

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLORADO LAW'S FUTURE







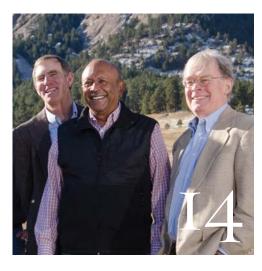
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# A WINNING STRATEGY



Dean Phil Weiser

For law students today, intelligent risk taking and entrepreneurship is the new name of the game.

t orientation this year, we asked every incoming student to read *The Start-up of You* (by LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman) and to watch the movie *Moneyball* in preparation for a small group discussion. In my discussion group, we had a great conversation about the need to think intelligently about what risks we take in our lives and to think of ourselves as entrepreneurs. For today's law school students, intelligent risk taking and entrepreneurship is the new name of the game. With the support of our strong network of alumni and community leaders, Colorado Law students can take smart risks and excel in a changing and challenging legal landscape.

For a long time, going to law school was positioned—incorrectly, I always thought—as a risk-free venture. In truth, any important decision we make in life is fraught with risk. For all of us, the challenge is to be aware of the relevant risks and make informed choices. When I chose law school, I knew that additional education would give me the tools I needed to grow as a professional and fit well with my interests in public policy and public service. To be sure, there was no guarantee that things would work out for me once I went down this path. I count myself as fortunate that this calculated risk paid off, with my path in the law continuing to be engaging and rewarding.

Today, Colorado Law students face a different set of risks than their predecessors who graduated even a decade ago. For starters, with declining state support the cost of attending Colorado Law is now about \$31,500 per year (for in-state tuition). Moreover, the job market is more challenging than it was several years ago, requiring our students to raise their game in terms of refining their portfolio of law school experiences and taking advantage of our top-notch professors and programs.

Recognizing the challenges our students face, and the need to develop opportunities to support their success, our Colorado Law community is coming together to support a **Campaign for Colorado Law's Future**. I am delighted to report that **Senator Hank Brown** ('69) and **Governor Bill Ritter** ('81) have agreed to join us as honorary cochairs. The members of our campaign committee, still in formation, are listed on page 25. Together we have set an ambitious goal of raising \$40 million in a "human capital" campaign that will support a vibrant future for the law school—just as the Wolf Law Building campaign provided us with important physical capital support.

Like Billy Beane in *Moneyball*, we believe that we have a winning strategy to distinguish Colorado Law. We identify, recruit, and develop talented law students who are smart (top 30 in GPA/LSAT performance), hard working (top 10 in hours studied per week), and unpretentious. We expose them to outstanding professors (top 30 in scholarly influence and with a 9.68:1 student-to-faculty ratio) and immerse them in cutting-edge programs—from our three centers to our experiential learning program to important writing opportunities on our journals and elsewhere. And we provide hands-on career development that is supported by our alumni and community.

To effectively implement our strategy, we need the support of our community more than ever before. As our campaign gets moving, we encourage you to consider how you can help, both by investing financially in our future and by engaging with our students. In this issue of Amicus, we talk about the four pillars of our Campaign for Colorado Law's Future: scholarships, loan repayment assistance, professorships, and our core programs. Our goal is to raise \$10 million to fortify each of these pillars.

As I wrap up my second year as dean, I feel we are off to a great start in preparing Colorado Law for a thriving future. But, to fully realize this goal, we need everyone's support. If you have questions about our campaign, or if you have ideas about how you can be a part of or improve our campaign, please feel free to call me at **303.492.3084** or email me at **phil.weiser@colorado.edu**.

# CAMPAIGN FOR COLORADO LAW'S FUTURE

olorado Law celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2012. Over the last 20 years, starting with Hal Bruff's deanship in the mid-1990s, the need for a new building was of paramount concern. Some of you may remember headlines warning that our inadequate facilities threatened our accreditation by the American Bar Association. Thanks to **Hal Bruff** and **David Getches**' leadership and the amazing generosity of the students of Colorado Law, the broader CU-Boulder campus, and our alumni, Colorado Law successfully financed and built the beautiful Wolf Law Building without support from the state of Colorado.

The state's declining financial support of Colorado Law is a very big part of why we need a new type of campaign—one focused on human capital in excellent students and faculty. To that end, Dean **Phil Weiser** is rolling out the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future—the law school's portion of the overall CU Creating Futures effort—to address our human capital needs. In short, these needs focus on scholarships and loan repayment, support for professorships, and investment in our programs.

Today's students face a far more challenging financial picture than those alumni who graduated just a decade ago. Where students entering law school in the 2000–01 school year paid only \$6,034 in tuition their first year, 1L students in 2012 paid \$31,495. The consequence of higher tuition rates at Colorado Law—and peer schools like the University of Washington Law School—is that students have higher levels of indebtedness. For example, 86 percent of the class of 2012 borrowed money to subsidize their education. Of those who borrowed, the median level of indebtedness was just over \$100,000.

The Colorado Law strategy for supporting our students' continued successes focuses on four pillars: (1) scholarships, (2) loan repayment assistance, (3) top professors who engage students and prepare them to be excellent and effective lawyers, and (4) programs that enrich our students' experience at Colorado Law and enrich our community. Over the next several years, it is vital that our alumni and friends come together to support our students and initiatives by investing in our human capital campaign. During that time, we intend to raise \$10 million for each of these critically important areas.

By raising money to finance scholarships, LRAP, professorships, and academic programs, Colorado Law will lay the human capital foundation necessary for a successful future. To accomplish this goal, we need to change the culture among many of our alumni who are not accustomed to investing philanthropically in Colorado Law. Last year, we reached a 15 percent rate of alumni giving—an important foundation on which to build. We still have a long way to go given that peer institutions like the University of Washington Law School are at a 25 percent giving rate. With an energized campaign committee, important goals for our community to reach, and an excellent development team led by **Mary Beth Searles** ('96), Colorado Law is well equipped to meet our human capital needs—just as we met our physical capital challenges years ago by financing and building the Wolf Law Building.

By Therese Kerfoot ('11)

Focused investments in excellent students and faculty build our strongest future.

Kevin Brown (13)



# Campaign for Colorado Law's Future

#### **Scholarships**

While law school applications were down nationwide in 2012, the quality and number of applicants to Colorado Law remained high. Each year, potential students continue to see Boulder and Colorado Law as an attractive place to develop their legal careers. While the quality of Colorado Law's education, faculty, and geographic location competes nationally with top 20 schools, we cannot financially compete with their scholarship offerings and frequently lose students to schools with larger scholarship endowments. Not only are we unable to provide top students with scholarships due to funding constraints, but we also risk pricing legal education out of the reach of many talented individuals.

By raising \$10 million for scholarship awards, we can invest in tomorrow's lawyers and do our best to make legal education as affordable as possible. Colorado Law is now working on bolstering our premier scholarships—such as the Barash Scholarship, named for **Dan Barash** ('02) and approaching \$750,000 (see story on page 6), and the David Getches Scholarship, established by **David Getches** before he passed away and just over \$684,000—and developing new ones.

#### Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Scholarships work on the front end to make Colorado Law more affordable for promising lawyers. After graduation, it is equally important that we invest in helping alumni who have significant levels of debt to pursue less lucrative careers in public service. Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is one important way of doing this. LRAP offers loan repayment awards for up to five years to qualifying graduates who are working in public service. Last year, awards of approximately \$6,500 each were given to eight Colorado Law alumni; unfortunately, our current LRAP fund is dwindling and is not capable of continuing to provide support at this level. To ensure that LRAP is able to support many more generations of Colorado Law alumni, the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future intends to create a \$10 million endowment. This will provide support to approximately 12 students from each graduating class, awarding them \$6,500 each year for five years. As discussed on page 11, John Schultz ('53) continues to be a leader in supporting LRAP, launching this important fundraising effort by committing \$2 million last fall.

#### **Professorships**

Colorado Law's faculty ranks among the very best in the nation. A recent survey of faculty scholarship and its impact placed us 28th nationally (right behind Emory and Washington University-St. Louis). This is a considerable accomplishment, especially because we are currently not able to pay our professors at the same level that professors receive elsewhere. Consider, for example, that some universities pay entry-level faculty more than we pay tenured faculty members. Even though many faculty members are happy to make less money in exchange for the privilege of working and living in Colorado (our "hometown discount"), we still need to enhance our support for key professorships if we hope to retain top-notch faculty.

#### **Academic Programs**

Over the years, Colorado Law has continued to build an array of world-class programs to support our students and serve the broader community. We support career development (including summer and post-graduate fellowships for public service) through the Schaden Experiential Learning Program, the William A. Wise Law Library, the Byron R. White Center, the Getches-Wilkinson Center, and the Silicon Flatirons Center. Our three centers help students find jobs in their interest areas. As with scholarships, loan repayments, and professorships, our programs need additional funding to continue to thrive.

## THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF LEGAL EDUCATION

**\$31,495** tuition for in-state students (all students)

**\$100,813** average debt for graduates who took out loans

**4%** percentage of Colorado Law's operating budget that comes from Colorado state funding

Challenging employment market for recent graduates

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# Colorado Law Action Plan

s Colorado Law looks toward the future, our core objectives remain simple: for Colorado Law to thrive. We must, at a minimum, continue to attract outstanding applicants, offer a high-value and affordable education to our students, and place students into satisfying jobs after graduation.



# Support the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future and we will:

- Bring the best and brightest students to Colorado Law
- Support public service careers for our graduates
- Attract and maintain our top faculty
- Accelerate the impact of our core programs

With your help, we can make our goals a reality.

## Vision

Maintain and improve Colorado Law as a nationally recognized innovator and the regional leader in the changing legal landscape based on the quality of our scholarship, teaching, and curriculum, all of which deliver a high value to, and serve, our students and our varied communities.

## Goals

- Provide our students with an excellent return on their investment—educating them and training them to be excellent legal professionals who can find, and thrive in, satisfying and gainful employment
- Maintain an engaged, diverse, and inclusive community of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who help and support one another as well as serve our varied communities
- Develop a sustainable financial model that weathers the continued falloff in state support while minimizing any future tuition increases
- Produce top scholarship and provide thought leadership that engages a variety of audiences, and addresses the contemporary issues of the profession and our varied communities
- Communicate that we are doing something special

# ATTRACTING THE MOST PROMISING LAWYERS

oing to law school is expensive. For Colorado Law students, the cost of attending law school has increased dramatically over the past decade due to decreases in state funding. In 2001, the total cost of tuition and fees for in-state Colorado Law students was \$6,034; by 2012, the total cost of tuition and fees was \$31,495. Importantly, declining state support for public law schools (and public universities more generally) is a nationwide trend.

Unsurprisingly, the impact of tuition increases on student borrowing is profound. For the class of 2012, 86 percent of its graduates took out loans to finance their legal education. Of those with loans, the average level of indebtedness was \$100,813—more than double the average debt reported for members of the class of 2001 with loans.

Before he passed away, former Dean **David Getches** recognized the challenges faced by our students and the need for our community to help current students finance their education. To that end, he established the Getches Scholarship Fund, which is now at \$684,303, has received support from 675 donors. As Dean Getches recognized, the new economic reality of attending law school makes scholarship giving more important than ever before.

For alumni who attended Colorado Law before the recent rise in tuition, they received—because of state support—an implicit scholarship in the form of lower tuition. Today's students have no such implicit scholarship and rely on the generosity of those who graduated before them to support scholarships like the Getches Scholarship. Such generosity not only reduces the economic burden faced by current students, but it also helps Colorado Law continue to attract the most talented individuals to carry on the Colorado Law legacy and to serve as Colorado's next generation of lawyers.



**Larry Martinez** ('82) and **Xakema Henderson** ('14) at the 2012 scholarship reception. Xakema is a recent recipient of the Berenbaum Weinshienk Scholarship.

While easing the huge financial burden faced by current Colorado Law students is the primary benefit of scholarship giving, there are many non-economic benefits that flow to scholarship recipients and underscore the vital importance of investing in Colorado Law. As **David Bennett** ('13) explained, "When alumni partner with me through their scholarship giving, I feel empowered and supported in the pursuit of my career goals." Echoing this sentiment, **Ashley Beck** ('13) felt that receiving a scholarship gave her an invaluable confidence boost. "When I received a scholarship, it felt great," Beck said. "Just knowing that someone saw something in me—that they think I can make something of myself—gave me courage to pursue more competitive job opportunities."

Scholarships are an important investment in Colorado Law's long-term success. In addition to helping Colorado Law support current students and attract the most promising future lawyers, a robust tradition of scholarship giving fosters a culture of paying it forward—where all Colorado Law alumni support those who come after them.

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#### **ANNUAL COSTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Tuition	\$31,000+	
Median Scholarship	\$8,000	
65% of current students scholarship funds	s receive	
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The new economic reality of attending law school makes scholarship giving more important than ever before.

#### **GRADUATE DEBT**

\$86,237	Average debt of class of 2012 (all students)
\$100,813	Average debt of class of 2012 (those who borrowed)
86%	2012 graduates who borrowed
25%	2012 graduates who borrowed > \$128,543



I can honestly say I would not be here today without the scholarships I received.

# How I Discovered Colorado Law Surbhi Garg ('13)

was born in India, moved to Australia when I was five, and then moved to Chicago when I was nine. After graduating from Naperville North High School, I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. When I decided that I wanted to attend law school rather than medical school, I thought my parents were going to be very disappointed. Instead, my parents explained that they wanted me to be successful at whatever career would make me happy. But they were also worried for me if I pursued law. They knew nothing about the profession, what it involves, or how to help me if I needed them. They perceived law as a field where knowing the right people makes all the difference, and they did not know anyone.

Despite their trepidations, I decided that law was the right path for me and I began applying to law schools. Not knowing how to decide where to apply, I applied to every school that sent me a fee waiver, had the programs I was interested in, and was in the top 100 according to U.S. News & World Report rankings—clearly not the most scientific method. When I received my acceptance from Colorado Law, I was not sure what to think. I had never been to Colorado, nor had I heard much about it. But, Colorado Law offered me a wonderful scholarship package that was too great to pass up without at least visiting the school. One visit was all it took. After driving up to the mountains, seeing the school, and meeting current students, I knew Colorado Law was the right place for me. I can honestly say I would not be here today without the scholarships I received.

These scholarships have given me tremendous opportunities. Having a lightened financial burden, I have been much more involved in the law school than I might have been otherwise; I am a class officer and president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and I have participated in four moot court competitions. It means so much to me—as someone with no ties to the legal community prior to law school—to have the opportunities my scholarships have given me.

# WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS MEAN TO ME Ari Stiller-Shulman ('13)

can largely trace my decision to attend law school back to one salient conversation I had with my former boss, Chris Romer, in 2008. At the time, Romer was a state senator in Colorado's legislature and I was working as his legislative aide.

Chris told me that, in his experience, there are certain life decisions that open doors for you, that give you more choices and opportunities. Law school, he said, was one of those door-opening decisions. I resolved to go to law school and, several years later, I was accepted into my first-choice school—Colorado Law.

Although I was grateful to be in law school, I feared that my mounting debt would realistically leave only one door open to me—the door with the highest-paying job behind it. For a time, feeling such acute financial pressure seemed to cloud everything.

Thankfully, I received some extremely generous scholarships, including one scholarship that covers the full cost of attendance during my 3L year. Due to those awards, financial pressure is no longer preventing me from exploring the whole range of career options that are available to me. In fact, since learning of my scholarships, I have started looking seriously into working in the nonprofit or government sectors after I graduate. More than that, thanks to scholarships, I am free to make big post-law-school life decisions—like starting a family—without feeling like my law school debt is the determining factor.

Motivated by my gratitude, and as part of my role as class president, I am now leading an effort to get current students to give back to Colorado Law by contributing to the school's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). With leadership from our other class officers and LRAP student leaders, we are on our way to achieving our goal of getting over 100 students to give to LRAP by the end of the year. Through that experience, I have learned that our generous alumni inspire current Colorado Law students to give back what they can, even while they are still in school.



Generous alumni inspire current Colorado Law students to give back what they can, even while they are still in school.

## A LASTING LEGACY

he Colorado Law community has a long and proud tradition of "paying it forward," or investing in the lives of others with the belief that the people they help will one day do the same. When he came to Colorado Law in 1999, **Dan Barash** ('02) was interested in becoming a prosecutor. During law school, Dan became involved in the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Wrongful Convictions Clinic of the Legal Aid and Defender Program, and gradually came to the conclusion that he wanted to devote his legal career to serving the poor and underrepresented. Dan loved Colorado; after graduation he became a deputy public defender in El Paso County, where he worked for nearly two years before his untimely death at age 30.

While his career in public service was cut short, Dan's legacy was only just beginning. To honor Dan's commitment to the rights of the underserved, his family established the Dan Barash Scholarship Fund in 2004, with the goal of helping to support law students in Colorado Law's Legal Aid and Defender Program who intended to become public defenders. The first scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded in 2005, but the family had high hopes of growing the fund to one day support two or more scholarship per year. Dan's father, Paul, writes personal notes on every letter that is mailed, and his brothers Dave and Jed follow up with personal thank you notes to each contributor. Their message is simple: Help us continue Dan's legacy of "paying it forward."

The Barash family's commitment is helping in an amazing way: This year, the Dan Barash Scholarship awarded two Colorado Law students with \$14,000 each. Since its inception, the fund has grown to an endowment approaching \$750,000—with contributions from more than 1,000 donors. Incredibly, more than \$100,000 has been awarded to students who are committed to following Dan's path of service as public defenders. As Dan's brother David said, "The scholarship is changing lives; for these students, it helps make being a public defender a financially viable career option."

Over Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in November 2012, David hosted a dinner for 10 of the 15 total recipients of the Barash Scholarship, many of whom he has corresponded with over the years. "It was wonderful to hear how they are carrying on Dan's legacy," Barash said. "I can hear their passion, their energy for serving those in need." David also met with Dan's classmates from the class of 2002, who chose to honor Dan at their reunion by contributing to the scholarship fund as a class. "I can see why Dan had so many friends at Colorado Law, and why so many of them have supported the scholarship," David remarked. "They're just good folks, and we had a great time sharing our stories and memories of Dan." In support of the class of 2002's fundraising effort, both the Barash family and CU Chancellor **Phil DiStefano** provided matching gifts to the scholarship in recognition of the class hitting a 20 percent participation rate.

For more information on the Dan Barash Scholarship, please contact Marilyn Moses at marilyn.moses@cufund.org.

By Nathan Miller ('14)

The Barash scholarship is changing lives: it helps make being a public defender a financially viable career option.

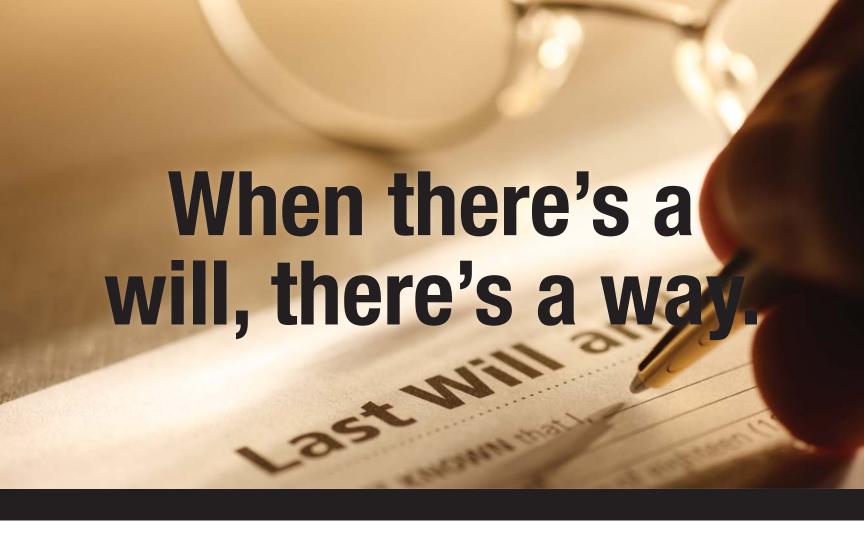


#### Barash Scholarship winners:

Bottom left to right: Yona Porat (12), Jodie Hoke (12), Abby Kurtz-Phelan (13), and Jake Taufer (12).

Second row: Kielly Dunn ('08), Katie Telfer ('10), Lucy Ohanian ('07), Beale Tejada ('12), and Katherine Spengler ('02).

Third row: Professor Pat Furman ('80), David Barash (Dan's brother), Stephen Edwards ('10), and Melanie Gavisk ('09).



# dream big

Your will may be your way to nourish promising, legal minds. Support the leaders of tomorrow who will solve problems, serve the community, and pursue justice.

## make a difference

So dream big. Support your passion, leave your imprint on the University of Colorado Law School and **make an enormous difference in shaping the next generation of lawyers** with a bequest.

# support your passion

To find out how easy it is to make a gift through your will, obtain sample bequest language, or learn about other planned giving options, contact Gift Planning at **303.541.1335** or **planned.gifts@cufund.org.** 





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**A. Tyrone Glover, Jr.** ('09) Deputy State Public Defender

Colorado Law's commitment to me helps me to better represent my clients.

## I Do Not Walk Alone

## A. Tyrone Glover Jr. ('09)

became a public defender because of a promise. A promise manifested in the Sixth Amendment to the United States and Colorado Constitutions. A promise embodied in the 1963 Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainwright*. A promise that no matter what, you are entitled to effective assistance of counsel, due process, and zealous legal representation.

I have always taken our nation's promises very seriously. In the 1960s and 1970s, my parents and grandparents fought for this country to honor the promises made in its Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments. Living in the South, they tussled in the trenches of Jim Crow to desegregate schools, to empower indigent black communities, and to ensure access to the American dream for all citizens.

Today, I can only hope that I am doing my part to carry on my family's legacy as a public defender representing indigent people. The number of prisoners in state and federal prisons has increased by 700 percent in the last 30 years. Three-quarters of state defendants are poor. And while black men make up only 6 percent of the U.S. population, they comprise over 50 percent of the prison population. Without resolute counsel, the poor will continue to be our nation's most oppressed population. The need for devoted public defenders is greater than ever.

From the second I watched my first opening statement, I knew I wanted to be a trial lawyer. Nothing in my professional career has matched the exhilaration of being in court and in front of a jury. The adversarial process, when allowed to unfold, is truly the greatest safeguard against injustice that our system offers. To be on the front lines of such an important fight is very fulfilling.

Often, the biggest obstacle I face as a public defender is gaining the trust of my clients. My clients did not select me to be their lawyer. Instead, I was assigned to them by the court—by the very judge who may ultimately be sending them to prison should they be found guilty. Often my clients are detained—locked away from their friends and family—and facing lengthy sentences. Convincing my clients that I will advocate for them as zealously as someone they would pay can be difficult. That is why I believe it is of paramount importance to communicate, at the outset, that I will stand by their sides; that I "have their backs."

In the same way I communicate to a client that I have his back, my alma mater Colorado Law communicates to me, through the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), that it has my back. It is Colorado Law's commitment to me that helps me better represent my clients. It lets me know that the work I do is valuable and that my law school recognizes the inherent importance of the career I have chosen.

Public defender work is often very demanding. The deck is stacked against people accused of crimes. The opposing party has better resources. Your client is often stuck in jail. The process of uncovering and unraveling the truth is exacting on many levels. Colorado Law, through LRAP, has demonstrated to me that it not only appreciates the work I do, but that it is willing to show that appreciation through financial support.

My LRAP award has made a positive impact on my career. It also reminds me that Colorado Law is dedicated to making a career as a public defender a real option for me and other graduates. I am thankful every day that I am able to do this work. Moreover, I am thankful that my law school stands in my corner and shows its support. The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. often proclaimed that "the arc of the moral universe is long but bends towards justice." The LRAP award is a reminder to me that while that arc is long, I do not walk it alone.

# SUPPORTING ALUMNI IN PUBLIC SERVICE

olorado Law alumnus **John Schultz** graduated in 1953 without debt, having worked his entire way through undergraduate and law school. Times, however, have changed. Working and going to law school are no longer compatible items and John is aware of that. That is why in September, 2012 he announced his decision to endow Colorado Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) with a \$2 million contribution. This donation marks the largest single contribution to LRAP in the program's history.

John has a deep connection to Colorado Law and to the entire University of Colorado community. He graduated from CU Boulder with a degree in economics and political science in 1951 and two years later received his LLB, later converted to a JD from Colorado Law. His late wife, Cynthia Schultz, worked in various capacities at CU for over 25 years, principally as an administrative assistant to four successive chancellors and a provost. In addition to this LRAP contribution, the couple has generously supported Colorado Law for many years through scholarships, capital contributions and an endowed lecture series.



John Schultz ('53)

When asked about the reason for his most recent LRAP contribution, he said he recognizes the growing difficulty students face in paying back their loans, and he knows he would not have been able to pay off debt with the amount of money he made in his early years after graduation.

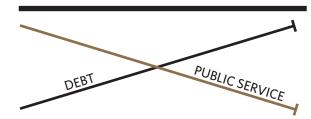
Indeed, with the cost of attendance rising at law schools around the nation, students are taking out more loans than ever to finance their legal educations. According to a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research, a graduate with an extra \$10,000 in debt is six percent less likely to choose a public service career. For many, the heavy loan burden means forgoing a public service career in order to pursue more lucrative opportunities in the private sector.

LRAP combats that trend. By helping graduates who work in the nonprofit and government sectors pay off their student loans, the program encourages more public interest work among Colorado Law alumni, and it boosts the school's commitment to serving the needs of disadvantaged clients. In John's view, the program's benefits can be seen most sharply in Colorado's small towns.

He notes that right now, you cannot make enough money in a small town to pay off your indebtedness and enjoy a reasonable standard of living. Anything that helps students to practice in a small town as private practitioners, as public defenders or any other local government position is beneficial for all concerned.

John first started donating to LRAP with the encouragement of Colorado Law's late Dean **David Getches** both of whom thought the concept of the LRAP was a sound idea. "David suggested that the LRAP was a good way to move on from the already generously endowed scholarships, and I reasoned that LRAP was really a continuation of scholarships. Scholar-

# CORRELATION BETWEEN STUDENT DEBT AND CHOICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER



For each \$10,000 in debt, graduates are 6% less likely to choose a public service career.\*

ships are awarded when a student is in school and the LRAP assists them after they graduate."

Initially John supported LRAP by matching student donations to the program. Every year the third year class officers lead a campaign to encourage their classmates to forego a refund of the deposits they pay when they confirm their intention to attend Colorado Law, and instead donate those deposits to LRAP. John has been matching those donations for the last two years and plans to continue doing same in future years. Those students who have foregone their deposits are now members of The Rutledge Society, the society founded by Dean **Phil Weiser** to honor such student donors. The first donation of the students and match thereof amounted to \$6,000. With Dean Weiser's encouragement, the graduating class of 2012 contributed \$20,000, which was matched and resulted in a combined contribution of \$40,000.

After consultation with Dean Weiser, John decided that the next logical step was to do more to increase the impact of the LRAP concept. Accordingly, the dean and John jointly announced the \$2 million dollar contribution to a group of Colorado Law donors and student honorees at the 2012 Scholarship Recognition Reception last September.

John hopes his major contribution will encourage other potential donors to help create a long term, sustainable loan repayment program at Colorado Law. "I wanted to make the fund large enough so it will have a significant impact as soon as possible. I hope an endowment of this size will attract contributions from other sources."

This \$2 million contribution becomes the first major contribution toward a campaign to endow a \$10 million LRAP fund, which will support approximately 12 students from each graduating class with \$6,500 awards each year for five years.

<sup>\*</sup>Study by the National Bureau of Economic Research

# THE VALUE OF PROFESSORSHIPS

s part of a larger effort to invest in the human capital of Colorado Law, Dean **Phil Weiser** has focused on the importance of endowing professorships. "The core product we offer our students is a learning environment that is shaped by our professors. Attracting and retaining great professors is essential for us to continue thriving as a law school community," Weiser said. "In the competitive marketplace that we find ourselves in, we cannot take for granted that we will attract and keep the best and brightest just because Colorado is a great place to live. With declining support from the state, private support for professorships is more important than ever."

Weiser's focus on professorships led to the creation of three new professorships during his first year as dean of Colorado Law. These three new professorships include the Dale Hatfield Professorship in Technology and Law, the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Professorship, and the endowing of the Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic.

Other professorships at Colorado Law include the Schaden Chair and the DeMuth Chair. The Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning, a recently endowed position at Colorado Law, seeks to link theory and practice in a sustained, thoughtful, and productive way. The endowment for the Schaden chair was funded by **Richard F**. and **Rick E**. **Schaden**. The Schaden Experiential Program oversees Colorado Law's extensive externship offerings as well as the public service pledge program and the mock trial and ap-

By Madelaine Major (12)

pellate moot court competition programs. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Helen Norton** feels that the Schaden Chair is integral for fulfilling the law school's mission. "The Schaden Program gives greater coherence to our entire curriculum and fulfills the school's mission of providing a well-rounded learning experience by encouraging innovative approaches to teaching, and building connections between faculty involved in experiential education and those involved in traditional classroom teaching."

The DeMuth Chair was founded by Laurence W. DeMuth Jr., along with his brothers Lael S. DeMuth and Alan C. DeMuth, to honor their father's legacy. DeMuth believes that it is important that professors are adequately compensated so that they can focus on the important work of training the next generation of lawyers. "A professor reminds people that the individual freedoms we enjoy in America are predicated on the rule of law. Law schools are the cornerstone of making sure that people understand the rule of law; good professors and good students promote that rule of law."

The development of professorships at Colorado Law is vital to attracting and retaining talented faculty. The focus on professorships as part of the Campaign for Colorado Law will ensure that Colorado Law has professors who make an impact for years to come.



Jason Mendelson and Brad Bernthal ('01) (left to right).

## New Professorship for Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

Thanks to a banner year in fundraising, Colorado Law added several new permanent professorships in 2012, including an endowed position in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic. The clinic provides students at Colorado Law with unique, practical experience in transactional law while simultaneously offering valuable legal services free of charge to local businesses that lack access to venture capital or angel investor resources. The clinic's clients include graduate students, professors, local entrepreneurs, and startup companies. Third-year Colorado Law students staff the clinic during the academic year under the joint supervision of a full-time clinician, Associate Professor **Brad Bernthal** ('01), and experienced attorneys from top law firms in Boulder and Denver. Until this year, however, the clinical professorship was not a permanent faculty position.

The campaign for the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Professorship was led by **Jason Mendelson**, co-founder and managing director of Foundry Group, a Boulder-based venture capital firm that focuses on technology-related startups. Mendelson, an adjunct professor who teaches the venture capital course at Colorado Law, seized the opportunity to secure a permanent professorship position by securing \$1 million in gifts and pledges. "I am truly

By Nathan Miller ('14)

amazed by the community's support of the entrepreneurial professorship," said Mendelson. "It proves that the work being done at Colorado Law is relevant to professors, students, and the community in general because it raises the transactional intelligence and collaboration between them all."

With the endowment target met, CU-Boulder Chancellor **Phil DiStefano** provided the law school with a permanent position, which Dean Phil Weiser is using to keep Bernthal on the roster at Colorado Law. Bernthal also teaches courses on telecom policy, spectrum management, and entrepreneurial finance.

"I am enormously appreciative of the leadership of Jason Mendelson, who served as a champion for the professorship and for the people who have supported the effort. These are people who invest in people," said Bernthal. For more information on the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, please contact Brad Bernthal at brad.bernthal@colorado.edu.

# HATFIELD ENDOWS TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PROFESSORSHIP

he challenge with speaking about Dale's professorship is finding the right words to state how powerfully you feel about Dale's work and the contributions he's made to the public interest." This is how Associate Professor **Brad Bernthal** ('01) described his thoughts on the Dale Hatfield Professorship, made possible by **Dale** Hatfield's generous scholarly and financial contributions.

The endowment will support a professor in the area of law and technology who is affiliated with the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. Hatfield's vision for the professorship is to ensure that the law school continues to focus on developing interdisciplinary scholarship. "Decisions are better when you have people in different disciplines working together. The complex problems we face today, such as privacy, have not only technical issues but legal and social issues as well," Hatfield explained.

Hatfield also has a strong desire to help Dean **Phil Weiser** carry out the goals for the law school and for the Silicon Flatirons Center. "I wanted to do something that would sustain what Phil Weiser has started with Silicon Flatirons and the law school. I had always hoped to be able to endow a permanent faculty position. It's tough for faculty to always try to raise money. Having an endowment gives them the freedom to do what is right and provides resources they need to do their research."

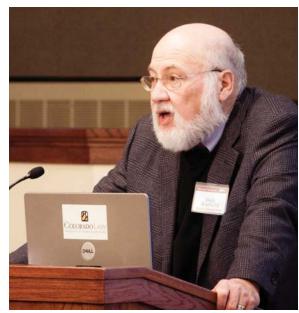
Hatfield's son, Stephen, spoke of the passion and commitment Hatfield feels about education. "Education has been so important to him throughout his career, and taking this step ensures that good students who want to serve the public interest will have access to experienced faculty." Bernthal echoed Stephen's sentiment that the professorship will ensure continued commitment to Hatfield's interests. "Having a professor position that is dedicated to technology policy and interdisciplinary work is a big win for Colorado Law long term because it takes the model that Dale has provided and institutionalizes it so that we will be able to have someone in that role going forward."

In addition to providing stability for the type of interdisciplinary scholarship championed by Hatfield, the Dale Hatfield Professorship acts as a tribute to Hatfield's many contributions to Colorado Law. Weiser said, "Dale is an inspiration. He represents scholarship, intellectually honest public policy discourse, and a deep concern for getting it right. For today's students to have access to a professor who embodies those traits is a gift that will keep on giving; it will distinguish Colorado Law and will contribute to the development of sound national and international technology policy."

Hatfield's friend and longtime colleague, Anne Bingaman, former attorney general of the Department of Justice, expressed her hope that "the person who is named to hold this professorship combines Dale's technical knowledge and expertise with his devotion to public policy. As Dale has, they should be willing to work with officials in government agencies grappling with developing correct policies and carrying them out."

Hatfield trusts that his contribution will help Colorado Law thrive in the future. "I feel very fortunate to live in this country and have a chance to succeed. I owe so much to CU. I wanted to teach all my life and CU gave me the opportunity to teach in an interdisciplinary field that I truly believe in. It feels wonderful to give back."

By Madelaine Maior ('12)



**Dale Hatfield** 

Having a professorship dedicated to technology policy and interdisciplinary work is a big win for Colorado Law.

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

In June 2011, as Colorado Law's Natural Resources Law Center approached its 30th anniversary, Dean **David Getches** proposed a planning process to elevate the center that he co-founded and to spark the law school's next phase of leadership in the areas of natural resources, energy, and environmental law. David recognized that the fields in which the center had made its mark—Western water, public land management, oil and gas, and mining law—had expanded, diversified, and grown more complex. At the same time, he knew that the center should both benefit from and support the broader expertise of Colorado Law's new generation of outstanding faculty experts in these fields, including **William Boyd**, **Lakshman Guruswamy**, **Sarah Krakoff**, **Michael Soules**, **Mark Squillace** (who also served effectively as the executive director of the NRLC over the last several years), and his longstanding collaborator, **Charles Wilkinson**.

Unfortunately, David passed before he could see to fruition his plans for a next generation of the center. As the faculty worked together to develop an enhanced mission for the center, I considered what name would be most appropriate. After discussing the issue with the faculty, Ann Getches (David's widow), and others, it became clear that we should honor both David Getches and Charles Wilkinson. The two were professional partners, the closest of friends, and collaborators since the early 1970s. In addition, both have been giant contributors not only to these fields of law and policy, but also to Colorado Law.



Charles Wilkinson and Brad Udall (left to right).

In addition to renaming the center, we also embarked on a nationwide search to find a new director for the center. In our national search, we found our ideal candidate in our own backyard. **Brad Udall**, director and principal investigator at the CU-Boulder–NOAA Western Water Assessment, brings a very successful career in natural resources policy to the helm of the Getches-Wilkinson Center.

As we inaugurate the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment, we are embarking on an ambitious agenda that builds on our status as thought leaders by convening high-level conferences, engaging more effectively with a broad set of stakeholders, continuing to attract top-quality scholars and teachers, and inspiring—and being inspired by—our students.

By Phil Weiser, Dean

Serving the people of the American West, the nation, and the world through creative, interdisciplinary research, bold, inclusive teaching, and innovative problem solving in order to further true sustainability for our lands, waters, and environment.

# A 21ST CENTURY INSTITUTION FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

By Charles Wilkinson
Distinguished Professor,
Moses Lasky Professor of Law,
and Chair of the Center's Board

he law school has long been known for its excellence in, and commitment to, the field of natural resources law. For the past 30 years, the Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC) has been a research and outreach leader in this important field. In more recent years, the law school also has developed several robust programs in environmental, Indian, energy, and international law outside of the NRLC organizational framework.

For example, Colorado Law's Center for Energy and Environmental Security has successfully engaged communities around the world to bring appropriate sustainable energy technologies to some of the one-third of the world's population that survive with little or no access to beneficial energy for cooking, heating, water sanitation, illumination, transportation, or basic mechanical needs. The Energy Innovation Initiative brings together leaders from government, law, finance, industry, and academia to develop innovative approaches to our energy security and sustainability challenges across a range of sectors. In addition, our faculty, research fellows, and students have been supporting tribal environmental and natural resources managers with research and assistance in their important efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

The Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment will be grounded in the successful legacies of both the NRLC and our other existing programs. But it will be driven by a broader agenda and our aspirations for deeper influence by producing high-quality and impactful research to help identify and solve natural resources, energy, and environmental challenges. We will improve our coordination and collaboration with students, scholars, attorneys, members of nonprofit organizations, tribal leaders, members of the scientific communities, business leaders, representatives of governments at all levels, and the general public to address important, complex issues in these fields. In that spirit, we will continue and expand our traditional role as a valued convener.

Our commitments and ambitions are captured in the center's mission statement:

Serving the people of the American West, the nation, and the world through creative, interdisciplinary research, bold, inclusive teaching, and innovative problem solving in order to further true sustainability for our lands, waters, and environment.

With these words as our guide and a new organization to enable us, the Getches-Wilkinson Center will forge new paths on the frontiers of natural resources, energy, and environmental law and policy through research, education, and convening.

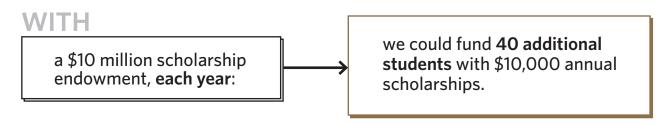
Getches-Wilkinson Center Faculty and Staff



# WHAT WE COULD DO WITH THE CAMPAIGN FOR COLORADO LAW'S FUTURE

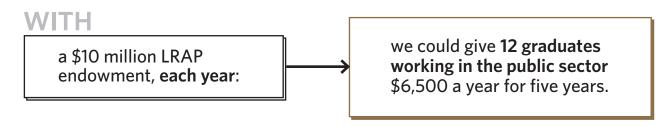
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Bringing the best and brightest students to Colorado Law



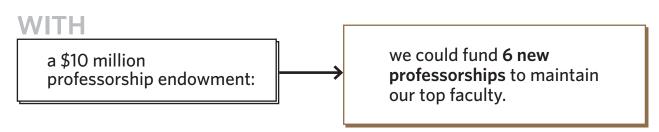
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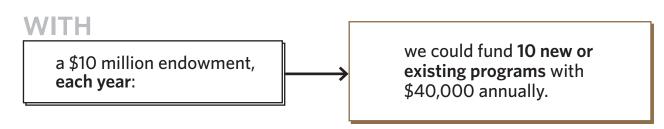
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With your help, we can make our goals a reality.

# Invest in Colorado Law to Invest in Colorado



olorado Law is good for Colorado. You may think that we are biased because we are both Colorado Law alumni; however, we both also have experience in what is good for our state.

Colorado Law brings high-caliber students to our state to pursue their legal studies. The class of 2015 arrived this fall with an impressive median LSAT score of 164 and a median GPA of 3.65, placing it in the 90th percentile for students entering law school nationwide. These students came to Colorado from 32 states and 86 colleges and universities. History shows that as many as 80 percent of them will stay and pursue careers in Colorado, raising the quality of our businesses, enhancing our governmental operations, and enriching our communities.

Colorado Law graduates make up a significant portion of our state's business, government, and judicial leaders. Colorado Law grads are now CEOs at Colorado companies, managing partners at major law firms, and justices serving on the Colorado Supreme Court (including its chief justice). Colorado Law has produced two of Colorado's last four governors, our current attorney general, as well as numerous state and federal leaders. Right now there are more than 36 Colorado Law graduates on the bench in Colorado.

Colorado Law raises the level of legal scholarship in our state, pushing the boundaries of theory, doctrine, and practice. Its nine clinics and three cen-

ters enable exceptional education, research, and advancement in areas ranging from constitutional law to entrepreneurship, from natural resources and energy law to legal advocacy for children, and from intellectual property policy to American Indian law. To give you an idea of how Colorado Law contributes to our community, consider that, over the last year, Colorado Law provided continuing legal education by bringing students, practitioners, and scholars to Boulder for 117 conferences and symposiums; and hosted an impressive array of industry leaders and renowned individuals, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

In the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future, we are working to raise \$40 million to continue Colorado Law's tradition of excellence. This money will support student scholarships that will bring the best and brightest students to Colorado. It will support Colorado Law's loan repayment assistance program, which will enable graduates to continue to pursue careers in public service to our state despite debt. It will support the outstanding faculty and programs that make Colorado Law a regional and national thought leader.

When Dean **Phil Weiser** approached us about being honorary co-chairs of the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future, we said yes immediately because we know that Colorado Law is good for Colorado.

Please join us in investing in our state's future by supporting Colorado Law.

#### Hank Brown

Former United States Senator Colorado Law ('69)

#### **Bill Ritter**

Former Colorado Governor Colorado Law ('81)

# SILICON FLATIRONS CENTER FOR LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Dean Phil Weiser, Vint Cerf, Edward Felton, Jack Waters, and Dan Reed. (left to right).

# "This is the Davos of telecommunications conferences."

o said Vint Cerf, vice president and chief Internet evangelist of Google, and the "Father of the Internet," in February 2012 about Silicon Flatirons Center's annual Digital Broadband Migration Conference. Davos is host of the World Economic Forum. Cerf's comparison highlights the fact that Colorado Law's Silicon Flatirons Center convenes the leading discussions around technology policy.

Since its founding in 2000, Silicon Flatirons has filled an important role in technology policy, expanding from a base in telecom and Internet policy to covering a range of information policy issues (from intellectual property to privacy to cybersecurity). Additionally, the center plays a leading role in entrepreneurship. Through the work of its affiliated fellows and students, as well as its host of annual conferences, roundtable discussions, and forums, Silicon Flatirons influences law and policy in these fields.

Telecom policy, the subject of Silicon Flatirons' first-ever conference and its flagship Digital Broadband Migration Conference held every February, remains an important area of research and provides employment opportunities for Colorado Law students and alumni. Each year, Silicon Flatirons draws top federal government officials, influential academics, and leaders of international telecom and technology companies to Colorado Law to discuss and tackle pressing information and communnication technology issues. At the yearly Digital Broadband Migration

#### By Therese Kerfoot ('11)

Conference, for example, the chairmen of the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, as well as the CEOs of AT&T and Time Warner Cable, have come to speak in recent years. Students and community members attending the discussions benefit both from learning about these important issues and from meeting influential industry leaders.

Under the leadership of Associate Professor **Brad Bernthal** ('01), Silicon Flatirons serves as a catalyst for entrepreneurship across the University of Colorado Boulder campus, as well as throughout the larger regional entrepreneurial ecosystem. *The New York Times* recognized Silicon Flatirons' role as a nerve center that ensures that entrepreneurial "veterans cross paths with young entrepreneurs" through the wide variety of events and services. In the 2011–12 academic year, the entrepreneurship initiative held more than 48 public-facing events that attracted over 6,600 attendees. The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, also supported by Silicon Flatirons, provided free transactional legal services to 16 startup clients.

With so many interesting and unique developments in technology policy and entrepreneurship, the flurry of activity led by Silicon Flatirons is enriching the intellectual and professional lives of students, the Colorado community, and thought leaders across the nation.

# LEARNING THROUGH ACTION

ne of the first schools in the nation to establish a legal aid and defender clinic, Colorado Law has a strong experiential learning tradition. In the 60 years since Colorado Law first began incorporating experiential learning opportunities into its curriculum, nine legal clinics, a robust externship program, the Public Service Pledge, and a variety of trial and appellate competitions have emerged.

Determined to strengthen and expand this important Colorado Law tradition, Professor Marianne "Mimi" Wesson has made several innovative changes to the experiential learning program since she was appointed the Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning in March 2011. The Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning was funded by a \$5 million endowment from Richard F. and Rick E. Schaden and was designed to enhance Colorado Law's clinical programs, externships, appellate and moot court competitions, and other voluntary probono work.

Recognizing the immense talent that Colorado Law students possess, Professor Wesson revamped the competition structure to create capstone opportunities—which offer prize money and course credits—for Colorado Law's most skilled trial and appellate advocates. "My goal was to create a new tradition," Wesson explained. "Instead of always sending our most accomplished students to competitions outside of Colorado, I wanted to find ways to showcase them inside our own building, in front of our community."

Pursuant to Wesson's vision, the Carrigan Cup Competition, which was previously used to select teams to compete in external competitions, is now the capstone mock trial event reserved for 3L students who have proven to be exceptional. This year's Carrigan Cup competitors—Jonathan Greenlee, Teresa Souto, Kevin Brown, and Jack Eichors—argued in front of U.S. District Court Judge Christine Arguello, Colorado Supreme Court Justice Brian Boatright, and CU Regent Michael Carrigan ('94) on October 30, 2012.

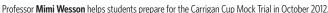
Similarly, the Rothgerber Competition has been transformed into the capstone moot court event for select 3L students. Formerly a re-enacted performance at Colorado Law of a problem from an external moot court competition, the Rothgerber Competition now features

By Laura McNabb ('12)

"I wanted to find ways to showcase our most accomplished students in front of our community."

a brand new problem. This year's competitors argued on February 25, 2013, in front of an extraordinary panel of federal appellate court judges, including Judge Paul Watford (Ninth Circuit), Judge Alex Kozinski (Ninth Circuit), and Judge Diane Wood (Seventh Circuit).

In addition to instituting structural changes to the competitions, Wesson has also created opportunities for 1L students to engage in experiential learning through ungraded courtroom observation electives. Noting that courtrooms are astonishing legal resources, Wesson explained that "courtroom observation coupled with thoughtful theoretical legal education is uniquely suited for first-year students and is one of the best ways to learn what it means to be a lawyer." By enabling 1L students to experience the law from a different perspective, Wesson hopes that these electives will function as a gateway to other experiential learning programs.





# White Center Brings Constitutional Law to Colorado

The **Byron R. White Center** for the Study of American Constitutional Law was founded in 1990 through the generous bequest of Colorado Law alumnus **Ira C. Rothgerber** ('35). The White Center's mission is to support excellence in legal scholarship, to expand public Constitutional literacy, and to offer educational programming on the Constitution that serves Colorado's public school students and teachers.

Professor **Melissa Hart**, director of the White Center since 2010, has vastly expanded the center's visibility by instituting three new public outreach efforts.

Through the Stevens Lecture, a well-known jurist visits Colorado Law every year. The inaugural lecture was delivered in 2011 by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg delivered the 2012 lecture to a live audience of over 1,000 people and to satellite audiences at Wolf Law, Colorado College, Fort Lewis College, and Colorado Mesa University. The next lecture will be delivered by former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on September 17, 2013.

The Colorado Law Constitution Day Project (see story on page 22) launched in September 2011, enabling Colorado Law students to visit more than 65 high school classrooms and teach a lesson about the First Amendment. This year, the project almost doubled in size as more than 110 volunteers presented a lesson on the Fourth Amendment at more than 100 high school classrooms around the state.

Through the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy 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 Wolf Law each spring.

By Laura McNabb ('12)

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Bryan Ruiz, high school student at York International School, makes an argument at the Marshall-Brennan Moot Court Competition in February 2013.





#### **Udall Appointed Director of Getches-Wilkinson Center**

Colorado Law is delighted to announce **Brad Udall** as the new director of the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment. Previously, Udall was the director of the CU-Boulder/NOAA Western Water Assessment. He brings a successful career in natural resources policy to the helm of the Getches-Wilkinson Center. Udall has worked closely with the Natural Resources Law Center over the years, sponsoring work by the center and speaking at the center's annual conference on numerous occasions. He has held a research faculty position for over 10 years at CU's Cooperative Institute for Research in the Environmental Sciences. Udall has also served on NGO boards including the Parkinson's Action Network and the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts. In addition, he has served as an executive director with the Eagle Valley Land Trust. Udall has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications on water management and climate change.

#### Schlag Named Distinguished Professor

Pierre Schlag, Byron R. White Professor of Law, was named a distinguished professor, the university's most prestigious honor for faculty. Schlag's legal scholarship is known internationally and has been translated into French, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. His work inspired a 2003 University of Miami Law School symposium, "Beyond Right and Reason: Pierre Schlag, the Critique of Normativity and the Enchantment of Reason." Schlag has published four books since he began teaching at Colorado Law. In addition, he has written more than 35 law review articles as well as numerous review essays, book reviews, and shorter publications. Since 1977, when CU-Boulder began honoring its most distinguished professors, 77 professors have received the distinction.





#### Rosen Felder Joins Legal Writing Faculty

Colorado Law is pleased to welcome **Corie Rosen Felder** to Colorado Law's legal writing faculty. Professor Rosen Felder joins us from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, where she was a professor of academic theory and director of the academic support program. At UCLA, Rosen Felder was a teaching fellow in constitutional law and contracts and one of the first graduates of UCLA's entertainment law and media policy program. She spent time at Fox Cable Sports and the Yari film group, where she worked on the Academy Award-winning film, *Crash*. In 2011, the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning recognized her article, *Creating the Optimistic Classroom*, as one of the year's best pieces on legal pedagogy.

#### Registrar Gibbons Retires

Colorado Law said goodbye to beloved registrar, **Cindy Gibbons**, in January 2013. Gibbons began her career at Colorado Law in 1987, working in the Admissions Office. In her role as registrar, Gibbons received the Leggate Humanitarian Award for 10 straight years, beginning in 2002. The 3L class presents the award annually to the staff member who has done the most to make the law school a more tolerable and humane place for students. When Gibbons' retirement was announced, there was an outpouring of gratitude from current students and alumni. Over 80 individuals submitted thank you notes, which were presented to Cindy at her retirement party on December 7, 2012.





#### New Assistant Director of Development

In August 2012, Marcia Segall joined Colorado Law as the CU Foundation's assistant director of development. Segall comes to us from the Denver Scholarship Foundation, where she was manager of major gifts and donor relations and where she helped build and maintain a donor base for a startup educational nonprofit organization. Before working at the Denver Scholarship Foundation, Segall served as campaign manager for Coxe Curry & Associates in Atlanta, a fundraising consulting firm. There, she helped a wide array of nonprofits successfully launch and complete large capital campaigns. Segall graduated from Duke University in 2006 with a BS in public policy studies and a special emphasis on education policy.

#### New Program Coordinator of Getches-Wilkinson Center

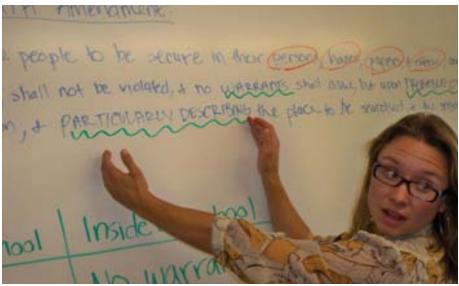
Leslie Brodhead joined the Getches-Wilkinson Center as the program coordinator in January 2013. For the last 15 years Brodhead has worked with the National Park Service. Most recently she worked at Rocky Mountain National Park, serving as the park's interim volunteer program coordinator. As an interpretive park ranger, Brodhead worked at seven different national parks, presenting programs and developing interpretive media focusing on natural resources issues, including wildlife biology, ecology, and climate change. From 2004 to 2008, she served as a member of the long-range strategic planning team at Independence National Historical Park, and received the bronze medalist award from the federal executive board for government excellence.



# STUDENTS AND ALUMNI TEACH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION



Laura McNabb ('12) and Jocelyn Jenks ('12) teaching at Wray High School.



Jocelyn Jenks ('12) presenting at Wray High School.



Kaitlyn Gentert discussing the hypothetical question with a group of her students at Erie High School.

he Byron R. White Center's Constitution Day Project celebrated Constitution Day, observed on September 17, by teaching high school students about the Constitution. Now in its second year, the Constitution Day Project brought 80 Colorado Law students and alumni, 30 local attorneys, and several Colorado Law faculty to more than 100 high school classrooms around the state to give a presentation about the Fourth Amendment. The dedicated volunteers visited high schools throughout the Denver-Boulder area, and some traveled as far as Carbondale, Colorado Springs, Glenwood Springs, Greeley, Fort Collins, Watkins, and Wray.

The lesson plan, which was created by the White Center and vetted by Denver Public School teachers, focused on the Fourth Amendment and how students' rights change when they are at school. At the end of the presentation students were given the opportunity to apply the legal concepts they had learned to a hypothetical case involving a student's expectation of privacy regarding the contents of his cell phone.

Kaitlyn Gentert, a social studies teacher at Erie High School, explained that she participated in the project because she teaches the Constitutional foundation of our nation's political system in class. Describing the presentation as "engaging," "instructional," and "invaluable for her students," Gentert said she looks forward to having presenters come back to her class next year.

Gentert's positive evaluation of the project is not unique. According to a survey administered by the White Center, 100 percent of teachers who responded indicated that they would participate in the project again next year and would recommend it to a colleague.

The presenters also provided overwhelmingly positive feedback about their experiences. Nearly all who responded to a White Center survey indicated that they plan to volunteer again next year.

For **Jocelyn Jenks** ('12), who has volunteered as a presenter since the project launched in September 2011, teaching high school students about the Constitution is something she considers to be her professional responsibility. "I plan to continue my involvement with the Constitution Day Project," Jenks said, "because I believe that an important part of being a lawyer is giving back to your community."

# Colorado Law Team Wins National Moot Court Competition

Surbhi Garg ('13) and Leah Gould ('14) won the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's (NAPABA) National Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition in Washington, DC, in November 2012. The first team ever from Colorado Law to enter this competition, Garg and Gould competed against 12 top teams from law schools across the nation, each of which were top teams among 50 teams that competed in five regional competitions.

Garg and Gould won all four of their preliminary rounds before emerging victorious in the final argument, which was judged by a panel of seven distinguished members of the bench, including Chief Judge Randall Rader (Federal Circuit), Chief Judge Susan Mollway (District of Hawaii), Judge Denny Chin (Second Circuit), Judge Jimmie Reyna (Federal Circuit), Justice Goodwin Liu (Supreme Court of California), Judge Jacqueline Nguyen (Ninth Circuit), and Colonel Joseph Perlak (United States Marine Corps).

"I truly loved the challenge of answering questions from the panel," Gould said. "My background as a naval intelligence officer definitely prepared me for this experience."

"Competing against such talented teams and arguing in front of the prestigious panels of judges was an experience of a lifetime and a tremendous learning opportunity," Garg added.

"In addition to functioning as a great networking opportunity, the competition experience has provided me with excellent talking points for interviews with potential em-



Surbhi Garg ('13) and Leah Gould ('14)

ployers," Gould continued. "The intellectual exercise of being able to successfully argue both sides of a complex issue will make me a better attorney."

As national champions, Garg and Gould each received a \$2,000 scholarship courtesy of the NAPABA Foundation. The team was coached by Professor **Todd Stafford** and Professor **Gabrielle Stafford**, and assisted by Stephen Baumann, Esq.

Colorado Bar Swearing-In Ceremony Boettcher Concert Hall on October 29, 2012. Photo courtesy of Bryan Lopez.



## Honor Roll

We gratefully acknowledge gifts and pledge payments given from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, to the Giving Societies below. The generous support of our alumni and friends is essential for Colorado Law to continue its tradition of excellence. We strive to provide a complete and accurate list. Please contact us at lawgiving@cufund.org should you notice an omission.

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

#### Rothgerber Society (\$10,000+)

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Fellow Colorado Law Alumni:

As I reflect on my tenure as chair of the Law Alumni Board, I'm pleased to see the progress we've made in creating a more engaged and active alumni community through our various events, especially homecoming and reunions this past fall and the Law Alumni Awards Banquet this spring. Your support, presence, and dedication to the school truly make Colorado Law special.

In this issue of *Amicus*, we have shared news and stories about the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future. In many ways, Colorado Law has helped launch your success in your chosen field of practice. In turn, the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future allows us, as alumni, to give back to the law school to ensure its continued success. Our collective investment in the campaign will support the school, its students, and its programs, as well as increase the value of our law degrees long into the future.

The money raised from this campaign will support four key areas: scholarships, loan repayment assistance, programs, and professorships. Scholarships make it possible for us to retain a talented and extremely accomplished student base. Our loan repayment assistance program offers debt support to alumni who pursue public service positions. The programs we offer at Colorado Law distinguish us from other public law schools; supporting these programs and creating new programs will continue that legacy. Our faculty members are nationally recognized scholars who are committed to research, teaching, and service. The knowledge they impart is the foundation for our success as an institution.

I invite you to support Colorado Law's future in one of these four keystone areas. All giving opportunities are available on the CU Foundation website: cufund.org/law.

Thank you for your continued support and loyalty to the Colorado Law community.

All the best,

David Steefel

## **MEMBERS**

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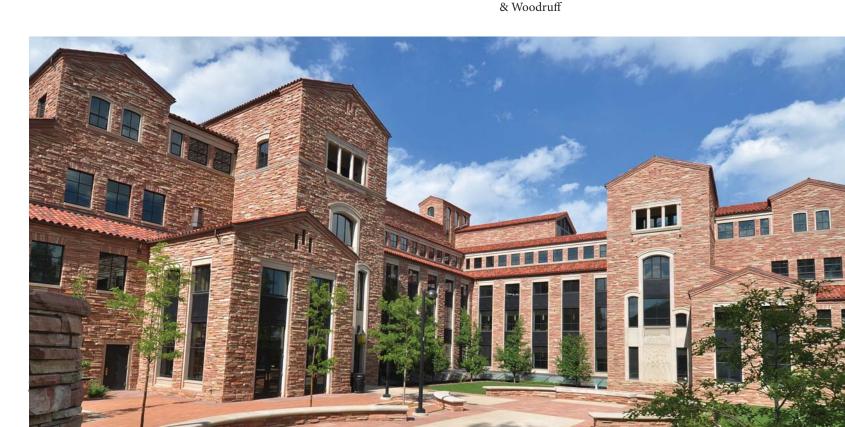
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# In Memoriam

#### **'53**

#### Louis Edward DePauli, Sr.

Louis Edward DePauli, Sr. died peacefully at home in October 2012. DePauli was born and raised in Gallup, New Mexico. Following high school DePauli enlisted in the U.S. Army. After completing his service and college, DePauli earned his JD from Colorado Law in 1953. He started his career in the FBI and then went into private practice. He was elected as district attorney of McKinley County, New Mexico in 1961. In 1975, he was appointed district judge and served until his retirement in 1988.

#### **'57**

#### Nicholas Makris

Nicholas and Betty Makris of Arvada, Colorado died tragically in a car accident in early August 2012. Nicholas was born in Springfield, Illinois, on August 30, 1928. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1950 with a degree in engineering. He served as a lieutenant in the Air Force, later moving to Boulder for law school at the University of Colorado, where he met Betty. After graduating (Order of the Coif) in 1957, Makris was a successful trial lawyer in Denver for more than 30 years. Throughout his life he was an avid investor, loved his dogs, played tennis, and prided himself on his physical fitness.

#### '72

#### Remigio "Pete" Reyes

Remigio "Pete" Reyes, 68, died September 23, 2012, in Pueblo where he had recently moved after a successful career in Denver. Reyes started his career by opening his own practice, and in 1995 was appointed to the Colorado State Fair Board of Commissioners by then Governor Roy Romer. Reyes also served on former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb's Latino Advisory Committee, was a member of the now-defunct Hispanic League, and worked with former Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. In a letter read at Reyes' memorial service, Nighthorse Campbell called Reyes a man of "strength and character" as well as a "friend and confidant."

#### ′73

#### Michael McKinstry

Michael McKinstry passed away on January 21, 2013 while vacationing with several of his best friends in Costa Rica. After graduating from West High School in Waterloo, Iowa in 1965, McKinstry moved to Boulder to attend the University of Colorado. Upon receiving his JD in 1973, McKinstry accepted a position as a law clerk at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, where he worked for one year. After completing his clerkship in 1974, McKinstry accepted a position at Fairfield and Woods, where he spent the rest of his professional career.

#### **'75**

#### James John Kissell

James John Kissell passed away on July 4, 2012, in Bend, Oregon where he had retired with his wife Allyson. Kissell was in private practice in Boulder until 1983 when he joined the State Public Defender's Office as a deputy PD. In 1993 Kissell was selected to sit as a magistrate judge for the District Court in Jefferson County. He held that position until his retirement from the practice of law in 2004.

#### Paul Oden

Paul Oden passed away March 30, 2012. Oden, a former Miller Nash LLP partner, was honored by the British American Business Council of the Pacific Northwest (BABC-PNW), an organization he helped found more than 16 years ago, through the creation of the BABC-PNW Paul Oden Memorial Golf Tournament. Oden spent 22 years with Miller Nash, focusing his practice on business and estate planning, tax, and general business representation.

#### ′77

#### John Grund

John Grund passed away suddenly on December 24, 2012. A Colorado native, Grund graduated from Littleton High in 1968 and Colorado Law in 1977. Grund founded Grund · Dagner PC and served as the firm's managing shareholder. Well-respected by his peers, Grund was the first recipient of the President's Professionalism Award in 2010. He also received the DRI Service Award in 1999; was named a Colorado Super Lawyer from 2007 to the present; and was listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of insurance law from 2007 to the present.

#### '82

#### John R. Paddock, Jr.

John R. Paddock, Jr. passed away on October 14, 2012. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine; his three children, Cortney, Turner, and Cody; and his sisters Kitty Thompson and Judy Cloyd. Paddock was born in Boulder in May 1951. He graduated from Boulder High in 1969 and from Colorado Law in 1982. Paddock was a highly respected lawyer, writer, and legal scholar. He loved being on a bicycle, working in the garden, traveling, skiing, and having his favorite dog on his lap.

# ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

#### **AUGUST 2012**

#### Ann Frick ('78)

Ann Frick earned her JD from Colorado Law in 1978. In 2010, Governor Bill Ritter appointed Frick to the Denver District Court, where she serves presently. In addition to currently serving on the Dean's Advisory Council, Frick is a former chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Colorado College Board of Directors, and the Law Alumni Board at Colorado Law.



#### **SEPTEMBER 2012**

#### Michael Carrigan ('94)

Michael Carrigan graduated from Colorado Law in 1994. He is currently a partner with the Denver firm of Holland & Hart, and has been a "Colorado Super Lawyer" for the last four years. In 2002, Carrigan and his wife moved to La Paz, Bolivia, where they spent a year working on education and health projects in the region's poorest areas.



#### **OCTOBER 2012**

#### Roxanne Jensen ('85)

Roxanne Jensen earned her JD from Colorado Law in 1985. She is currently a consultant at Catapult Growth Partners for law firms nationwide on a wide range of management issues. Jensen was the managing partner for Morrison & Foerster's Denver office for three years, where she developed a specialty practice in intellectual property ownership and antitrust policy.



#### **NOVEMBER 2012**

#### Tom Ray ('86)

Tom Ray earned his JD from Colorado Law in 1986. Ray is president and CEO of CoreSite Realty Corporation, and has more than 25 years of experience in business and investments in the United States, Europe, and Asia. He remains involved at Colorado Law, serving on the Dean's Advisory Committee and works with the Silicon Flatirons Center.



#### **DECEMBER 2012**

#### Sarah Clark ('07)

Sarah Clark graduated from Colorado Law with her JD in 2007 and currently works as counsel to Chief Justice Michael Bender, as well as a facilitator of the chief justice's vision among the legal profession as a whole. Clark is also an accomplished athlete. In 2008, she competed at the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, and for the past three years she has raced in the Ironman 70.3 World Championships.



#### **JANUARY 2013**

#### Byron Chrisman ('66)

Byron Chrisman received his JD from Colorado Law in 1966. He then went on to work at Chrisman, Bynum & Johnson, from which he retired in 1997 after 31 years in practice. In addition to his professional career, Chrisman has taken advantage of many opportunities over the years to give back to CU and Colorado Law. He taught a course in business law at the university's business school from 1969 to 1972.



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# LEGENDS OF THE MONTH

#### **AUGUST 2012**

#### Stephanie Lynch ('07)

Stephanie Lynch earned her JD from Colorado Law in 2007. During her time at the law school, she was an editor of the University of Colorado Law Review and was active in the Black Law Students Association. It was with great sadness that the Colorado Law community marked the passing of Lynch, but her commitment to fighting for the rights of others is an example to all in the Colorado Law community, and her legacy of dedicated service will continue for many years to come.

#### SEPTEMBER 2012

#### Vine Deloria, Jr. ('70)

Vine Deloria, Jr. earned a JD from Colorado Law in 1970 and joined the University of Colorado faculty in 1990. Deloria's influence in Washington, D.C., in Indian Country, and in academia can be felt to this day. At Colorado Law, the American Indian Law Program honors Deloria through a spirited tradition of research, service, and engagement with Indian tribes. Even though Deloria is gone, his legacy continues.

#### **OCTOBER 2012**

#### John D. Fleming

John D. Fleming came to Colorado Law as a lecturer in 1893, one year after the school's founding. In 1903, he became the school's secretary and continued as a professor specializing in mining law and water rights. He was a member of both the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute, and served as president of the Colorado Bar Association. Fleming served as dean of Colorado Law from 1907 until his death in 1927.

#### **NOVEMBER 2012**

#### Moses Lasky ('28)

Moses Lasky entered the University of Colorado at the age of 14, and earned his JD from Colorado Law by the time he was 20. He later founded Lasky, Haas, Cohler & Munter, where he practiced until his retirement. Colorado Law bestowed an Honorary Order of the Coif on Lasky in 1963, and he received the University of Colorado's University Medal in 1983, as well as an honorary doctorate in 1996. The Moses Lasky Professorship at Colorado Law is one of the school's highest faculty distinctions.

#### **DECEMBER 2012**

#### Fred G. Folsom, Jr. ('38)

Fred G. Folsom, Jr. earned his law degree from Colorado Law in 1938 and, shortly after finishing law school, moved to Washington, D.C., to work as an attorney for the Department of Justice and to serve in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps during World War II. Folsom traveled to the White House in 2010 to be honored by President Barack Obama for his early work in civil rights. Colorado Law is honored to call him one of its own, and to carry his legacy forward.

#### JANUARY 2013

#### Bill McClearn ('51)

Bill McClearn, a 1951 graduate of Colorado Law, was class president and a member of the Law Review. He worked part-time as a law clerk at Holland & Hart during law school. He spent his entire career at Holland & Hart starting as an associate in 1954 and becoming a partner at the firm in 1957. McClearn specialized in antitrust litigation, and appeared in many high-profile cases, arguing some before the U.S. Supreme Court. Colorado Law honored McClearn with the William Lee Knous Award in 1990, and a room in the Wolf Law Building is named after him.













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# CLASS ACTIONS







Jan N. Steiert ('78)



Stephen Coonts ('79)



Alison O'Hara ('88)



Carolyn Fairless ('98)

#### '68

Dan Sears and his wife, Jeane, who met and married while Sears was in law school, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2012. After serving as an assistant U.S. attorney, Sears was appointed by the Colorado federal judges to serve as the first federal public defender for the District of Colorado from 1975 to 1979. His last case while serving as public defender was *Dunn v. United States*, 442 U. S. 100 (1979), which he had the privilege of arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court. The court, in an 8-0 unanimous decision authored by the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, reversed his client's inconsistent declarations perjury conviction. Sears has been listed in Best Lawyers in America (white collar and nonwhite collar criminal defense) for over 25 years. He has also been named in Super Lawyers each year since its inception. Sears served as state chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers from 1992 to 1994, and as president of the Faculty of Federal Advocates in 2001.

#### '69

Attorney James Littlepage received a 2012 Wealth Manager award from Five Star Professional. Littlepage is a three-time recipient of the award. He is a 1969 graduate of Colorado Law and has been licensed to practice law for over 40 years. Prior to entering private practice, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1971. Littlepage also served as president and general counsel to W.H. Smith Wholesale, the eighth largest distributor of books and magazines in the United States. He is the author of numerous articles and publications including "The Estate Planning Workbook for Colorado Residents" and "Protecting Your Estate—The Need for Long Term Heath Care Planning." In addition, Littlepage has presented more than 300 wealth management and estate planning seminars to organizations such as AT&T, Coors, the U.S. Forest Service, and the American Red Cross. Littlepage is a member of the Trust and Estates and Elder Law sections of the Colorado Bar Association.

#### '72

Fisher & Phillips LLP announced that San Francisco partner **Tim Murphy** was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013. Listed in The Best Lawyers in America for more than 20 consecutive years, Murphy manages the San Francisco office and has handled cases involving a wide variety of issues. Since 1985, his practice has focused on jury trial cases concerning sexual harassment, race discrimination, whistleblower allegations, retaliation, wrongful discharge, trade secret protection, and disability discrimination. Murphy received his JD from Colorado Law in 1972 and his BA from Stanford University in 1969.

#### ′73

Retired Iowa Supreme Court Justice **Linda K. Neuman** has been recognized by an advocacy group for her efforts toward equal representation of women in government, receiving the first Equity for Women Award. Neuman served on the Iowa Supreme Court from 1986 to 2003. She currently teaches at the University of Iowa College of Law and has a private practice in Le Claire. Neuman was the first woman on Iowa's highest court.

#### ′75

The University of Denver's Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS) welcomed **Karen J. Mathis**, past president of the American Bar Association, as its associate executive director on August 22, 2012. In this new role, Mathis will oversee IAALS's operations, including administration, fund development, finance, human resources, communications, and technology. Mathis will also serve on the executive committee for IAALS's Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Initiative

On September 12, 2012, Governor John Hickenlooper named veteran public defender **Patrick Murphy** of Salida to serve on the bench in the 11th Judicial District, which includes Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, and Park counties. Murphy will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Julie G. Marshall, who stepped down in January. Murphy was the head of the Colorado State Public Defenders office in Salida. He has worked as a public defender in the 11th Judicial District for 17 years and also worked in Denver and La Junta.

#### ′76

The Southern Poverty Law Center named **Henry Solano** to its Board of Directors. Throughout his career, Solano has made community service a high priority. In addition to serving in Governor Roy Romer's Cabinet, he has served on the boards of numerous Colorado-based organizations, including the Mile High United Way and Colorado Public Television. He also has served as a director, general counsel, and interim president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Through his pro bono work, Solano has advanced the rights of the disenfranchised. For example, he has represented immigrants in major civil rights litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### ′78

Eurasian Minerals Inc. appointed **Jan N. Steiert** to the newly created position of chief legal officer. She has been a trustee on the executive committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, a past president of the Colorado Bar Association Section on Energy and Natural Resources Law, a past chair of the Denver chapter of International Mining Professionals Society, a member of Advisory Board of the University of Colorado Natural Resources Law Center, and a past University of Denver Distinguished Natural Resources Practitioner. She has been listed for many years in The Best Lawyers in America and Who's Who of Mining Lawyers.

#### '79

**Stephen Coonts** published a new book, *The Sea Witch*, in July 2012. The book is a collection of three novellas about "airplanes, adventures, life and death in the sky."

#### '83

**Bill Buck** was named general counsel of Upstream Companies by ExxonMobil Corporation. He manages law support for ExxonMobil's worldwide Upstream Operations (exploration, development, production, and related research). In addition, he practices international, corporate, and energy-related transactional law.











Andreas Wokutch ('11)

#### '84

Attorneys **Neal Cohen**, Scott Bialecki, and Mark Yaskanin opened a Denver office for Fox Rothschild that specializes in intellectual property. Cohen is an experienced trial attorney who handles litigation in the technology, probate, securities, and financial services areas. He served as a member of the team that prepared the brief and oral argument in the federal circuit's en banc rehearing of *Phillips v. AWH*, 415 F.3d 1303 (Fed. Cir. 2005), one of the most significant patent claim construction cases in nearly a decade. He also led AWH's trial team following the federal circuit's decision in the case, where the court entered a judgment as a matter of law in favor of AWH.

#### '88

Five alumni from the Colorado Law class of 1988, all of whom have seats on the Colorado District Attorneys' Council Governing Board, gathered at the CDAC's annual Fall Conference in Breckenridge in September 2012. From left to right, they are **Pete Hautzinger** (district attorney for the state of Colorado 21st Judicial District), **Robert Watson** (DA in the 13th Judicial District), **Dan W. Hotsenpiller** (DA in the 7th Judicial District), **Frank Ruybalid** (DA in the 3rd Judicial District), and **Mitchell T. Murray**, (chief deputy DA in the 8th Judicial District).

Alison O'Hara was named chairman of the board of Follett Corporation in Illinois after serving as a member of the board of directors for over 10 years. O'Hara joined Follett in 1999 as senior counsel in Follett's corporate legal department. In 2003 she was named assistant general counsel and was responsible for managing the company's labor and employment litigation as well as providing consultation on benefits and employment matters. O'Hara began her career in the public sector with the Cook County State Attorney and Illinois Attorney General. She later moved to private practice and was an adjunct professor at Loyola University's School of Law.

#### '90

Bruce Johnson of Polsinelli Shughart has been included in The Best Lawyers in America 2013. Johnson brings both legal and management perspectives to health care-related legal issues and to his role as vice chair of the health care practice. Johnson's extensive experience as a health care attorney and consultant includes providing representation and services to medical groups, hospitals, academic practice plans, and other health care enterprises in a variety of operational, regulatory, and transactional matters.

Richard A. Millisor of Fisher & Phillips LLP was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2013 in the fields of labor and employment law. Millisor is a partner in the Cleveland office. He has extensive experience representing employers before state courts, federal courts, and administrative agencies in all areas of employment law, including discrimination, wage and hour, and unfair labor practice litigation. He has argued multiple employment cases to the Supreme Court of Ohio and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

#### '91

In an expansion of its already-growing energy regulatory practice, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP has announced that **Gregory E. Sopkin** has joined the firm as a partner in its Denver office. Sopkin was chairman of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission from 2003 until 2007, presiding over numerous Phase I and II electric rate cases as well as integrated resource planning cycles. He has years of experience in regulatory practice with emphasis in telecommunications, electric, and gas regulatory work.

#### '92

**John Tayer** was appointed as the president and chief executive officer of the Boulder Chamber in November 2012.

#### '94

**Kristin Rozansky**, Law Alumni Board member and past chair, recently accepted a new position as chief operating officer for the Department of Personnel & Administration for the state of Colorado.

#### '95

George Brauchler was elected as the new district attorney in Colorado's 18th Judicial District. Brauchler is an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and served two mobilizations of active duty, and has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver and Colorado Law.

#### '98

Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell announced that it has expanded its executive management team to include **Carolyn Fairless** as the firm's managing partner. Fairless previously served as the firm's recruiting committee chair.

#### '99

**Andrew Huff** was appointed by Montana Governor Steve Bullock as Montana's chief legal counsel. Prior to this position, Huff worked as assistant attorney general in the Montana Department of Justice.

#### '02

Gordon & Rees has promoted **Stacey Cooper** to partner. Cooper, who is based in San Diego, concentrates her practice on employment law, including matters involving wage and hour suits, wrongful termination, harassment, discrimination, breach of contract, and violation of the ADA.

#### '05

**Jeremy Markiewicz** was selected to serve as chief deputy district attorney in Jackson County, Colorado.

#### '08

**Emily Langhorne-Howell** and Ian Robinson Thomsen were married on August 8, 2012, in Friday Harbor. The newlyweds are graduates of Stanford University, Class of 2003. Emily earned her JD from Colorado Law and is a member of the Colorado and the Montana bar associations. The couple lives in Missoula, Montana.

#### '09

**Candace Hodge** has joined the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Boston, Massachusetts as a public defender. Hodge previously worked with Milligan Coughlin, where her practice areas included criminal and civil litigation.

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**Anna-Liisa Mullis** is an associate at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP (DGS). Prior to joining DGS, Mullis served as a law clerk for the Honorable Gale T. Miller of the Colorado Court of Appeals.

**Todd Spivak** opened his own law firm, Spivak Law Firm, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He specializes in family and criminal law, as well as disability and protection from abuse.

Archer Norris announced the recent addition of lateral associate **Andreas Wokutch**. Wokutch joins the firm's Litigation and Environmental and Natural Resources groups, providing support on complex civil cases involving property disputes, construction defects, personal injury, and environmental liability.

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# WHY SHOULD WE GIVE BACK?

#### Laurie Rust ('06)

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s anyone at my law firm, and most of the class of 2006 will tell you, I'm not shy about asking alumni to support Colorado Law.

Why should we give back?

#### To Maintain Our Tradition of Excellence

Colorado Law needs our help. In the past, we could rely on the state to fund Colorado Law's programs and initiatives. As a result, tuition stayed low and a top-tier legal education was accessible to almost everyone. Today, state funding has decreased to less than 4 percent of CU-Boulder's (and the law school's) budget. In-state tuition is now over \$31,000 a year—that is more than many of us paid for all three years at Colorado Law! Because our scholarship program needs to keep pace with tuition increases, Colorado Law is turning to its alumni for support.

#### To Support Students

Alumni giving has a tremendous impact on many Colorado Law programs and scholarships, including the Dean's Fund for Excellence (unrestricted), the Hank Brown Leadership Scholarship, the White Center, the Getches-Wilkinson Center, the Silicon Flatirons Center, clinics, public interest fellowships, and the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) for public service professionals.

Our alumni gifts help make a Colorado Law education possible for some (through scholarship) and better for all (through enhanced programming).

Scholarships play two important roles. First, they allow Colorado Law to keep its doors open to all qualified candidates, regardless of financial status. Second, they are used to attract the best and brightest candidates with the most promising futures.

#### To Pay It Forward

As proud alumni, we have benefitted tremendously from our legal education. Now it's time to pay it forward. Did you receive a scholarship? Benefit from low tuition? Did a clinic change your perspective? Was there one class that opened your eyes to your chosen field of practice? Did one professor challenge you to grow? Are you grateful for your Colorado Law experience? Please donate to Colorado Law so that future students can share the same opportunities.

#### To Act as a Stamp of Approval

Further, alumni contributions act as a stamp of approval on Dean Phil Weiser's leadership and direction of the law school. He is working hard to increase Colorado Law's visibility and rankings, gain recognition for the cutting-edge scholarship taking place, enhance our programs, recruit and retain world-class faculty, create job opportunities for students and alumni, and increase student scholarships.

I have seen Dean Weiser walking up 17th Street, broadcasting Colorado Law's message to firms, corporations, and the judiciary. And I have heard from fellow alumni on both coasts that he has taken Colorado Law's message to them in his relentless pursuit of funding. He is working hard to ensure that our relationship with Colorado Law is mutually beneficial by fostering a stronger bond with alumni and by instituting networking opportunities.

Dean Weiser has left no stone unturned. In addition to asking alumni to support their alma mater, he has reached out to industry leaders and friends of the law school for support.

#### To Benefit Ourselves

Finally, our Colorado Law education is our professional capital. It is up to us to ensure its value. We all benefit from high rankings and a national reputation for excellence

When our students successfully compete in moot court competitions, we gain credibility with judges across the country. When our professors publish articles on cutting-edge topics, Colorado Law gains a reputation for research and scholarship. When our alumni accept prestigious roles at the local, state, and national level, the whole nation looks to us for leadership. When our alumni join law firms prepared to deliver excellent work product and develop business, employers learn Colorado Law graduates are great hires.

When our students impress corporations with their business savvy, employers look to us to play leading roles in high-profile transactions. When our students join public interest organizations and affect social change, our entire community benefits.

In short, we are all in this together. When Colorado Law succeeds, we succeed

Please support Colorado Law. Every dollar counts!

# 2013 Alumni Banquet Awardees

#### WILLIAM LEE KNOUS AWARD

#### **Chief Justice Michael L. Bender ('67)**

Michael L. Bender is the 44th chief justice of the Colorado Supreme Court and has served on the court since 1997. As chief justice, Bender is responsible for overseeing the state's judicial branch, which employs more than 3,500 people. In addition, he heads the Chief Justice Commission on the Legal Profession. Bender's legal career includes 10 years of service as a public defender for the state of Colorado, the city of Denver, and Jefferson County, in addition to nearly 20 years in private practice. He has been an adjunct faculty member at both Colorado Law and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. In 2006, Bender received Colorado Law's Distinguished Achievement Award. He attended Dartmouth College, and received his JD from Colorado Law.



#### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS**

#### PRIVATE PRACTICE: Regina Rodriguez ('88)

Regina Rodriguez has conducted more than 30 jury trials over the course of her 24-year career. She is currently a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels, where she specializes in medical drug and device litigation. Prior to joining the firm in 2002, Rodriguez was an assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the civil division in the District of Colorado, where she supervised and directed all active civil cases for the office. Before that, she served in the assistant attorney general's office as the deputy senior counsel for alternative dispute resolution. She holds a BS from the University of Iowa and a JD from Colorado Law.



#### JUDICIARY: Judge Timothy Tymkovich ('82)

Timothy Tymkovich is a circuit judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Judge Tymkovich serves as the chair of the Committee on Judicial Resources, which is responsible for judicial vacancies and budget matters. Tymkovich began his career at Davis Graham and Stubbs. In 1991 he joined the Colorado Attorney General's Office as solicitor general, later returning to private practice in 1996 at the firm of Hale Hackstaff Tymkovich. A third-generation native Coloradan, Tymkovich attended Colorado College and earned his JD at Colorado Law.



#### INDUSTRY: Carole Yaley ('80)

Carole Yaley recently retired from Exxon Mobil Corporation, the world's largest publicly-traded oil company with operations and marketing in most of the world's countries. Most recently, Yaley was chief attorney for ExxonMobil Global Services Company (GSC), managing 22 attorneys in the U.S. and coordinating a network of more than 50 affiliate attorneys worldwide. She was also the lead lawyer for ExxonMobil's data privacy activities. She was with ExxonMobil for 33 years, supporting GSC for the last seven of those years. She earned her JD at Colorado Law in 1980.



#### **DEAN'S CHOICE AWARDS**

#### RICHARD SCHADEN "ADOPTED ALUMNUS" AWARD: Jason Mendelson

Jason Mendelson is co-founder and managing director of Foundry Group, a Boulder based venture capital firm that invests in early-stage information technology companies, and is managing director and general counsel at Mobius Venture Capital. Mendelson previously worked at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP where he practiced corporate and securities law with a focus on representing emerging companies. Mendelson is also an executive board member at the National Venture Capital Association. Mendelson is an adjunct professor at Colorado Law, an active musician, a home remodeler, and a burgeoning beer and wine aficionado. He holds a BA in economics and a JD from the University of Michigan.



#### DEAN EDWARD C. KING "PAY IT FORWARD" AWARD: John Schultz ('53)

John Schultz graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in economics and political science in 1951 and went on to complete his LLB (later converted to a JD) at Colorado Law in 1953. Schultz spent 37 years in private practice as an oil and gas lawyer, representing many of those who took a lead role in Colorado's development as a significant oil and gas production state. The John and Cynthia Schultz Law Scholarship Fund is the second largest scholarship fund at the law school, and they contributed the Wildcatter's Lecture Room in the Wolf Law Building. In addition to an exceptional \$2 million contribution to Colorado Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), Schultz matches graduating class donations to LRAP in order to support alumni who pursue public service careers.





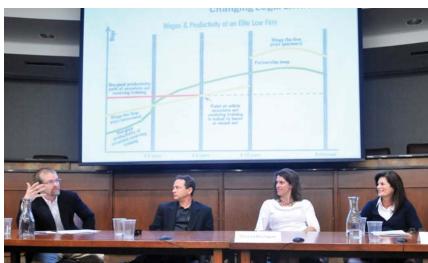
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