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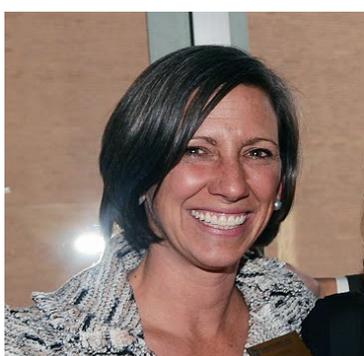
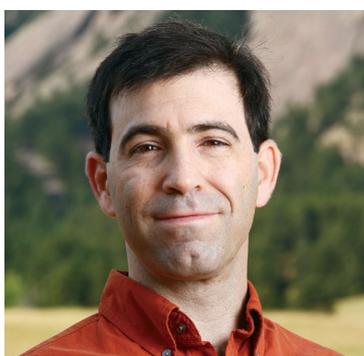
3,299	Applications	107	Undergraduate colleges
170	Class size	37	States
162	LSAT score (median)	39%	Colorado residents
3.69	Cumulative GPA (median)	56%	Women
23%	Diverse students		

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LOOKING FORWARD

A message from Dean S. James Anaya

My path to the University of Colorado Law School was not a straight route, but as a Westerner, I already feel at home and am humbled and honored to serve as dean of this exceptional institution. During my move from Arizona to Colorado, I traversed many of our national treasures, and the winding road through the great Rocky Mountains reminded me of the importance of the journey and provided inspiration for our shared future.

As I found with my position as the United Nations' point person advocating for the rights of indigenous peoples around the world, I believe my largest contribution to the law school will not come from me alone or my position as dean, but from catalyzing our community's collective efforts. Colorado Law is on a strong trajectory, and my goal is to bolster our outstanding reputation in cutting-edge learning and relevant scholarship, and as an engaged community.

As you know, Colorado Law is a nationally recognized innovator and leader in the changing legal landscape. Our curriculum provides students with an outstanding platform on which to build their careers, offering a solid foundation in the fundamentals of law and vigorous theoretical inquiry. In addition, our students gain deep contextual understanding of specific areas of law, professional skills, and a range of practical legal skills developed through hands-on mentoring and real-world experience. With innovative programs that turn legal theory into legal practice, our students enjoy robust opportunities for advanced learning.

One of the great strengths of Colorado Law is the diversity, depth, and relevance of our scholarship. Our faculty members devote countless hours to addressing complex legal and related social problems, often in collaboration with our students. In a dynamic world, legal scholarship calls for an academic rigor that involves engaging with competing considerations and perspectives, all while following a norm of intellectual honesty and care. I am an optimist and truly believe the world can be made better, and a commitment to ground-breaking scholarship makes a difference.

Fortunately, Colorado Law has an engaged, diverse, and inclusive community of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who help and support one another. I am impressed by how our students, faculty, and staff enjoy what they do and continue to grow professionally and personally. It is a joy to lead this remarkable group of individuals and community, and I look forward to doing so for years to come.

I want to offer my thanks for the warm welcome from the Colorado Law community and look forward to meeting in the near future those of you I yet have had the opportunity to meet. I encourage you to join us for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, October 14-15, 2016, where we can meet and you can reconnect with classmates and friends. Please know I always welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas, as well as your questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 303.492.3084 and lawdean@colorado.edu.




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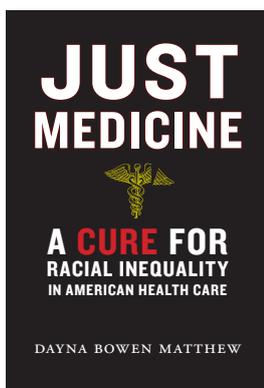
RECENT FACULTY BOOKS

Widely recognized for its intellectual diversity and originality, the faculty at Colorado Law encompasses an array of prominent legal scholars and social commentators. The faculty's record of publication—in the form of books, journal articles, and other works—is both extensive and frequently cited. Together with the faculty's commitment to public service, this collective work has positioned the faculty of Colorado Law to exert important and constructive influences on legal and public policy debates at the local, national, and international levels. Exemplifying this intellectual vibrancy are the following books recently authored by Colorado Law faculty.

Dayna Bowen Matthew

Just Medicine: A Cure for Racial Inequality in American Health Care
NYU Press, 2015

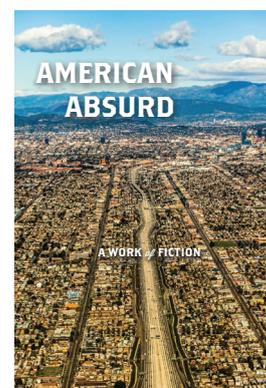
Incorporating medical, neuroscience, psychology, and sociology research, the book navigates the racial and socioeconomic health disparities entrenched in the American health care system and offers a plan to regulate implicit biases and eliminate the inequalities they cause.



Pierre Schlag

American Absurd: A Work of Fiction
Bowen Press, 2016

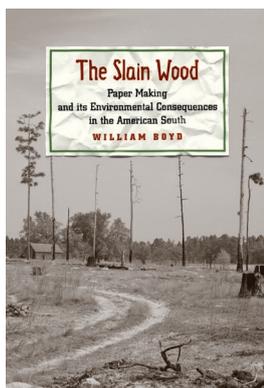
American Absurd is a humorous social satire exploring the ways (both earnest and devious) in which a number of contemporary professionals in law, journalism, academia, and the like come to recognize the absurdity of their professional activities. (Read more on page 11.)



William Boyd

The Slain Wood: Papermaking and its Environmental Consequences in the American South
Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015

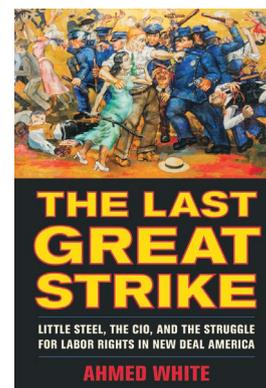
A look inside the dramatic growth of the pulp and paper industry in the American South during the 20th century and the accompanying social and environmental changes.



Ahmed White

The Last Great Strike: Little Steel, the CIO, and the Struggle for Labor Rights in New Deal America
University of California Press, 2016

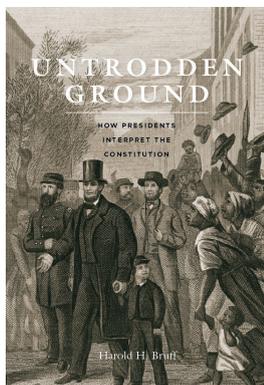
Drawing from union and company records, government documents, and oral histories, the book documents the political and legal history of the Little Steel Strike and examines its impact on the American labor movement.



Harold H. Bruff

Untrodden Ground: How Presidents Interpret the Constitution
University of Chicago Press, 2015

Tracing the evolution and expansion of presidential power over the last 200+ years, the book reveals how all 44 presidents have responded to pressing matters by setting new legal precedents, which often developed into standard practices.



INTRODUCING COLORADO LAW'S NEW DEAN: S. JAMES ANAYA

By Robert Bacaj ('18)

The new dean of the University of Colorado Law School, **S. James Anaya**, brings a wealth of experience to his post. From achievements in private practice to international work for the United Nations to a long career as a law professor, Anaya has more or less done it all in his professional career. Now he is ready for the next step: leading a law school. Through each milestone in his amazing career path he always knew he wanted to make a difference.

"What made me come to Colorado Law was the quality of the place and the chance to do some great things with really great people," Anaya said.

Anaya grew up in several places but identifies New Mexico as home. That is where his family roots are, and it is where he went for his undergraduate education and lived for several years after graduation. After studying economics in college, Anaya was interested broadly in social justice and in trying to make some kind of difference in the world. Though he wasn't sure of specifics at the time, he headed off to law school. Anaya considered Colorado Law as one of his top choices, but ultimately chose Harvard. Law school can be a period of immense change for many students, and that was the case for Anaya, who had to deal with a new region and a new climate.

"Cambridge was very different for me," Anaya said. "Including the weather. Gray skies. I remember going back home for Christmas—everybody was asking me if I was sick because I was so pale."

Fortunately, Anaya found he enjoyed law school. He delved into international law and human rights while he was at Harvard, and got involved with the then-fledgling Harvard chapter of the Native American Law Students Association. This was the start of his long involvement in the legal fields of human rights and indigenous peoples. Even with that focus, Anaya initially followed the typical career arc of many law students. He went to work for commercial law firms in his summers. After he graduated, Anaya received an offer from a big law firm on the West Coast to become an associate. When he called to accept, however, Anaya could not reach the hiring partner. After the missed call, Anaya spent the night pondering his past experiences. He realized he had been happiest when he was in New Mexico close to the issues he cared about there. He made a major decision: he would not take the big West Coast law firm job. The next day, he connected with the firm and declined the offer.

Instead Anaya went to work for a small firm that specialized in Indian law and civil rights in New Mexico. He found the work satisfying, as he had a great deal of freedom and opportunities to work on a range of issues that interested him. Anaya got the chance to practice with the types of clients with whom he had envisioned working while he was at Harvard—directly with indigenous peoples and other minorities, and quickly got to lead cases due to the smaller nature of the firm.

"I was involved in a number of cases that came to have a high-profile to them," Anaya said. "Because we were a small firm, I took leading roles right away. I wasn't concerned about taking risks if I felt what we were doing was the right thing. And so that made for a situation in which I could do a number of interesting things early in my career."

Anaya's work received national recognition when *Barrister*—a magazine of the American Bar Association—ranked him as one of 20 young lawyers who make a difference.

Recognizing Anaya had a background—albeit minimal—in financial securities, his firm gave him a complex case involving a proxy battle in corporate law. This work connected him to a professor at the University of Iowa, who invited Anaya to give a lecture at the law school there. Anaya's visit later led to his being offered a position at the school, which he accepted.

"I felt that being in an academic setting where I didn't have to worry about generating income from clients and being able to explore ideas would be a good opportunity, so I went that route," Anaya said. "I thought it could be a setting where I could pursue the interests I have through scholarship and teaching."

He entered the academic world as a professor at the University of Iowa College of Law, a position he held for more than 10 years, before moving on to the law faculty at the University of Arizona for 16 years, until coming to Colorado Law. Anaya was not giving up on his social justice work by entering academia, however. He saw the job as a chance to further his interests by combining his scholarship and teaching with his continued advocacy for indigenous peoples through litigation in domestic courts—including in one instance a high profile case before the U.S. Supreme Court—and work in international human rights institutions. He could teach law students and involve them in his cutting-edge scholarship and practice in the areas of human rights and indigenous rights. In fact, his connections with his law students and colleagues are still evident, as he met Colorado Law Professor **Kristen Carpenter** while he was teaching as a visiting professor at Harvard and Professor **Lakshman Guruswamy** while at Iowa.

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Associate Dean for Research and Professor Kristen Carpenter

FACING PAGE, LEFT TO RIGHT: S. James Anaya, Lakshman Guruswamy, Charles Wilkinson, and Kristen Carpenter.



Before taking the job at Iowa, Anaya had already made connections in Nicaragua with indigenous peoples there. Based on those connections he was later called on to assist the Mayagna indigenous community of Awas Tingni. The community was involved in a land rights dispute with the government of Nicaragua, a fight that began with cooperative discussion and devolved into a battle over the Awas Tingni's traditional land.

"I was interested in what was happening in Central America in the 1980s when I first went there," Anaya said. "I literally just went down there, following a contact that I had. I ended up writing about the conflictive situation of the Miskito and Mayagna Indians in Nicaragua. That piece, which was published in the *Albuquerque Journal*, was circulated by people who were interested in the issue. A decade later, I was asked to provide advice about an initiative to promote sustainable forest management in an area that included the traditional land of the Awas Tingni community. What started out as a cooperative thing ended up being confrontational when we discovered that the government had already granted a logging concession over the area to a multinational company."

Anaya headed a legal team that represented the community, and eventually—after going to the Nicaraguan courts—his litigation strategy led to victory for the Awas Tingni community in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. This was the first time a human rights court recognized indigenous land rights as a matter of international law.

"He's a great litigator in addition to everything else," Guruswamy said.

In addition to Iowa and Arizona, Anaya has taught at several prominent law schools across the country, including Harvard as a visiting professor. His work was not limited to the traditional academic setting, however. In 2008, Anaya was appointed the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. That meant he was the U.N.'s point person for addressing issues concerning indigenous peoples, reporting directly to the Human Rights Council (HRC) at the U.N. In that work he involved students, who sometimes traveled with him to the U.N. in New York or Geneva or to the countries in which he conducted fact-finding.

Anaya's appointment as Special Rapporteur did not follow the typical path. Normally, countries submit nominations for Special Rapporteur positions. Then, the president of the HRC selects the Special Rapporteur. The whole process had political undertones when Anaya was picked. In Anaya's case, the United States did not nominate him; rather, indigenous organizations voiced their support for Anaya and suggested him as a possibility for Special Rapporteur. The United States opposed Anaya as the choice. While one might expect hostile feelings or a grudge from Anaya because his home country did not support his selection, Anaya felt the opposite.

"It actually put me in a very interesting and even favorable position," Anaya said. "I was not beholden to my own government. In the case of U.S.-backed candidates for these kind of positions, there's always a suspicion that the candidate is carrying American water. That was put aside. It was understood I could be independent, at least of the U.S."

Since other countries did not have to worry about Anaya's being a puppet for his home country, they knew that he could serve the role fairly. Even without being suspected of bias toward the United States, Anaya still had one partiality to deal with.

"I was viewed as being very much aligned with the indigenous movement, which was true. The challenge was to come off as acting, and indeed act, in a very independent way."

Anaya did just that.

"A main part of the job is to work on the trouble spots where there are conflicts between aboriginal peoples and local communities," said **Charles Wilkinson**, a Colorado Law distinguished professor and Indian law expert. "The Rapporteur goes out to be a mediator. Oh, has Jim been successful with that. It's so well known. The admiration is just palpable."

Anaya's work often took him to far-off locations, which were not easily accessible. As Special Rapporteur, he had to report on the rights and treatment of indigenous peoples around the world, which took him to places in numerous countries where indigenous peoples live. To expedite his arrival to these faraway locations, he frequently relied on helicopters and small planes for more efficient travel. This led to his nickname at the U.N. as the "Helicopter Rapporteur."

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Professor Lakshman Guruswamy

"A lot of the other Rapporteurs—the people working on health, the right to food, victims of torture, for example—aren't required to go to remote areas with the same regularity," Anaya said. "Because it was always a short time frame, we always tried to use the most effective means for getting where we needed to go."

In 2014, Anaya's work led him to be nominated by a member of Norway's Parliament for a Nobel Peace Prize. Anaya's position with the UN concluded in 2014 after two three-year terms, and he resumed his normal workload of teaching, scholarship, and service at the University of Arizona College of Law. At the University of Arizona Anaya was a Regents' Professor, the highest academic distinction in the University of Arizona system, limited to 3 percent of tenured professors with exceptional achievements that have brought them national or international recognition. He held this position until July 2016, when he came to Colorado Law.

Any brief discussion with Anaya will lead one to the following conclusions: Anaya is humble and does not seek out advancement for ambition or pride. He takes opportunities when they arise.

This was the case with Anaya in his path to Colorado Law. When then-Dean **Phil Weiser** announced he would be leaving the deanship, faculty members at Colorado Law were invited to nominate possible replacements. Guruswamy suggested the search committee consider Anaya. Anaya's description of the process that led him to CU displays his humility. Since he had not been an administrator at another law school or academic institution, he thought he did not have a chance. But, his career achievements show that he was more than qualified to lead a law school. After some encouragement, Anaya decided to pursue the role.

Anaya stood out from other candidates because of his remarkable work for indigenous communities and his background in everything from academia to success in litigation to international human rights work.

“With today’s focus on experiential education, Jim brings extensive, current, and ongoing lawyering experience in the highest national and international settings,” Carpenter said. “He has represented clients and investigated human rights violations in dozens of countries around the world.

“Jim was the most inspiring professor I had in law school and he has been a longtime mentor to me and to many others,” Carpenter said. “He is a superstar lawyer, teacher, scholar, and leader.”

She continued, “Jim’s strengths were immediately evident in the dean search process. Amongst a pool of amazing candidates, he was the only one to have been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. But even more than that, his seriousness, warmth, and presence all carried a certain gravitas that impressed many of us.”

“I met Jim Anaya at Iowa, where I was visiting,” Guruswamy said. “He was focused on the issue of indigenous peoples. He was trying to structure the reason for self-determination on solid international law, and he did that brilliantly.”

“As we confront what it means to be a lawyer in a time of globalization, Jim knows about worldwide political and economic change, and practicing across jurisdictional boundaries, because he has been in the thick of it with everyone from remote indigenous peoples to heads of state,” Carpenter said.

In addition, Dean Anaya is a prolific scholar and writer of several books and dozens of scholarly articles. Among Anaya’s numerous publications are his acclaimed book, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law* (Oxford Univ. Press (1996); 2d ed. (2004)), and his widely-used textbook, *International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy and Process* (Wolters/Kluwer, 6th ed. 2011) (with Hurst Hannum and Dinah Shelton).

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Anaya succeeds Phil Weiser, who helped Colorado Law grow during a tough time for law schools. When applications and enrollment were down nationwide, Colorado Law received a record number of applications in 2016 and welcomed its largest class in school history in 2015. The employment numbers for recent graduates have also risen. Thus, Anaya steps into a strong situation, but the legal industry continues to face disruptions. Despite the challenge, he is approaching the job with his typical humility.

“Everybody’s been here longer than I have,” Anaya said. “I think it would be pretentious to say, ‘I’m here now and this is how we’re going to do things.’ So I want to listen to people first.”

“He’s a listener,” Wilkinson said. “I’ve noted that over the years. He really does listen. I guess that’s a sign of true humility. That’s his essence.”

He has plenty of supporters among the faculty, who speak positively about him and express high hopes for what the future holds.

“Dean Anaya is a person who works effectively with others to change the world,” Carpenter said. “He is going to inspire students, staff, and faculty to support one another and to give our very best to the law school and the world around us.”

“I think Jim’s poised to make an amazing contribution to the law school in every way,” Guruswamy said. “He brings a humility of character that is remarkable. What you see is what you get.”

“I want and expect him to have a great relationship with the student body,” Wilkinson said. “The deans who are beloved and respected by students and who serve as role models for students are ones who put in very large amounts of time with students and thinking about the problems they’re having. I expect him to do that.”

As his career demonstrates, Anaya is more than ready to take the lead at Colorado Law. At every stop in his career—from the international law scene to litigation to protecting the rights of indigenous peoples—he has made a positive impact on the communities around him. Colorado Law should expect no less.



Dean S. James Anaya and Victoria Tauli Corpuz, the current U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

GORDON GAMM JUSTICE AWARDS

The Gordon Gamm Justice Awards were given to Professor **Fred Bloom** for his article, “The Law’s Clock,” published by *Georgetown Law Journal*, and Professor **Helen Norton** for her article, “The Government’s Lies and the Constitution,” published in the *Indiana Law Journal*. In 2014, **Gordon Gamm**, a Boulder lawyer and graduate of Tulane Law School, made a generous donation to Colorado Law to establish the Gamm Justice Awards. Awarded annually, these awards recognize faculty members who are leading the discussion on whether the U.S. legal system adequately serves the interests of justice and builds public confidence in our legal system.



Fred Bloom



Helen Norton

SANDGRUND CONSUMER RIGHTS AWARD

Ron Sandgrund ('82), who lectures on construction law and teaches Philosophy of Entrepreneurship as an adjunct professor at Colorado Law, donated more than \$120,000 to establish endowed support for the Sandgrund Consumer Rights Award, which is given regularly to faculty. The most recent faculty award went to Professor **Scott Peppet** in recognition of his article, “Regulating the Internet of Things: First Steps Towards Managing Discrimination, Privacy, Security and Consent,” published in the *Texas Law Review*. The article explores how people will navigate these four interrelated aspects—discrimination, privacy, security, and consent—that are inherent in sensor-based technology in the new connected world we are creating.



Scott Peppet

Alumni and friends who are interested in following the lead of Gamm and Sandgrund by supporting the critical area of faculty scholarship should contact Mary Beth Searles, assistant dean for development, at marybeth.searles@colorado.edu or 303.492.1215.

BOYD'S SERVICE RECOGNIZED WITH CALHOUN AWARD

By Davis Logan, Swarthmore College ('17) and 2016 intern to Dean Weiser

The University of Colorado Law School's long-standing commitment to public service encourages faculty to be involved in advancing the public good. Last spring, Professor **William Boyd** earned the Clifford Calhoun Service Award for his dedication to this mission.

Boyd wholeheartedly believes in the special role of public universities in service work. While accepting the Calhoun Award he stated, "The best of our universities are still quite special in their mission and their place in the world. In particular, the service mission of our best public research universities has always been central to their identity and their work."

In 1998, the Calhoun Award was named in honor of Professor Clifford Calhoun, who served as a Colorado Law faculty member and unofficial IT guy for 29 years. He had also served as associate and acting dean. He was very popular among students and faculty for his unique kindness and service to the law school.

As Professor Emeritus **Art Travers**, one of Calhoun's former colleagues, put it, "His dedication to the state of Colorado and improving the lives of people here through the law is what led to a service award's being named after him. He set the bar so high that no one else could ever reach it."

Though the bar is high, Boyd stands as a reflection of the example set by Professor Calhoun. Boyd began teaching at Colorado Law in 2008 and teaches Energy Law and Regulation, Climate Change Law and Policy, and Environmental Law. Guided by interest in the role of science and technology in law, Boyd conducts research on the connections between climate change and land use, environmental law, and efforts to decarbonize our energy system. He is currently a fellow of the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute (RASEI), the University of Colorado representative for the Joint Institute for Strategic Energy Analysis (JISEA), and the director of Colorado Law's Energy Innovation Initiative. He believes that much of the hard work in fighting climate change will happen with innovation and action at the subnational level. He is the senior advisor and project lead for the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF), which is a collaboration of 29 states in eight countries seeking to build durable legal and institutional frameworks for low emissions development.

"Law schools occupy a special place—as a professional school we are in some ways closer to the original mission of the university to train professionals," Boyd said. "Training in its best forms can and should be seen as a public service." Boyd said.

In keeping with the traditions of both Calhoun and law schools as a whole, Boyd's work and dedication to public service will continue to inspire those who seek to promote the greater good and to make the world a better place for all of its inhabitants.



William Boyd

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GRUBER ELECTED TO AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE

Professor **Aya Gruber** was elected as a member of the American Law Institute (ALI), the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and improve the law. The ALI's elected membership is limited to 3,000 judges, lawyers, and law professors from all areas of the United States and around the world, selected on the basis of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in improving the law. Gruber was one of 43 new members elected to the ALI this year and is the only inductee from Colorado.



Aya Gruber

SCHWARTZ NAMED FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Associate Professor **Andrew Schwartz** earned a Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to New Zealand from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He will spend the first half of 2017 researching and lecturing at the University of Auckland as part of a project studying securities crowdfunding. Schwartz has authored numerous law review articles on securities crowdfunding, which he will continue investigating in New Zealand.



Andrew Schwartz

SPAIN BRADLEY ELECTED TO AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Associate Professor **Anna Spain Bradley** was elected to the 24-person Executive Council of the American Society of International Law at this year's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. She also chairs the organization's Honors Committee and serves on the Dispute Resolution Interest Group Advisory Board. Spain Bradley's scholarship examines law and decision making and the promotion of peace through international law. Her work is informed by her continued practice in the areas of international mediation and arbitration.



Anna Spain Bradley

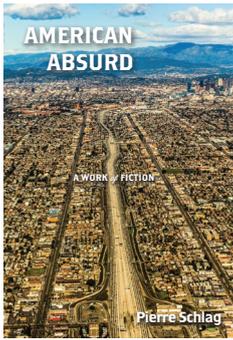
SULLIVAN JOINS COLORADO LAW

Colorado Law welcomed **Jennifer Sullivan** to the newly created position of senior director for student and alumni success. In this role, Sullivan assists students and alumni to develop career plans and find employment. She holds a JD from Duke University School of Law and has more than a decade of litigation experience, most recently at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Boulder. She can be reached at jennifer.sullivan@colorado.edu.



Jennifer Sullivan

PROFESSOR SCHLAG PUBLISHES FIRST NOVEL



At first glance, readers might be quick to characterize Professor **Pierre Schlag's** most recent writings as exceedingly technical, and he would likely agree. Schlag points to his latest articles, “How to Do Things with Hohfeld” (*Law and Contemporary Problems*, 2015) and “The Knowledge Bubble” (forthcoming 2016), as “virtually metallic in their prose.” He goes so far as to refer to his 2013 article, “Coase Minus the Coase Theorem—Some Problems with Chicago Transaction Costs Analysis” (*Iowa Law Review*) as “almost Mondrian-like in the intransigence of its lines.” All that aside, Schlag has broken out into fiction in his spare time, publishing the novel *American Absurd* in spring 2016 by Bowen Press.

What was the impetus behind your novel, *American Absurd*?

I finally broke past the law review/university press monograph genre. I'd been testing the limits for some time—a few years back I hosted a Victorian transtemporal dinner party with Christopher Columbus Langdell, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Richard Posner. The proceedings were published in the *Buffalo Law Review*. Then not too long ago, I had a gay footnote come out in a *Georgetown Law Journal* article. I believe that is a first. I don't think that's ever happened before.

Why satire?

It's like class. Humor helps. It stretches the limits of the possible. Unleavened by humor, some of what I say could easily seem grim. Besides, humor is a great way of disrupting established frames. Humor doesn't have much of an appropriate role in litigation (the pain and gravity of the proceedings). But it does have a role to play in scholarship—particularly in satirical takes, since so much scholarship takes on airs that it really cannot sustain. Satire is a great deflationist vehicle.

Why write a novel—and why this novel?

I couldn't help it. I was right on Wilshire Boulevard close to UCLA at about 2:30 one afternoon, and there were all these people driving by in these immaculate upscale cars—BMW's, Mercedes Benzes, and so on. Clear-coat black, emerald green, oyster white. 2:30 in the afternoon. On a week day. And I wondered, *who ARE all these people? And WHERE are they going?* Then it hit me—they aren't going anywhere. They're faking it. They're just going from A to B, pretending to have a life when in fact. . . . So I started writing up a mock magazine article about these people in L.A. driving from place to place as if that were the meaning of life. And then my novel was up and running, almost writing itself.

And why absurd?

Absurdity is a great premise. It really opens things up a lot. Plus, there's just so much of it around.

Are there any law professors or lawyers in the story?

No law professors. There are a few transactional lawyers working on a deal that doesn't exist. (Of course, they pretend the deal does exist because . . . well . . . because everybody else does.) There are no law professors, but there is an academic conference. And the professions are generally well-represented in the novel: the journalists, the therapists, the police, the writers, and the agents.



Pierre Schlag

Pierre Schlag is distinguished professor at the University of Colorado and Byron R. White Professor of Law. He teaches Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Torts, and a variety of seminars on ethics, critical law and economics, and legal reasoning.

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW PROGRAM WELCOMES DEAN ANAYA

By Carla Fredericks, Director, American Indian Law Program and Clinic

Professor S. James Anaya's appointment as dean of Colorado Law greatly contributes to the rich history of the school's American Indian Law Program as well as our forward-looking commitment to the legal field of American Indian and international indigenous peoples. More than 40 years ago, we founded our American Indian Law Program on the belief that native peoples deserve the very best lawyers and it is our obligation to train them, while also advancing education, service, and scholarship in the field.

Students of our program have the opportunity to take a variety of introductory and advanced Indian law courses, serve as student attorneys in the American Indian Law Clinic, engage at a community and national level through joining the Native American Law Students Association, work with national legal services organizations, including the Native American Rights Fund, and earn a specialized certificate in American Indian law. Through these experiences, our American Indian Law Program has inspired and prepared generations of lawyers to serve tribal communities across the nation and indigenous groups worldwide.

Anaya brings to Colorado Law exceptional expertise that will continue to strengthen our American Indian Law Program and provide the law school additional opportunities to manifest the global future of the

field of indigenous peoples law. Anaya's achievements are too many to list here, but among a few are his service as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNSR), his scholarly excellence as a thought leader in indigenous peoples and international law, his participation in the drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and his service as lead counsel in numerous cases for indigenous clients. Importantly, Anaya's storied career directly complements the expanding coursework of the American Indian Law Program, including our coursework in Indigenous Peoples in International Law and the American Indian Law Clinic's external support for the present UNSR, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, and other indigenous peoples nationally and globally.

We are thrilled to harness the possibility of Anaya's leadership to elevate Colorado Law's American Indian Law Program through our shared devotion to the advancing of international human and indigenous rights. Across all disciplines, Colorado Law has a demonstrated commitment to service, innovation, and legal scholarship. The American Indian Law Program under Dean Anaya's leadership will continue and grow our tradition to support indigenous communities while ensuring our students can achieve whatever they dream possible in the field of native peoples law.



INTRODUCING THE NEW SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

By Davis Logan, Swarthmore College ('17) and 2016 intern to Dean Weiser



Deborah Cantrell

“The great thing about SCD is that it supports an atmosphere of innovation and diversity of opinion.”

Stephanie Minutillo ('18)

With a passion for social justice, many students decide to go to law school to become agents on the front lines for positive social change. In this ever-changing and globalized world, the question of how people can best live together in sustainable communities becomes more important with each passing day. The need for legal professionals ready to take on the challenges to create such communities continues to increase.

This fall, Colorado Law introduced its first new law clinic in nearly a decade to help meet this need. The new Sustainable Community Development (SCD) Clinic, enthusiastically led by Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Programs **Deborah Cantrell**, provides Colorado Law students with further opportunities to integrate classroom content into substantial work in the Boulder community. The inaugural class of the year-long SCD Clinic includes eight Colorado Law students working jointly with Boulder community organizations on various grassroots projects to effect positive social change while also completing course work in a corresponding seminar. As Cantrell explains, “The overarching frame of SCD is to consider the role of sustainable development as reflecting commitments to social justice and to reducing poverty.”

Students want to put legal theory into practice with transactional and other non-court-based clinical work. Students currently have such opportunities in the American Indian Law Clinic, the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, and the Technology Law and Policy Clinic. Now the SCD Clinic provides focused opportunities such as economic development in the fields of land use, real estate transactions, and socially responsible, nontraditional business entities.

The SCD Clinic asks students to explore the practical pursuit of a sustainable community, social justice, and the reduction of poverty. It also requires students to consider what it means to do good work with a community of people as a person privileged with knowledge of the law. The goal is for law students to understand the deep relationships between doctrine, theory, and real-world application. The clinic also allows community development planners and advocates in Boulder to learn alongside Colorado Law students about how technical legal systems generate certain kinds of built environments that reflect the intersection of poverty, health, and the environment.

Because there are many interpretations of sustainability and social justice, Cantrell invites her students to explore a variety of topics that apply to sustainable development. “SCD takes a capacious approach to the topics and projects that count as ‘sustainable development,’” she said.

While students work on their projects with Boulder communities, they complete corresponding coursework in the SCD clinical seminar, including writing project analyses and project action plans. In addition, students give oral presentations, practice problem-solving techniques, and participate in problem-solving discussions where teams of students describe the particular challenges they face while doing their projects. To round out the experiential learning experience, the class also functions as a policy think tank on critical issues concerning local development and sustainability.

“The great thing about SCD is that it supports an atmosphere of innovation and diversity of opinion,” said clinic participant **Stephanie Minutillo** ('18). “What sealed the deal was the sincere and inspiring intention behind the project to improve the community in a lasting and meaningful way. Since I came to law school to practice environmental and energy law, the clinic is a great way to pursue my interest in environmental and resource sustainability.”

FACING PAGE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Kristen Carpenter, Richard Collins, S. James Anaya, Charles Wilkinson, Carla Fredericks, and Sarah Krakoff.

THE PATH TO CITIZENSHIP

By Julia Sevy, Program and Communications Manager

On a snowy Saturday afternoon in mid-April, approximately 30 adults gather inside the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC) in Aurora, Colorado, armed with pens and the \$680 fee required to apply for U.S. citizenship. A team of volunteer attorneys, translators, and APDC staff stand by to help clients with the pre-screening interview and lengthy application—the first steps for eligible green card holders to become naturalized citizens.

Abby Frame ('18), a volunteer at the drive, sits beside a Burmese woman, going line by line through the 30-page application. A translator helps explain the detailed questions about previous travel, family members, medical history, and more. By the end of the day, Frame said she had a new understanding of the many challenges faced by those seeking U.S. citizenship.

“During my first year of law school, I was focused a lot on myself and my law school world—reading, studying, and taking exams. Volunteering at the drive was a good reminder of the reason why I wanted to go to law school in the first place—to get out there and help people,” said Frame, who interned in the family and child unit at Colorado Legal Services last summer and is interested in pursuing a career as an immigration lawyer. “It was so rewarding to help people with a challenging form like this one.”

Associate Professor **Ming Hsu Chen** teaches classes on citizenship and immigration law, and also works with community organizations to coordinate events—like this one—that bring together law students and members of the immigration law community. To provide students with a more robust picture of immigration, her courses on citizenship and immigration law incorporate fieldwork methods like volunteering at naturalization drives hosted by organizations such as Mi Familia Vota and the APDC; observing removal hearings at the Denver Immigration Court; attending a naturalization ceremony; and interviewing those with firsthand experience with the immigrant experience, including foreign students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, children of undocumented parents, or asylees working on an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and legal permanent residents.

“Volunteering with immigrants in the community puts a live face to the laws that we are learning in class,” Chen said. “It’s really moving for a lot of students and gives them a more vivid picture of who it is they will eventually be helping with the knowledge they are learning in the classroom.”

Chen’s teaching and scholarship focuses on immigrant integration and educating the public about the potential for immigrants and other noncitizens to contribute to society, while engaging law students and the Boulder/Denver immigration law community. She is also in the early stages of writing a book about the role of the federal government in integrating immigrants into a multicultural society.

“Colorado is more diverse than people realize in Boulder, and my students really enjoy connecting with other people in the community. Through their fieldwork, they make a lot of discoveries about why immigrants would be eager for a pathway to citizenship, what obstacles they confront even once formally eligible, and how lawyers can help,” she said.

Chen’s parents are Chinese and Taiwanese immigrants who came to the United States after the passage in 1965 of the Hart-Celler Act, which abolished many of the previous restrictions on immigrants from Asia and Africa entering the U.S. As a teenager growing up in California, she experienced the passage of California Proposition 187, which was designed to make those in the country illegally ineligible for public benefits, including non-emergency health care, public education, and other services in the state.

“I witnessed a lot of key moments in the immigration movement,” she said. “I knew with the passing of Proposition 187 that a lot of the public benefits would be cut off for many of my classmates, and that piqued my interest in the area of immigration rights.”



LEFT TO RIGHT: Translator, Abby Frame ('18), and Burmese client.

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Associate Professor Ming Hsu Chen



LEFT TO RIGHT: Burmese client and Abby Frame ('18).

Chen began her first semester of law school at New York University in August 2001—just weeks before the September 11 terrorist attacks. This further fueled her passion for immigration issues and shaped her post-law school career.

Fast forward to today, and the 2016 presidential campaign has caused national discussions about immigrant rights to resurface on a daily basis.

“I wish more people understood that immigration is a much bigger issue than the issues we’re seeing talked about in the election,” Chen said. “Immigrants have been part of American society for a very long time, and immigration is not just about people coming to the country unlawfully or getting deported. I wish people realized that immigration also involves inviting people to come to the country, figuring out who can come, and the rights of people who already live here.”

Moqi Liu ('17), past co-president of the Asian Pacific American and South Asian Law Students Association (APALSA), immigrated to the

U.S. from China when she was 23. Now, she serves as a liaison between the APDC and Colorado Law students, helping to recruit volunteers and organize naturalization drives.

“I’m a first-generation immigrant myself and worked with a lot of immigrants before law school. I understand that this group of people is really in need of help. It’s really important for them to have someone to help them and give them some hope. That’s why I think I wanted to work with APDC and get more students involved,” she said.

In an effort to create more opportunities for Colorado Law students to engage with her research in the community, Chen applied for—and received—two grants from CU that support outreach and community engagement and developing a diverse and inclusive campus environment through scholarly work and teaching. She will use the funding to launch additional voter registration and citizenship drives and to undertake more interviews, consultations, and community work with immigrants, community organizations, immigration attorneys, and policymakers this fall and spring.

MEET ALICE MADDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GETCHES-WILKINSON CENTER

For more than half a century, Colorado Law has led the nation in research and programs examining the complex challenges facing the American West, the nation, the world, its people, wildlife, lands, and waters. The Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment (GWC) is at the helm of much of that work, convening thought leaders and practitioners to address emerging issues facing public land and tribal resource management, climate change, and energy development both in the U.S. and abroad.

In July 2016, **Alice Madden** ('89) assumed the role of executive director of the GWC. A former student and colleague of both the GWC's namesakes, **David Getches** and **Charles Wilkinson**, she is excited to advance the mission of the center and continue the work and commitment of two pivotal figures in her education and career.

"Alice has deep experience and knowledge in clean energy, climate change, and sustainability—expertise that has served her well as a top official in the U.S. Department of Energy," said Wilkinson, distinguished professor, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, and chair of the GWC board of directors. "She is widely admired for her ability to collaborate with diverse stakeholders on complex natural resource issues."

Madden's arrival coincided with that of **Dean S. James Anaya**, an expert on international human rights, including the development of natural resources on indigenous lands and the impact of such development on local communities.

"Of the many things that attracted me to Colorado Law, I was intrigued by the mission of the GWC," Anaya said. "It aligns well with my life's work."

Among Madden's initial priorities is engaging a wide range of stakeholders with the GWC's work, and she believes that Anaya's presence will help raise the center's profile.

"I want to continue the great work of my predecessor, **Britt Banks** ('88), to ensure that scholars, practitioners, industry, government agencies, and environmental organizations view the GWC as a trusted and relevant resource," Madden said.

To that end, she will focus on bridging the gap between research and practice by drawing on the perspectives of leaders from government, industry, non-governmental organizations, academia, and civil society.

"Coordination, collaboration, and practical application—these will be the foundation of all my efforts," Madden said.

Madden has dedicated her career to environmental policy and clean energy solutions. After earning her JD from Colorado Law, she practiced commercial litigation for eight years with a focus on employment law, civil rights, and anti-discrimination efforts. In 1997, she returned to her alma mater to serve as director of alumni relations and taught legal writing and advocacy until she was elected

to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2000. During her time as majority leader from 2005 to 2008, her legislative priorities included helping build the foundation for a sustainable energy economy. Madden then became the climate change advisor to former Colorado Governor **Bill Ritter** ('81), and subsequently held the Timothy E. Wirth Chair in Sustainable Development at CU Denver. In 2013, she accepted an appointment to the U.S. Department of Energy, where she served as the principal deputy assistant secretary for intergovernmental and external affairs. Madden returned to Colorado in 2015 and formed All of the Above Consulting, focusing on the advancement of emerging clean energy technologies.

Madden will draw upon her long history of helping others with their professional development to attract more students to the GWC's work. She is particularly interested in increasing participation by minority students. "As the GWC expands its role as a problem solver, we need to take an all hands on deck approach. Our demographics are shifting and we need to do everything we can to attract excellent students with diverse backgrounds into these fields," she said.

Madden welcomes your input. You may contact her at alice.madden@colorado.edu.

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SUPPORTING STUDENT PUBLIC SERVICE WORK

Public service is at the core of Colorado Law, and summer fellowships are one of the ways in which Colorado Law is empowering interested students to pursue positions that serve the community in the areas of civil rights/civil liberties, public policy, women's issues, environmental law and policy, and more. With the support of generous donors, Colorado Law offers a range of summer fellowships that provide financial assistance to students pursuing unpaid and low-paying summer public service work opportunities.

Established in memory of a former Colorado Law professor, the Jonathon Boyd Chase Human Rights Fellowship supports first- and second-year law students working in the areas of civil liberties, poverty, or discrimination. In 2016, nine students received the fellowship and pursued summer work at organizations including Lambda Legal, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, and Colorado Legal Services.

"Becoming a civil rights attorney serving the LGBTQ+ community has been a longstanding goal of mine, and the fellowship's support has enabled me to accept an amazing opportunity that brings me one step closer to fulfilling that dream," said **Jordan Blisk** ('18), who worked at Lambda Legal, a nonprofit that supports the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through litigation, education, and policy work. "I worked on several projects that will directly impact many vulnerable LGBTQ+ populations such as youths, elders, incarcerated persons, and people of color. In the short time I have already spent with Lambda Legal, I have become even more confident that my career choice is truly the right path for me. I look forward to the challenges and growth that I will experience as a result of this summer, and I am very thankful."

Ron Sandgrund ('82) donated in 2009 to create the Sandgrund Environmental Law Fellowship because he wanted students to consider environmental advocacy as a career option. "I know law firms pay much more than environmental nonprofits," Sandgrund said, "but my hope was that if Colorado Law provided a financial incentive for students to take a summer position with an environmental group, it might cause some talented students to consider using their law degrees in public service when they graduate."

Sandgrund was recently able to grow his fellowship endowment by \$50,000—bringing his total contribution to \$175,000—which will provide even more fellowship funding in the future.

Because of the stipend offered, **Jaclyn Brass** ('17), a recipient of a 2016 Sandgrund Environmental Law Fellowship, was able to accept a summer position at Trustees for Alaska in Anchorage. "While I was excited to accept the position in Alaska, the financial reality of rent and travel began to weigh heavily," Brass said. "The financial assistance provided by the fellowship allowed me to worry less about future debts and focus on gaining experience and contributing meaningfully to the environmental work at Trustees for Alaska."

For many students, the fellowship is the deciding factor when considering whether to accept an unpaid or low-paying summer job in the public sector. Such was the case with **Caleb Nagel** ('17), who, after receiving the Helmick Public Service Fellowship, took an unpaid prosecutorial internship with the District Attorney's Office for the Eighth Judicial District in Fort Collins. He plans to pursue a career as a deputy district attorney in Colorado.

"This generosity has allowed me to get excellent real-world experience, all while being able to serve my community," he said.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Ron Sandgrund ('82) and Jaclyn Brass ('17).

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With great appreciation, we recognize the 290 donors at 57 participating firms and offices to the 2016 Colorado Law Challenge. Our Colorado Law Alumni Ambassadors were integral to the success of the challenge and we thank them for their efforts. Please congratulate the following firms that achieved 100 percent participation in 2016:

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ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Each month Colorado Law profiles a prestigious alumnus or alumna and asks five questions. Below are a sampling of responses. To read full stories, visit colorado.edu/law/alumni-of-the-month.



Tuttle ('84)
January 2016



Haygood ('01)
February 2016



Evans ('98)
March 2016



Feldman ('05)
April 2016



Perkins ('98)
May 2016



Entsminger ('99)
June 2016



Entsminger ('99)
June 2016

Who was the biggest influence on your career?

"In addition to my parents, who taught me the value of hard work and a kind heart, I have been fortunate to have **mentors at each key stage of my career who challenged me, believed in me, and freely shared their knowledge and strategies for success.**"

Niki Frangos Tuttle ('84)

Partner
Hogan Lovells

Who was the biggest influence on your career?

"There have been so many incredible people who have helped me along the way. Dean David Getches was probably the most influential in causing me to pursue a purposeful career. He taught me that **work which was not making the world a better place was not worth doing.**"

Eli Feldman ('05)

President and Founder
Conscience Bay Company

What advice would you give to current students?

"**Whatever you do with your law degree, make sure that you are passionate about it,** and that other people—particularly those whose lives are lived on the margins of our society—are better situated because you have that law degree."

Ryan P. Haygood ('01)

President and CEO
New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

Who was the biggest influence on your career?

"I can't narrow it to one. My family has been a tremendous influence. The mentorship I have received in my career has been the other major influence. I have been blessed to learn from some terrific lawyers, including my judge and my colleagues at Faegre, **who have always pushed me to find my best.**"

Heather Perkins ('98)

Managing Partner
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP

What is your fondest memory of being a student at Colorado Law?

"My classmates. Many of us were newly married or new parents, and my closest friends and I had all decided to make a change from successful careers before law school. **It was great to have the support network for all of those transitions.**"

Jennifer Evans ('98)

Managing Partner
Polsinelli PC

What advice would you give to graduates?

"**Having a law degree is like having a PhD in how the country actually works;** it can be very empowering, but to harness that potential you should be open to opportunities beyond the traditional career paths for young attorneys."

John Entsminger ('99)

General Manager
Las Vegas Valley Water District and Southern Nevada Water Authority

"It is hard to know exactly what you want right out of law school, but **you will have time to figure it out.**"

Erica Entsminger ('99)

Partner
Eglet Prince

RECENT ALUMNI ANSWER: WHY COLORADO LAW?

Recent alumni from the Colorado Law Promising Start series answer the questions, “Why did you choose Colorado Law?” and “If you were to recommend Colorado Law to a potential student, what would you say?” Read more in the Promising Start series at colorado.edu/law/promisingstarts.



Balmat ('14)



Durling ('12)



Hinojosa ('13)



Jacobs ('14)



Jeans ('15)



Smith ('13)

Thomas Balmat ('14)

Associate Attorney
Fisher & Suhr, PC

“Colorado Law is a special place. As a law school with extremely bright and motivated people, someone might expect there to be competition or mistrust among students. This is absolutely not the case at Colorado Law. Instead, **the school provides the opportunity for good people with different backgrounds and interests to come together both in and out of the classroom.”**

Julie Jacobs ('14)

Associate Attorney
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.

“Attending Colorado Law was a great experience. From the professors to my classmates to the staff in the library and at the Career Development Office, **I always felt supported and able to ask questions.** Don’t forget to enjoy the experience and have as much fun as possible!”

Jacob Durling ('12)

Partner
Flatirons Realty Investment Fund, LLLP

“Colorado Law offers an unparalleled track into making a career—whether that career is legal, legal-related, or only kind-of-sort-of-related to law. . . . **Colorado Law is a tremendous value for a superb education.”**

Ethan Jeans ('15)

Associate Attorney
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

“The real value add, the thing that doesn’t show up on paper, is our culture. When my laptop died halfway through second semester my 1L year, the number of classmates who sent me unsolicited copies of their notes was overwhelming.”

Martina Hinojosa ('13)

Public Finance Attorney
Butler Snow LLP

“I cannot imagine a more idyllic place to attend law school, not just in terms of scenery and access to outdoor activities, but also with respect to the type of people that choose to attend Colorado Law. **My classmates were helpful and supportive of one another.”**

Kristen Smith ('13)

Oil and Gas Attorney
Cheniere Energy, Inc.

“If you are looking for a great, practical legal education in a place that allows you a fantastic outdoors lifestyle, go for it. Colorado Law is a great place to meet incredibly intelligent people who will be in your circle for the rest of your life. **It is a fantastic springboard for your legal career.”**

LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD CHAIR

Lucy Schlauch Stark ('98)



Dear Colorado Law Alumni,

We welcome Dean Anaya to Colorado Law as he joins a long list of amazing people who have led this institution and helped turn it into the exceptional law school it is today. All these deans have their fingerprints on this school, shaped and molded it, and changed it through their tenure. Change isn't always easy, but it always helps us to get better. As Winston Churchill once said: "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

Change is rampant in the legal profession and in law schools these days. It seems that every day I see a news article about the increasing challenges facing law schools: declining admissions, increasing costs, competition for talented faculty, increasing student debt, and post-graduation job placement concerns are just a few.

In the face of all of this change, Dean Anaya steps into his new role at Colorado Law. He will undoubtedly take our institution to new heights. And while we believe he will find that Colorado Law is in a remarkably solid position to address these challenging times, none of us can afford to rest on our laurels. As we embark with Dean Anaya on an exciting new course for our school, I urge each of you to consider what you can do to help the institution to continue to strive for perfection. There are many ways to participate in the Colorado Law community and to help make a positive impact on our school:

- **Mentor** a prospective student, a current student, or a recent graduate. You have more to share than you know!
- **Volunteer** your time. Colorado Law is always looking for alumni who can assist with mock trials, host events, be a Colorado Law Alumni Ambassador, chair a class reunion, speak on a panel, conduct mock interviews—the list goes on.
- **Give** any amount. Tuition increases combined with the decrease in state spending on higher education have made the financial burden associated with a law degree enormous. There are many ways to give, and even more uses for those funds. Did you receive a scholarship while you were at Colorado Law? Consider whether you can start to pay it back by paying it forward.

I sincerely believe that each graduate of Colorado Law has something unique and amazing to contribute, and that each of us has a responsibility to give back to this institution that has given us so much. To find out other ways you can participate in the Colorado Law community, please check out colorado.edu/law/alumni/get-involved. To learn more about ways you can give, please visit colorado.edu/law/donate or contact Mary Beth Searles, assistant dean for development, at 303.492.1215 or marybeth.searles@colorado.edu.

Law Alumni Board

The Law Alumni Board is made up of 28 Colorado Law graduates. The members promote the best interests of the law school by stimulating interest in, building loyalty for, and increasing support for the law school among its alumni and students, and assisting the law school in serving the needs of its alumni, students and faculty, the legal profession, and the public at large. The 2016-17 board chair is **Lucy Stark** and the chair-elect is **Darla Daniel**.

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Maureen Weston ('92), Pepperdine University School of Law

PHOTO, LEFT TO RIGHT: Chair Lucy Stark ('98), Chair-Elect Darla Daniel ('01), and Immediate Past-Chair Franz Hardy ('00) celebrate at the 35th Annual Colorado Law Alumni Awards Banquet. Join us for the 36th Annual Banquet on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

IN MEMORIAM

KATHRYN GERRY BARDWELL ('48), beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2016, after complications from a hip fracture at the age of 95. Bardwell was a board member of the *Rocky Mountain Review* and subsequently worked for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Bardwell recognized the value of education, and one of her proudest achievements was working for the Hudson YWCA to establish the Hudson Day Care Center, still in existence today. Bardwell is survived by her husband, Dr. Stanley Bardwell; four children, Avelina, Genevieve, Christina, and Elizabeth; and eight grandchildren.

RICHARD GORDON FISHER JR. ('54) passed away at age 87 on January 19, 2016. Fisher lived in Denver his entire life and married Ann Fisher on September 22, 1961. He worked for 31 years as a senior attorney for the Colorado State Compensation Insurance Fund. Fisher is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Richard J. Fisher (Tammy Campbell); and three grandsons.

THOMAS H. WOOD ('56) passed away peacefully at TRU Community Care in Louisville, Colorado. Wood served in the U.S. Army before graduating from law school and joining the law firm of Secor, McCarty and Flanders in Longmont, Colorado, where he became a partner. He retired in 1987. He was very involved in the community, serving as president of the Boulder County Bar Association and on the Longmont Hospital board, and mentoring students in St. Vrain Valley. Wood is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mitzi; his sons, Lynn (Michelle), Don (Karen); and his daughters, Cindy Hoge (Rick), Kathy Pillmore (Mark); 11 grandchildren and their spouses; and 11 great grandchildren.

KERMIT L. DARKEY ('57) died in his home on December 29, 2015. Prior to attending the University of Colorado, Darkey was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as an adjunct to the 186th Fighter Squadron, and later a courier officer in the Azores. While in school, Darkey met and fell in love with Barbara Rufer and after law school they married and moved to Broomfield, Colorado. In 1957, Darkey joined the staff of the Mountain States Employers Council Labor Relations. He became president of the organization in 1980 and retired in 1996. Darkey was active in a number of community organizations including St. Joseph Hospital Foundation, Winter Park Recreation Association Board of Trustees, Rotary Club of Denver, Mile High Red Cross Chapter, The Denver Foundation, and Children's Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughters, Kathy Deits (Steve), Susan Madison (Mark); son, Scott; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JOHN CHARLES HOVER JR. ('59) passed away at age 81 on Saturday, February 20, 2016, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Hover was born in Wichita, Kansas, on January 18, 1935. He sat for the Arizona bar exam in 1960 and in 1973 was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court bar. Hover was an active member of the state and local community and enjoyed traveling, golfing, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his children, John "JC" Hover III (fiancée, Pat), Kirk E. Hover (Michelle), and Holley Mackey (Bill); seven grandchildren; and one great grandson.

SHERMAN BULLOCK KELLAR ('59) died at the age of 81 on January 14, 2016. As a third generation lawyer, Kellar started his law career as a National Labor Relations Board trial attorney in Denver. In 1964 he moved to Portland and began a private practice where he worked for over 23 years. He then was the president and CEO of a concrete treatment and restoration product company before he served on arbitration/mediation panels for the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Mediation Conciliation Service, as well as serving on the Employment Relations Boards of Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. He loved the game of squash and played with friends for 50 years at the Multnomah Athletic Club, where he also served on the board of trustees as vice president. Kellar is survived by his wife of 36 years, Jayn Barnes Kellar; son, Scot

Kellar (Caroline Gutmann); daughter, Courtney Kellar Tibbitts (Mark); stepdaughters, Karyn Coleman (Jeff) and Jennifer Kulle Jones (Jason); and five grandchildren.

VIRGIL DWAYNE LANG ('59) passed away on March, 23, 2016, in Dallas, Texas. He was born in Appleton, Minnesota, and lived in Seattle, Washington, before he entered the U.S. Air Force in 1951. Lang did a tour of duty in Korea translating Chinese radio signals for military intelligence during the Korean War. When he returned, he met his wife while working for the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. During his retirement from his law career, he and his wife enjoyed traveling around the world. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Jane Bowen Lang; his two daughters, Betsy Maddox and Margaret Ott; and six grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN K. JOHNSON ('61) passed away at age 80 on May 27, 2016, surrounded by family and loved ones. Johnson's passion was service to others, serving on the Craig Hospital board for over 30 years, founding the Evergreen Foundation in 1996, and participating in the Colorado Philanthropic Network. He and his wife, Corky, lived in Ouray and founded Johnson & Link Law firm after his time as partner at Buchanan, Thomas and Johnson. Johnson loved music, traveling with family, and his fellowship at the Arvada United Methodist Church. He is survived by his beloved wife, Corky Johnson; his children Chris Johnson (Kelly), Kim Johnson (Christopher Carroll), Patrick Jager (Bart Story), Scott Jager (Linda), and Betsy Jager.

ROGER LANE WRIGHT ('64) passed away on February 20, 2016. He had a private practice in Reno after working as a clerk for the Nevada Supreme Court. Wright had extensive knowledge of equine genetics and scientific breeding of thoroughbred and Arabian horses as well as a profound passion for poetry. He is survived by his daughters, Elyse Standerfred and Whitney Dales.

CHARLES ABNEY BECK ('66) died on September 28, 2015. He was born in Miami, Oklahoma, on February 12, 1941. Beck worked as a trial lawyer before moving on to corporate law and financing. After retiring, Beck could often be found visiting friends over a cup of coffee or outdoors fishing.

RICHARD MAGNUS "DICK" HOPPER ('66) died of brain cancer on January 2, 2016, at his home surrounded by loved ones. After attending law school, Hopper joined the Colorado Air National Guard and served in South Korea. He spent time working for the IRS and First National Bank of Denver before he joined the law firm of Lentz, Evans & King as a partner and retired after 30 years, recognized as one of the outstanding estate attorneys in Colorado. Hopper married and is survived by Barbara Lasko and they were together for 40 happy years.

DONALD MEDSKER ('66) passed away on June 25, 2016. When he was young, Medsker, at 6'7", was a great basketball player, playing in college for the Iowa State University Cyclones. After Medsker became a lawyer, he married Carol Taylor and had 46 years of happy marriage before she passed away. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his children, Dan Medsker, Ginny Marmolejo (Dave), Zac Medsker (Heidi), and Emily Lonborg (Art); and many loving grandchildren.

JAMES EDWIN HINISH JR. ('68) passed away on January 5, 2016. Hinish was born on May 23, 1938, in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Before attending the University of Colorado, he worked in the banking industry in New York and had a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He was fluent in German and stationed in West Berlin as military intelligence. In 1973, Hinish moved to Washington, D.C., working as a legislative assistant to several members of Congress. Hinish enjoyed traveling, often bringing along friends and mentees to accompany him. He was a supporter of the arts, and after retiring he valued his time spent mentoring high school, undergraduate, and graduate students at the College of William & Mary and Regent University.

ROBERT E. KREBS ('69) died at the age of 72 on March 25, 2016. Krebs practiced corporate intellectual property law for over 45 years and was an active partner at Nixon Peabody at the time of his death. He served on the advisory board at the School of Engineering at the University of Colorado, where he got his undergraduate engineering degree. He and his wife, Mary Barbara Ballard, were avid instrument-rated pilots and flew throughout the western United States. He was a lifelong student and also enjoyed the outdoor hobbies of alpine skiing, water skiing, tennis, and hiking. Krebs is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, John and Paul; and daughter-in-law, Kate.

THOMAS F. MARMON ('73) was born in Pontiac, Michigan, on November 24, 1928. He passed away on March 21, 2016, at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado, at age 87. He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. When he moved to Colorado to attend law school, he also met and married the love of his life, Mimi, and then began practicing in La Junta, Colorado before settling nearby in Las Animas, where they raised their children. Marmon enjoyed skiing, golfing, sailing, gardening, and photography. He is survived by his wife, Fredericka "Mimi"; sons, Philip (Angel Gallegos), Edward, Andrew, and William (Ann); and six grandchildren.

CARLOS "CHUCK" LEAL III ('87) passed away on September 5, 2015. Leal was bound to be a lawyer, growing up with three argumentative sisters, and finished his career in independent practice after working for Patton Boggs and Dewey & Leboeuf. He spent much of his career doing pro bono work and will be remembered as a very generous and kind man. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, and the company of his furry friends. Leal is survived by his son, Carlos Maxwell IV; his spouse, Mary "Sam" Klosterman; and his father, Carlos Leal.

DANIEL OWEN FENAUGHTY ('96) passed away on February 20, 2016, in Kingston, Rhode Island, after suffering a series of strokes. Born in New York in 1962, Fenaughty came to Colorado for law school after a career in television news and continued to work as a field producer during law school. Following graduation, he suffered a serious mountaineering accident from which doctors expected him not to recover. Against all odds, he survived, recovered, and returned to an active life. He maintained a law practice in Colorado Springs, where he handled criminal defense appeals and represented a TV newsroom, defending the First Amendment rights of the operation and its employees. Fenaughty is survived by his two children, Alexander and Katherine.

MICHELLE IRIS PAGAN ARDOLINO ('03) died in Albany, New York, at age 37 from congenital heart disease on February 23, 2016. Ardolino married Kyle R. Ardolino on September 2, 2007, and had two children. She was an associate attorney at the New York State Office of Information Technology Services. Ardolino is survived by her husband, Kyle; her two daughters, Marisa and Natalie; and her parents, Hector and Iris Pagan.

FACULTY IN MEMORIAM

NORTON "NORT" STEUBEN, 80, died March 7, 2016, at Frasier Meadows Health Center in Boulder. Born in Wisconsin, Steuben grew up in Michigan, graduating from the University of Michigan Law School in 1961. Following law school, Steuben moved to Buffalo, New York, where he first discovered his love of teaching as a lecturer at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. In 1968, Steuben moved his family to Boulder to begin his academic career as an assistant professor at Colorado Law. He retired from the law school in 2002. Steuben, a noted scholar in real estate and taxation, wrote a number of books on both subjects and spent hundreds of hours in service to bar association committees and governments, educating and consulting on tax policy and real estate. Steuben is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter, Sara; and son, Marc (Miwa).



LEFT TO RIGHT: Clifford J. Calhoun, Norton "Nort" Steuben, and David Getches.

CLASS ACTIONS



Jackson ('70)



Frick ('78)



Dzewit ('81)



Gast ('81)



CENTER: Cave ('85)

- 1964** The National Mining Hall of Fame, the only federally chartered mining hall of fame designated to honor and preserve, for perpetuity, the legacies of those who pioneer the development of the mining industry, announced that **Stanley "Stan" Dempsey** ('64) has been selected to be inducted into the hall of fame on September 24, 2016. Dempsey is a geologist, lawyer, historian, author, investment banker, corporate executive, and pioneering leader for proactive environmental protection. He retired as chairman of the board of Royal Gold, Inc. in 2014.
- 1966** **Gary T. Potter** ('66) joined Wade Ash Woods Hill & Farley, P.C. as of counsel. Potter's practice focuses on the areas of estate and trust planning and administration.
- 1970** **The Honorable Gary M. Jackson** ('70) was inducted into George Washington High School's Hall of Fame in May 2016. Jackson was one of seven inductees in the school's inaugural hall of fame class. Judge Jackson was appointed to the Denver County Court in 2013.
- 1971** In December 2016, **Daniel M. Haskell** ('71) will retire from practice after 45 years.
- 1972** **Francis Koncilja** ('72) was appointed by Governor John Hickenlooper to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Koncilja's four-year term expires in January 2020. A native of Pueblo, Colorado, Koncilja has practiced law in the Denver area since 1972.
- 1973** The Weld County Bar Association honored **Stanley C. Peek** ('73) with the Walker Miller Lifetime Achievement Award. Peek, owner of the Peek Law Firm, served as deputy district attorney, assistant district attorney, and elected district attorney for the 19th Judicial District of Colorado. Since 1988, he has been in private practice specializing in family and criminal law.
- 1975** **The Honorable R. Michael Mullins** ('75) retired from the Second Judicial District Court of Colorado in July 2016. Mullins was appointed to the bench in 1990. Prior to his appointment, he practiced in the litigation section of the Colorado Attorney General's Office and was a trial attorney in the Denver office of the Colorado State Public Defender as well as an attorney in private practice.
- John S. Tracy** ('75), who played basketball throughout high school and college, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame for his hometown of Kitsap County, Washington. His practice in Bremerton, Washington, focuses on elder law.
- 1976** The Colorado State Judicial Branch announced the retirement of **The Honorable Larry E. Stutler** ('76) from the Prowers County Court. Judge Stutler was appointed to the Prowers County Court in 1995. He heard cases including civil, traffic, and misdemeanor offenses. He also served as the municipal judge in Lamar, Colorado.
- 1977** The Colorado State Judicial Branch announced the retirement of **The Honorable Jeffrey L. Romeo** ('77) from the Adams County Court. Judge Romeo was appointed to the court in 1990. He presided over a docket of felony criminal, misdemeanor, and traffic cases.
- 1978** **The Honorable Ann B. Frick** ('78) resigned from the Second Judicial District Court of Colorado in July 2016. Frick was appointed to the bench in 2010. Prior to her appointment, she practiced complex business and real estate litigation.
- 1981** **Halina S. Dzewit** ('81) joined Lathrop & Gage LLP's intellectual property team as a partner. She has more than 25 years of experience in intellectual property. As a credentialed certified licensing professional, she advises clients with interests in domestic and international licensing, technology transfer, and high technology transactional matters, involving all aspects of intellectual assets and business transactions.
- The Colorado Bar Association announced **Richard S. Gast** ('81) as the 2016-17 president-elect. Gast, a shareholder in Gast Johnson & Muffly, PC, has practiced real estate, business, and banking law in Fort Collins for 35 years. Gast is a member of the University of Colorado Law Alumni Board.
- 1982** **Marla L. Lien** ('82) joined Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP as a partner. Lien's practice focuses on project development, including rail and property acquisition. Lien previously served as general counsel for the Regional Transportation District, and her experience encompasses the FasTracks Program and other commuter and light rail lines in Denver.
- The Honorable Joseph G. Rosania** ('82) was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. Judge Rosania has spent the past three decades in private practice, first as a solo practitioner, then as a shareholder with Connolly Rosania & Lofstedt, P.C.
- 1983** The Faculty of Federal Advocates announced new members of its board of directors, including: **Seth J. Benezra** ('83), an employment and civil rights lawyer at Benezra & Culver, P.C.; **Marilyn S. Chappell** ('84), an insurance and commercial litigation lawyer at Sweetbaum Sands Anderson PC; **Kathleen E. Craigmile** ('94), an employment and civil litigation attorney at Nixon Shefrin Hensen Ogburn, P.C.; and **Lars H. Fuller** ('95), a commercial and bankruptcy attorney at Baker & Hostetler LLP.
- 1984** Sweetbaum Sands Anderson PC announced that **Marilyn S. Chappell** ('84) joined the firm as special counsel. Chappell has extensive experience in handling insurance litigation and insurance coverage issues. She also has substantial experience in commercial litigation matters. Her practice includes advocacy at the trial court and appellate levels, in state and federal courts, in Colorado and in other jurisdictions.
- 1985** **Sonny Cave** ('85) serves as executive vice president, general counsel, chief compliance and ethics officer, chief risk officer, and corporate secretary for ON Semiconductor. In March 2016, the Ethisphere Institute named ON Semiconductor a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company®, a designation that recognizes organizations that align principle with action by working tirelessly to make integrity part of their corporate DNA.

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Daley ('87)



Rodriguez ('88)



Madden ('89)



Reeser ('92)



Tarpey ('96)

1985 Patrick D. Tooley ('85), a partner in Dill Dill Carr Stonbraker and Hutchings, P.C., was appointed to serve on the Denver Board of Ethics. The Board administers Denver's Code of Ethics, which regulates the employees, elected officials, appointed officials, and board and commission members of the Denver city government. Tooley concentrates his practice in the areas of complex civil litigation, criminal law, appeals, and administrative law, including liquor licensing matters.

Epstein Patierno, P.C. announced the formation and opening of its Greenwood Village, Colorado, office. **Steven B. Epstein** ('85), a shareholder at the firm, focuses his practice on all areas of family law including dissolution of marriage and civil unions, custody, nuptial agreements, co-habitation agreements, partition of real estate, adoption, and international cases under the Hague Convention.

1987 Darrell M. Daley ('87) founded Williams & Daley LLC, a business and commercial litigation firm in Boulder. Daley is an accomplished trial lawyer with 29 years of experience litigating cases.

1988 In January 2016, **Regina "Gina" M. Rodriguez** ('88) joined the litigation and arbitration practice group at Hogan Lovells as a partner in the firm's Denver office. Rodriguez is a prominent trial lawyer with experience across a range of industries as lead trial counsel in complex litigation and tort cases. Rodriguez has extensive experience representing drug and device manufacturers in complex litigation, including product liability, false claims act, and commercial matters. In April 2016, President Obama nominated Rodriguez to the federal bench for the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado.

1989 The Honorable Gary Kramer ('89), formerly of BERENBAUM WEINSHIENK PC, was appointed to the bench for the 18th Judicial District, which covers Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln counties.

Alice Madden ('89) has joined the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment at Colorado Law as executive director. In 2013, Madden served as principal deputy assistant secretary for intergovernmental and external affairs at the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., where she worked with local, state, and tribal leaders, energy production industries, and other constituencies regarding the development and implementation of energy policies and programs. She began her career in the high-tech industry, followed by eight years of commercial litigation practice with a focus on employment law, civil rights, and anti-discrimination efforts. Madden returned to Colorado Law in 1997 to serve as director of alumni relations and taught legal writing and advocacy.

1990 Glen F. Gordon ('90) joined Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC as of counsel. Gordon represents plaintiffs in significant personal injury cases and has tried numerous cases to juries and arbitration panels involving matters ranging from automobile products liability, ski lift and ski area liability, and transportation

and aviation to cases involving catastrophic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and wrongful death.

William A. Rogers III ('90) joined Dietze and Davis, P.C. as a shareholder. He has 25 years of civil litigation experience, focusing on employment, civil rights and tort claim defense.

1991 James "Jim" Burack ('91) was promoted to director of Colorado's Marijuana Enforcement Division. Burack has been with the division for nearly two years as its chief of investigations, following 12 years as an administrator and police chief of Milliken, Colorado, where he helped lead the town's response to the 2013 floods.

The Weld County Bar Association presented **Mark A. Rapp** ('91) with its annual professionalism award, named for the late Magistrate Frank Henderson, which recognizes an attorney with "a life and practice that displays sterling character and unquestioned integrity and ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession." Rapp is founder and managing partner of Rapp, Manzer & Wiest, LLP, where he practices primarily family law.

1992 Sherman & Howard L.L.C. announced the addition of attorney **Jeffrey K. Reeser** ('92) as a member of its natural resources and corporate practice groups. Reeser most recently served as vice president and general counsel at Sunshine Silver Mining & Refining Corporation, an international mining company based in Denver. His practice focuses on representing national resources and other international and domestic companies in defining and executing their strategies, objectives, merger and acquisition activities, risk management, and general compliance issues.

1994 Alexandra L. Davis ('94) took the helm of the Water Resources Division of the City of Aurora's water department. The Water Resources Division is responsible for the acquisition, development, protection, and maintenance of water resources to meet the needs of this Colorado city's citizens today and in the future.

1996 Kyle Hybl ('96) was named to the board of directors of the National Cyber Intelligence Center, which will open in 2016 in Colorado Springs as a cybersecurity research, education, and response facility for businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies. Hybl is chief operating officer, general counsel, and trustee of the El Pomar Foundation and chairman of the University of Colorado Board of Regents.

Catherine A. Seal ('96) was named president of the 2016-17 National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) Board of Directors. Seal, a senior partner of Kirtland & Seal L.L.C. in Colorado Springs, is one of only seven attorneys in Colorado who is designated a Certified Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, as approved by the American Bar Association.



King ('97)



Pascarella ('98)



Yoder ('99)



Children of Williams ('00)



Giancola ('05)

1996 Erica L. Tarpey ('96) was named managing director of Denver-based commercial law firm Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC. Tarpey has served on the firm's executive committee for two years. Her practice focuses on corporate governance, business formation, SEC compliance, and corporate finance.

1997 Martha L. King ('97) established Martha L. King & Associates, P.C. to better serve Native American tribes and individuals. Named a 2016 "Best Lawyer in Native American Law" by U.S. News & World Report, King has worked on federal Indian law and sovereignty issues since 1997.

Otis, Bedingfield & Peters, LLC announced that attorney **Christian J. Schulte** ('97) has been appointed to the Greeley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Schulte's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, probate litigation, and appeals.

1998 Jennifer Hunt ('98) became the first assistant attorney general for the Antitrust, Tobacco, and Consumer Protection unit at the Colorado Attorney General's Office. She is responsible for state antitrust enforcement and civil enforcement actions under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act.

Mark J. Jachimiak ('98) opened Jachimiak Peterson, LLC, which represents clients in most areas of civil litigation, including business and commercial, construction, employment, homeowners association, insurance, personal injury, professional liability, real estate, and transportation.

Vince Pascarella ('98) was promoted to executive vice president and general counsel of Lowers Risk Group, a Virginia-based enterprise risk management and human capital risk solutions company. Lowers Risk Group's Proforma Screening Solutions provides employment screening services; its Lowers & Associates division offers enterprise risk mitigation and loss prevention services; and its Wholesale Screening Solutions provides public record research and wholesale employment and educational verification services.

1999 Governor Hickenlooper appointed **The Honorable Jennifer Torrington** ('99) to the Second Judicial District Court of Colorado. Previously, Torrington was a magistrate in the Denver District Court where she oversaw post-decree domestic relations cases. Prior to her work on the Denver District Court, Torrington was a magistrate for the Denver Juvenile Court.

The Honorable Keri Yoder ('99) was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to fill a vacancy on the bench in the Seventh Judicial District of Colorado (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel counties). Yoder previously served an assistant district attorney in the Seventh Judicial District. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, she was a private practitioner at Overholser & Slee, LLC in Montrose and at Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn & Krohn, LLP in Grand Junction.

2000 Janea A. Scott ('00), of Sacramento, has been reappointed to the California Energy Commission, where she has served since 2013. Scott was a deputy counselor for renewable energy and special assistant to the counselor at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary from 2009 to 2013.

Congratulations to Caley Williams (pictured) and her parents, Kirk and **Marie E. Williams** ('00), on the adoption of her new baby brother, Benjamin. Williams is a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, representing clients in appellate and

trial courts with a particular emphasis on representing banks and insurance companies in class action and other complex litigation.

2001 Amy DeVan ('01) joined Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP as the firm's conflicts and resources staff counsel. In this newly created position, DeVan acts as conflicts counsel for the firm and serves as an internal resource on issues involving ethics and professional responsibility.

Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP announced that **Ericka Houck Englert** ('01) has joined the firm's trial department as of counsel. Englert advises clients and litigates in the areas of commercial business disputes, including oil and gas, energy, real estate, financial disputes, and criminal/white collar defense.

2002 Boulder attorney **Brad J. Hendrick** ('02) was chosen as chair-elect of the Colorado Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Hendrick leads Caplan and Earnest LLC's immigration law section, and his practice focuses on employment-based immigration, including corporate and individual counsel for hiring and compliance, visas, permanent resident status, and citizenship.

Kerri L. Klein ('02), a founding partner at Poskus, Caton & Klein, P.C., has been elected as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Klein's practice emphasizes the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, guardianships and conservatorships, and probate litigation.

Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP promoted **Rudy E. Verner** ('02) to full equity partner of the firm. Verner represents companies in complex commercial disputes at the trial and appellate levels, advises clients on insurance matters, and counsels businesses in the emerging areas of online privacy, data security, and e-commerce law.

2004 Ballard Spahr LLP announced the election of **Matthew Morr** ('04) to partner in the firm's Denver office. Morr is a trial and appellate attorney, with experience in mortgage banking, intellectual property, data security, and defending claims of wrongful foreclosure or violation of debt collection statutes.

Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice presented **Rachel Platt** ('04) with its Good Apple Award in recognition of her pro bono efforts and support of the center. Platt is the founding member of The Platt Law Firm, a full-service family law firm in Atlanta, Georgia.

Amy Sjerven ('04) took a position as program analyst for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General for the Audit Division in San Francisco. The Audit Division's mission is to promote efficiency and effectiveness while identifying waste, fraud, and abuse by performing independent evaluations and financial reviews of programs, activities, and functions in the Department of Justice as well as other organizations receiving Department of Justice funding.

2005 Thomas "Tom" H. Blomstrom ('05) joined Foran Glennon Palandech Ponzi & Rudloff PC as an associate attorney in the firm's recently opened Denver office. Blomstrom concentrates his practice on advising insurers on coverage matters involving first party and liability coverage, including property, CGL, professional liability, and automobile.

The Honorable Crisanta Duran ('05), leader of the Colorado House Democrats, was named the EMILY's List Gabrielle Giffords Rising Star. Duran has represented House District 5 in central Denver since 2011. In 2015, Duran became the first Latina and the youngest woman in the history of Colorado to be elected House majority leader.



Schroer ('05)



Piechota ('07)



Children of Tsuda ('08) and Tsuda ('09)



Garborg ('11)



Child of Harrington Weinig ('09)

2005 Russell D. Giancola ('05) joined Burns White LLC's Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, office as an associate. He defends hospitals, long-term care facilities, physicians, and other health care providers in medical malpractice and other professional liability litigation, and general liability litigation.

Laura M. Martinez ('05) made partner at Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher, LLP. She specializes in commercial litigation, construction defect defense, professional liability defense, and mortgage litigation. Martinez's diverse practice commonly includes personal injury, premises liability, and medical malpractice.

Rebecca K. Schroer ('05) made partner at Holland & Hart LLP. She practices in the tax group, assisting clients with trust and estate litigation and administration, as well as estate planning. As a member of the fiduciary solutions subgroup, Schroer represents corporate fiduciaries, individual fiduciaries, heirs, beneficiaries, and creditors in the resolution of probate and trust-related litigation.

2006 Kingsbery CPAs announced that **Christopher L. Denham** ('06) became a shareholder of the firm. Dunham practices in all areas of taxation with an emphasis on estate and gift tax.

The Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation announced **Josh W. Mack** ('06) as a new member of its board of directors. Mack is a shareholder at Goldman, Robbins, Nicholson & Mack PC, where his practice focuses on civil and criminal litigation in state and federal courts, as well as probate and foreclosure law and real estate transactions.

2007 Johnson & Repucci LLP congratulates **David F. Bower** ('07) on being admitted as an income partner of the firm. Bower will continue to practice primarily in the areas of water, natural resources, and public lands law.

Stacy Carter ('07) became general counsel of Sphero. Sphero is the industry leader in Connected Play and has a number of app-controlled toys and is focused on creating exciting and amazing experiences in entertainment, play, and education.

Charles J. Piechota ('07) was elected to serve on Sutin, Thayer & Browne's board of directors. He has practiced law at the firm since 2007 and has been a firm shareholder since 2014. He belongs to the firm's commercial group, practicing primarily in mergers and acquisitions, estate planning and probate, state and federal taxation, intellectual property, and liquor licensing.

Andrew T. Pouzesi ('07) made partner at Merchant & Gould P.C., where he practices intellectual property law with a focus on patents. His primary focus is on technology areas related to computer software and hardware, telecommunications, medical devices, mechanical inventions, and financial services.

Siddhartha H. Rathod ('07) earned the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association's New Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. Rathod is a partner at Rathod | Mohamedbhai LLC, whose practice areas include civil rights, employment law, and criminal defense. Rathod serves on the Law Alumni Board.

The energy and natural resources firm of Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. announced that preeminent Denver oil and gas attorney **Sarah Sorum** ('07) joined the firm. Sorum's practice focuses on oil and gas law, with an emphasis on oil and gas title work. She has prepared numerous drilling and division order

title opinions and acquisition title opinions in Colorado, North Dakota, and Wyoming.

2008 Sherman & Howard L.L.C. named **Jessica L. Broderick** ('08) a member of its estate planning group in Denver, where she represents individuals and families in the development of their estate plans and provides advice on associated business, marital, and charitable planning. She also represents individual and corporate fiduciaries and beneficiaries regarding estate, trust, and conservatorship and guardianship administration, and assists clients in litigation regarding such matters.

Gil B. Selinger ('08) was named a director (partner) of Fairfield and Woods P.C. Selinger's practice focuses primarily on securities law, small businesses, and mergers and acquisitions, and he counsels clients on a wide range of business transactions and legal matters.

Michi Tsuda ('08) and **Jessica D. Tsuda** ('09) welcomed their daughter, Sloane, in November 2015. Sloane joins her brother, Nikko, as part of the Tsuda family.

Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Scott L. Turner** ('08) has been named a shareholder of the firm. Turner's practice focuses on mineral title examination, oil and gas transactional work, and business and real estate services.

2009 Kristen Cunningham Burke ('09) launched a new practice, Bluebird Legal Strategies, which will help Colorado small businesses and nonprofits get started, operate, and grow by providing transactional legal services. She previously served as counsel to Chief Justice Nancy Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Sherman & Howard L.L.C. named **Matthew Morrison** ('09) as a member of its labor and employment practice group in Denver. His practice covers a wide array of issues impacting employers, and he has experience representing companies in labor disputes and in federal and state courts in cases arising under Title VII, the FLSA, the ADA, and other EEO statutes.

Jennifer Rosenthal ('09) was elected to the partnership of Kendall, Koenig & Oelsner PC. A BizWest 2016 40 Under Forty honoree, Rosenthal's practice focuses on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private equity investments, company formations, and general corporate representation. Rosenthal works with clients ranging from startups to public companies.

Annie Harrington Weinig ('09) and Brad Weinig welcomed their son Connor Thomas Weinig. Connor joins big brother Pete. Harrington is a senior associate with Squire Patton Boggs LLP where her administrative, regulatory, and public policy practice focuses on food and drug, health care, and energy and natural resources matters.

2010 Keith M. Edwards ('10) became a member of the firm Hutchinson Black and Cook, LLC. He practices commercial and general civil litigation.

Duncan Griffiths ('10) made partner at Benson, Kerrane, Storz & Nelson, P.C. Griffiths has significant experience with construction defect litigation, from investigation through discovery, mediation, and trial. He has successfully co-counseled multiple construction defect arbitrations and jury trials against some of the largest homebuilders in the country and their subcontractors.

Child of **Hinde** ('11)**Beale Crane** ('79) and **Tejada** ('12)**Boulden** ('13), **Kitchens** ('12)**Kirkbride** ('13)**Havlik** ('15)

2010 Ashley Turner Harrington ('10) was promoted to managing attorney of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network's Children's Program. Harrington represents immigrant youth in front of both the immigration court and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Abbie Johnson ('10) joined Kolko & Associates, P.C. as a senior associate attorney. Johnson is an immigration practitioner, with strong experience representing children. Johnson's practice focuses on family-based immigration cases, removal defense, and benefits for vulnerable populations.

2011 Margaret "Maggie" H. Garborg ('11) joined the real estate department of Moss & Barnett, a business law firm in downtown Minneapolis, focusing her practice on real estate financing transactions. Garborg primarily advises lenders regarding financing and refinancing of multifamily housing projects and sale of loans to secondary market investors such as the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

Katherine R. Hinde ('11) and her husband, Brian, welcomed the birth of their son, Miles Timothy Hinde, on November 2, 2015.

Miller & Law P.C. welcomed **David M. Little** ('11) to the firm. Little's practice focuses on bankruptcy, business, and litigation.

Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C. welcomed **Allison MacKinnon** ('11) (nee Preiss) to the firm. MacKinnon's practice focuses on oil and gas title work in Colorado and Wyoming.

Metro Volunteer Lawyers welcomed **Sahar P. Safi** ('11) as coordinator of the Family Law Court Program.

White and Steele, P.C. announced that **Dmitry B. Vilner** ('11) joined the firm as an associate.

2012 Sarah Abelson ('12) took a position with StyleHaul, Inc. as the company's director of legal & business affairs.

The Colorado Hispanic Bar Association presented **Ronald Arguello** ('12) with its Outstanding New Lawyer Award. Arguello is an assistant city attorney with the city of Arvada, where he is a prosecutor with well over 100 trials under his belt. He also provides general counsel and advice on various legal issues that arise in the city's day-to-day operations.

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP announced that **Shane C. Griffin** ('12), an associate in its real estate department, joined the associate board of directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado. Griffin, whose legal practice focuses on representing clients in the acquisition, development, financing, leasing and disposition of commercial properties, will assist in the youth organization's mission to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring one-on-one relationships that change their lives for the better.

The law firm of Crane & Tejada, P.C. recently welcomed **Beale C. Tejada** ('12) into its practice. With offices in Durango and Denver, the firm represents clients from the Western Slope to the Front Range on personal injury, workers' compensation, wrongful death, and criminal defense cases. After more than three years at the Colorado State Public Defenders Office, Tejada joins his mother, **Bethiah Beale Crane** ('79), at their family firm. Beale Crane serves on the Law Alumni Board and is active in supporting Colorado Law.

Scott Kitchens ('12) and **Sarah Boulden (JD/MBA '13)** were married August 8, 2015, in Boulder.

2013 Surbhi Garg ('13) was selected as the 2016 president of the South Asian Bar Association of Colorado. In May, Garg joined Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, where she is a member of the firm's employment law practice group.

Abby L. Kirkbride ('13), an associate in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP's real estate department, joined the board of directors of AXL Academy, a public charter school in Aurora.

Sarah Morris ('13) began a new job as manager of external relations at the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project.

In November 2015, **Kristen Smith** ('13) joined the in-house legal team at Cheniere Energy, Inc., a Houston-based company developing liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities along the Gulf Coast. In this new role, Smith supports both the marketing/project development and commercial operations arms of the business.

Anthony Santos ('13) began a new job as deputy district attorney for the First Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Amy D. Trenary ('13) has joined the law firm of Johnson, Brennan & Klein, PLLC as an associate attorney. Trenary's practice focuses on criminal appeals and post-conviction litigation.

2015 Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP announced that **Michael Havlik** ('15), an associate in the firm's corporate and business department, joined the board of Mile High Youth Corps as a director. Havlik's legal practice focuses on complex mergers and acquisitions.

Harmon W. Zuckerman ('15) was appointed to the City of Boulder Planning Board. Zuckerman is an associate attorney at Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C., where he counsels clients in land use, water law, real estate, and civil litigation matters.

PUBLIC SERVICE IS IN JIM ANAYA'S DNA; HE'S A PERFECT MATCH FOR COLORADO LAW

By Steve Moore ('79)

I did a crazy thing immediately upon graduation from Colorado Law in 1979. Forsaking an offer from a Denver law firm, I opted instead to volunteer for a year in the federal VISTA program. I was inspired to do so by David Getches, then an adjunct law professor and full-time attorney for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in Boulder, and also by Bob Golten, the National Wildlife Federation attorney who opened the Natural Resources Law Center, which later became the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment. In the summer of 1983 my young family and I moved back to Colorado and to NARF, where I've practiced since. On reflection, my life experiences and relationships over the past 40 years were indelibly altered by my public interest legal career.

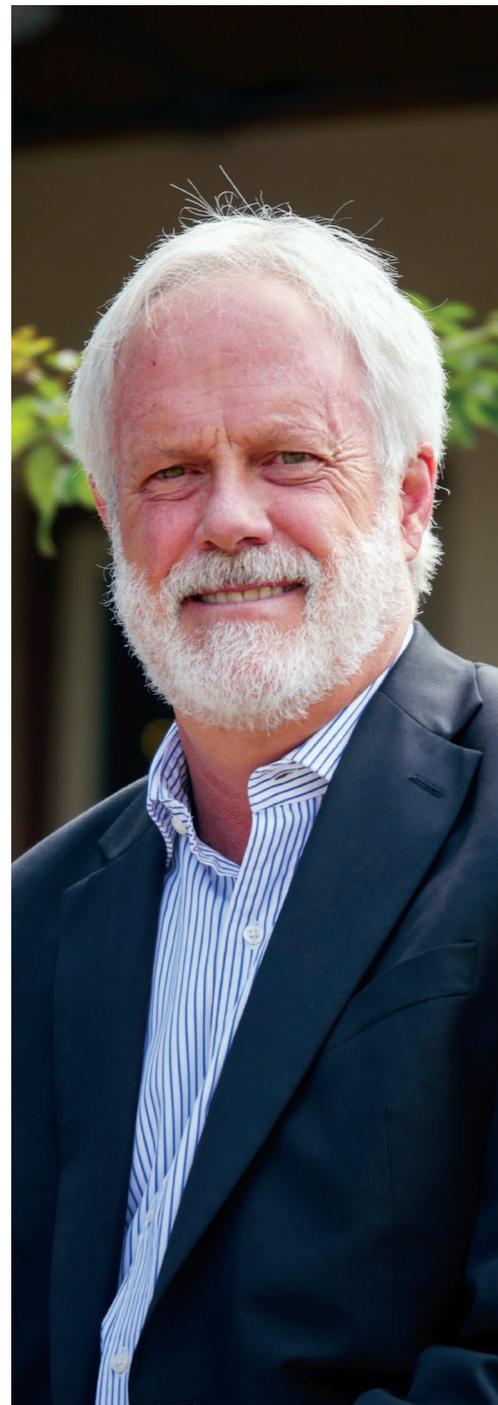
I like to think that at this point in my career I can spot character and good talent. Jim Anaya is beyond good. He is tireless. He is passionate. He is creative. He is resourceful. He is humble. He is very approachable. He is a problem solver, tried and tested, amidst very diverse and complex circumstances. He achieves successful outcomes despite sobering odds.

Aside from his impeccable credentials as an academic and scholar, the arc and magnitude of Jim Anaya's career as an attorney—a human rights advocate—is remarkable. Given NARF's long history of fighting for the rights of indigenous peoples, we are very familiar with Jim's superb work and sterling reputation in this field, at both the domestic and international levels. Over the span of several decades he has litigated cases in the state and federal courts in the United States, including the Supreme Court, and he's achieved precedent-setting decisions recognizing the collective land rights of the Mayan peoples of southern Belize and the Awas Tingni of Nicaragua in international tribunals such as the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS). These decisions formed the basis for the expansion of indigenous rights throughout the Americas, and provided a strong basis for negotiating indigenous rights in the ongoing process of developing an American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at the OAS. Nicaragua was in the midst of a raging civil war when Jim undertook his representation of the indigenous peoples there. That didn't deter him in the least.

Dean Anaya's work at the United Nations is legendary. He was involved at the very beginning in initial drafting of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He served between 2008 and 2014 with distinction as the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, issuing important and foundational reports interpreting the U.N. Declaration and measuring countries' failures to properly implement the declaration (including a report on the United States). He's recently been selected as one of two indigenous advisors to the United Nations, in dealing with implementation of the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, as to the appropriate status of indigenous governments at the United Nations—a status at present no different from that of non-governmental organizations.

We at NARF treasure our relationship with the law school and it will only be enriched by Jim's presence.

Colorado Law is entering a new and exciting phase with Jim Anaya as dean. There is no question but that Jim will apply his finely honed personal and professional skill and talent to this next chapter of his career. I applaud Colorado Law's selection committee for landing Jim. You know how to spot good character and talent.



Steve Moore



U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor delivered the fifth annual John Paul Stevens Lecture hosted by the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law at the University of Colorado Law School on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016. Professor **Melissa Hart**, director of the White Center, asked Justice Sotomayor questions submitted by the nearly 1,800 attendees at Macky Auditorium and hundreds more viewing via live stream at universities across the state.

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