit Court of Appeals  
1st Judicial District Attorney's Office  
(Golden, Colorado)  
4th Judicial District Attorney's Office  
(Colorado Springs, Colorado)  
Anchorage, Alaska Superior Court  
Arizona Attorney General's Office  
Boulder County District Court  
Colorado Attorney General's Office  
Colorado State Public Defender  
Colorado Supreme Court  
Denver District Attorney's Office

Denver District Court  
DNA People's Legal Services  
EPA, Region 3, Honors Fellowship,  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Communications Commission  
IRS Office of Chief Counsel  
Massachusetts Public Defender  
U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG)  
U.S. Army JAG  
U.S. Attorney's Office for the  
Districts of Colorado and New Mexico  
U.S. District Court, District of Wyoming

"My LRAP award has made a positive impact on my career and reminds me that Colorado Law is dedicated to making a career as a public defender a real option for me and other graduates."



A. TYRONE GLOVER, JR. ('09)  
Colorado Deputy State  
Public Defender

"The education I received at Colorado Law not only provided me with essential legal skills, but gave me the foundation to use these skills in advancing the public good, and the supportive community furthered my desire to make a real impact in our state."



KARA VEITCH ('00)  
Deputy Executive Director  
Colorado Department of  
Personnel and Administration

"My time at the clinic confirmed that nothing else, not even the most lucrative private law firm associateship, would fulfill my desire to make a meaningful difference in people's lives through public service."



IAN SHIPPS ('08)  
Supervisory Equal Opportunity  
Specialist  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Health and  
Human Services

"At Colorado Law, I found my role models that guided me towards ways to pursue public service work. Colorado Law also taught me the critical thinking skills I use every day."



JENNI LUKE ('98)  
CEO  
Step Up Women's Network

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

The Constitution sits at the heart of the American legal system and has always formed a key component of legal education. The Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law at Colorado Law seeks to help students and citizens engage with relevant constitutional questions in and beyond the law school. Through the center's programs at Colorado Law and in the community, the White Center has become a hub for bringing law students, lawyers, judges, high school students, public school teachers, and interested citizens into our nation's constitutional conversation. By broadening the conversation beyond our law school walls, the center reinforces Colorado Law's commitment to maintain a diverse, involved community.

The White Center was founded in 1990 and has stayed true to its mission to support excellence in constitutional legal scholarship, to offer opportunities for Colorado Law students to serve the community, and to expand public knowledge and informed discussion about the Constitution. As a student you will have the opportunity to participate in yearly programming or work as a research fellow to engage more deeply in the center's mission and projects.

## PROGRAMS

### **John Paul Stevens Lecture**

The Stevens Lecture brings a well-known jurist to Colorado Law each year. The lecture is open to the public, with up to 2,000 attendees each year, and includes a question-and-answer session. The inaugural lecture was delivered in 2011 by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sandra Day O'Connor, and Antonin Scalia in subsequent years.

### **Colorado Law Constitution Day Project**

This project launched in September 2011 and enables Colorado Law students to visit high schools in honor of Constitution Day and has already reached more than 350 classrooms across the state of Colorado. For Constitution Day 2012, presenters taught a lesson about the Fourth Amendment, in 2013 about the First Amendment and fighting words, and in 2014 presenters taught an interactive lesson about the First Amendment and online bullying.

### **Rothgerber Conference**

This conference has attracted prominent legal scholars from around the nation for over 20 years. Recent topics include constitutional literacy, how federalism impacts the constitutional debates, and litigating constitutional change, including discussions on the people and the strategies that have shaped litigation on the Second Amendment, gay marriage, voting rights, abortion, and other controversial constitutional questions.

### **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project**

Through the Marshall-Brennan Project, upper-level Colorado Law students partner with public school teachers in underserved high schools to teach a course about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The project exposes high school students to higher education opportunities and encourages them to participate in a moot court competition hosted at Colorado Law each spring. Finalists earn a trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national moot court competition.





## MELISSA HART

Professor

Director, Byron R. White Center

Melissa Hart devotes her teaching and scholarship to employment discrimination, civil procedure, and constitutional law. She has been teaching at Colorado Law since 2000 and has been the Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law in 2010. A 1995 graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Hart clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court. Professor Hart practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C., including as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Professor Hart runs the Colorado Law chapter of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project. She remains active in the legal community, serving on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, the Colorado Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and Board of Continuing Judicial and Legal Education. She has authored several amicus briefs in employment discrimination cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and in other matters before several courts of appeals. Professor Hart is the 2012 president of the American Association of Law Schools Section on Civil Rights, and was the president of the section on Employment Discrimination in 2008. She is on the editorial board of the peer-reviewed Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Labor Law Group.

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Faculty at Colorado Law are committed to collaborating with students on public service work beyond the classroom. Professors lead these and additional service opportunities, which students join in their very first year.

## Acequia Assistance Project

*Professor Sarah Krakoff*

Student volunteers travel to the San Luis Valley of Colorado to assist low-income farmers, whose families have lived there for centuries, with protecting their water rights and their long-standing sustainable farming practices.

## Colorado Innocence Project

*Clinical Professor Ann England*

This entirely volunteer student organization works to free the wrongly convicted from prison.

## Consumer Empowerment Project

*Professor Amy Schmitz*

This is a nonprofit consumer education and advocacy project that aims to provide helpful and independent information. Volunteers write short blogs on hot topics having to do with financial tips, being a smart consumer, student financial strategies, digital privacy, debt collection, credit card rules, and other consumer issues.

## Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force (GCF)

*Professor William Boyd*

GCF is a unique subnational collaboration between 19 states and provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, and the United States that is working to develop regulatory frameworks to reduce emissions from deforestation and land use change.

## Pro Bono Research and Legal Writing Project

*Professor Amy Griffin*

Law students help local Legal Services attorneys provide high quality civil legal services through dedicated research and writing on pressing issues facing indigent clients in Colorado. Griffin provides advice and mentorship as students work on their research and writing skills through this project.

## Record and Arrest Sealing

*Clinical Professors Colene Robinson and Ann England*

Be part of a volunteer core partnering with the Women's Bean Project that provides transitional employment to help chronically unemployed and impoverished women gain full-time employment through helping seal arrest records.



**Clockwise from top left:**

**Grant Sullivan** ('08) and **Kevin Murphy** ('08) at George Washington High School for Constitution Day.

**Bill Ritter** ('81), Former Colorado Governor, and **Hank Brown** ('69), Former United States Senator.

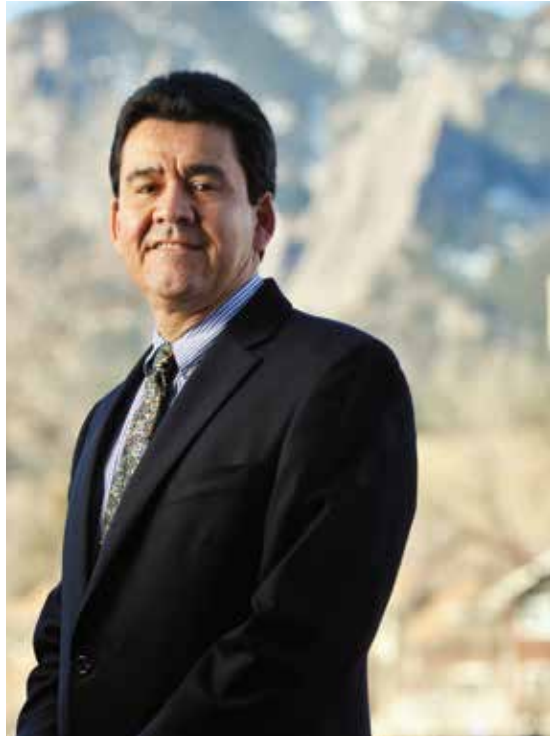
Colorado Health Equity Program and law student **Amy Ellis** ('15); **Cynthia Conner**, Salud Family Health Center social worker; and Professor **Dayna Matthew**.

**Roy Romer** ('52), Former Colorado Governor; **Douglas J. Friednash**, Former Denver City Attorney; **Michael Carrigan** ('94), University of Colorado Regent; and **Joe Neguse** ('09), University of Colorado Regent.

Students clearing an acequia ditch in the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

Professor **Scott Peppet** and **Jenni Luke** ('98), CEO of Step Up Women's Network.





**Clockwise from top left:**

**Anthony Santos** ('13), Deputy District Attorney, 4th Judicial District; Judge **J. Eric Elliff** ('87), Denver District Court, 2nd Judicial District; and **Stefanie Gaffigan** ('06), Public Defender, Adams County.

**Michael Connor** ('93), Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**Denver District Attorney's Office**

Back row left to right: **Ashley Beck** ('13), Deputy District Attorney; **Joe Morales** ('94), Chief Deputy District Attorney; **Henry Cooper III** ('87), Chief Deputy District Attorney; and **Mitch Morrissey**, Denver District Attorney. Front row left to right: **Jake Friedberg** ('11), Deputy District Attorney; **Lindsay VanGilder** ('09), Deputy District Attorney; and **Andrew Garnett** ('12), Deputy District Attorney.

The Honorable **Jay Breese**, The Honorable **Gary Jackson** ('70), The Honorable **Eric Elliff** ('87), The Honorable **Michael Bender** ('67), The Honorable **Claudia Jordan** ('80), and The Honorable Patrick Murphy.

**Elizabeth "Libby" Cook** ('82), Founder, President, and Director of Philanthropiece.







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