



Colorado **Law**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

The background of the cover features a photograph of a multi-story brick building with large arched windows. In the foreground on the left, there are branches with white blossoms and green leaves. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

2023-2024 Impact Report

Dear Friend of Colorado Law,

I trust this letter finds you well. On behalf of the University of Colorado Law School, we want to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering support you have provided over the years.

As we navigate another academic year, the vibrancy of our campus is matched only by the enthusiasm of our students, faculty and staff. In the following pages, we share with you the strides we have made this past year. Your commitment has been instrumental in shaping the continued success and progress of our esteemed institution.

Each and every contribution you make plays a pivotal role in ensuring the fiscal health and strong financial foundation of the law school. Whether directed towards faculty recruitment and retention, the discretionary Dean's Fund for Excellence, student scholarships, or other vital efforts, your generosity makes a profound difference.

In our ongoing commitment to partnering with you, we are pleased to share our annual Impact Report, providing insights into the transformative effects of your contributions. Here, you will find the words of inspiring current students who directly benefit from scholarship funds established by our dedicated alumni and supporters. The report also includes updates on our budget, the current class of 1Ls, career statistics for recent graduates, and highlights of our clinical program's essential work.

On behalf of the entire University of Colorado Law School community, we extend our most heartfelt thanks. Your gifts offer more than financial contributions; they also serve as a powerful reminder that our community is bound together by a shared commitment to excellence and mutual support.

Thank you for being an integral part of the University of Colorado Law School family.

Warm regards,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Lolita Buckner Inniss' and the signature on the right is 'Robert Garelick'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss and Assistant Dean for Advancement Robert Garelick




\$5,637,895

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED FY24

Thank you to our Alumni

Colorado Law is focused on its highly engaged alumni base of nearly 8,700 alumni. In FY24, we focused on engaging alumni through communication, experiential opportunities, volunteerism, and philanthropy. We are proud to share that we ended the year at **137.1% of our total engagement goal.**



“Overall, my experience at Colorado Law was outstanding. I felt challenged, supported, and inspired by the content of the classes, the interactions with my fellow students and professors, and the general environment being back on a college campus after many years of work. Your support for students like myself is instrumental in making the transition into the practice of law less daunting.”

Tyler Hollenbach '24

Colorado Law By the Numbers

2,894 Applications received during application cycle

24% Identify as students of color (Class of 2027)

164 Class of 2027 median LSAT score

3.79 Class of 2027 median GPA

190 Total JD students enrolled

1% Nonbinary or other gender

36 States represented

25 Average age

11% First gen

58% Female

41% Male

Clinical Programs Overview

15,402

number of clinical hours
across all 9 clinics
recorded 2023-24
school year

104

Students
involved
for FY23

197

Cases

15

Small
Businesses

2

Non-Profits
& Agencies

2

Patents

2

Tribal

220

Individuals &
Families

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I came to Colorado Law for its renowned reputation, distinguished faculty, and prime location in Boulder—not to mention its affordable cost of attendance due to the generosity of people like you. [...] This scholarship will make the financial burden of attending law school, which has been my dream since the age of 8, much smaller.”

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Mallory Shaner '25

The Impact of Scholarships

199 students awarded donor funded scholarships in 2023-24 (a 5% increase from 2022-23) • **100%** All 2Ls and 3Ls who applied received some form of private scholarship funding • **77** Summer fellowships were privately funded • **190** Total JD students enrolled • **11%** Increase in privately funded scholarship dollars • **33** Graduates working in qualifying public service positions benefitted from the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)



The dean's fund was expanded further to support student success by funding:

- 0L Orientation Pre-Orientation Wolf Week (which saw increased participation in FY24)
- **25 Dean's Fellows** for 1L summer public interest jobs
- Law of the River Class Trip

3
new
scholarships
created in
FY 24

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None of my experiences at Colorado Law would be possible without this scholarship and your donations to it. I plan to pay it forward to the next generation of Colorado Law students once I have established myself in the legal world. The scholarship I was awarded has afforded me great stability and I cannot wait to give the same opportunities you have given me through your financial backing.”

Natalie Phillips '26



Historic Hiring

In Fall 2023, Colorado Law welcomed a record eight new faculty members whose wide-ranging expertise spans constitutional and immigration law, technology law and policy, environmental law, civil rights, gender and the law, and more.

Our ability to attract so many outstanding faculty in a single year is directly attributable to the support we receive from individuals like you. Your private contributions play a pivotal role in ensuring the fiscal health and strong financial foundation of the law school. Whether directed towards faculty recruitment and retention, the discretionary Dean’s Fund for Excellence, student scholarships, or other vital efforts, your generosity makes a profound difference.



Shamika Dalton
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& Faculty Director, Silicon
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Resources, Energy, and
Environmental Law Clinic



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Associate Professor of
Law and Director of
the Samuelson-Glushko
Technology Law & Policy
Clinic (TLPC)



Maryam Jamshidi
Associate Professor
of Law



Pratheepan (Deep) Gulasekaram
Professor of Law



Daríá Roithmayr
Professor of Law



Wadie Said
Professor of Law



“My passion for the law lies in public interest. Thank you again. Especially at this stage of my life, every dollar counts. When I graduate, I hope to continue the legacy of making this world a better place. Your support makes me more confident that I have chosen the right path.”

Mason Liddell '25

Career Profile

Every year, employers across the state and nation are impressed with our graduating class, and the past few years have been especially inspiring. On April 3, 2024 Colorado Law reported post-graduation employment data for its class of 2023 to the American Bar Association (ABA). Below is a summary of the employment information for the class of 2023 as of ten months after graduation, March 15, 2024.



By Sector: 48% law firms, 15% Public interest, 14% government, 14% Judicial Clerkships, 8% business, 1% education

80% of those reporting employment are in CO.



Class of 2023 offer timing:

- 75% have an offer before graduation
- 15% after graduation but before bar results
- 10% offer after bar results

“The scholarship I was awarded helped fuel the beginning of my career. The scholarship relieved some of the stress of paying for law school, which allows me to focus on performing well as a Fellow at the Colorado Attorney General’s Office. The fields in which I want to work are not the most lucrative, so scholarships like the one I received are incredibly valued.”

Riley Chapman Varner '24





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