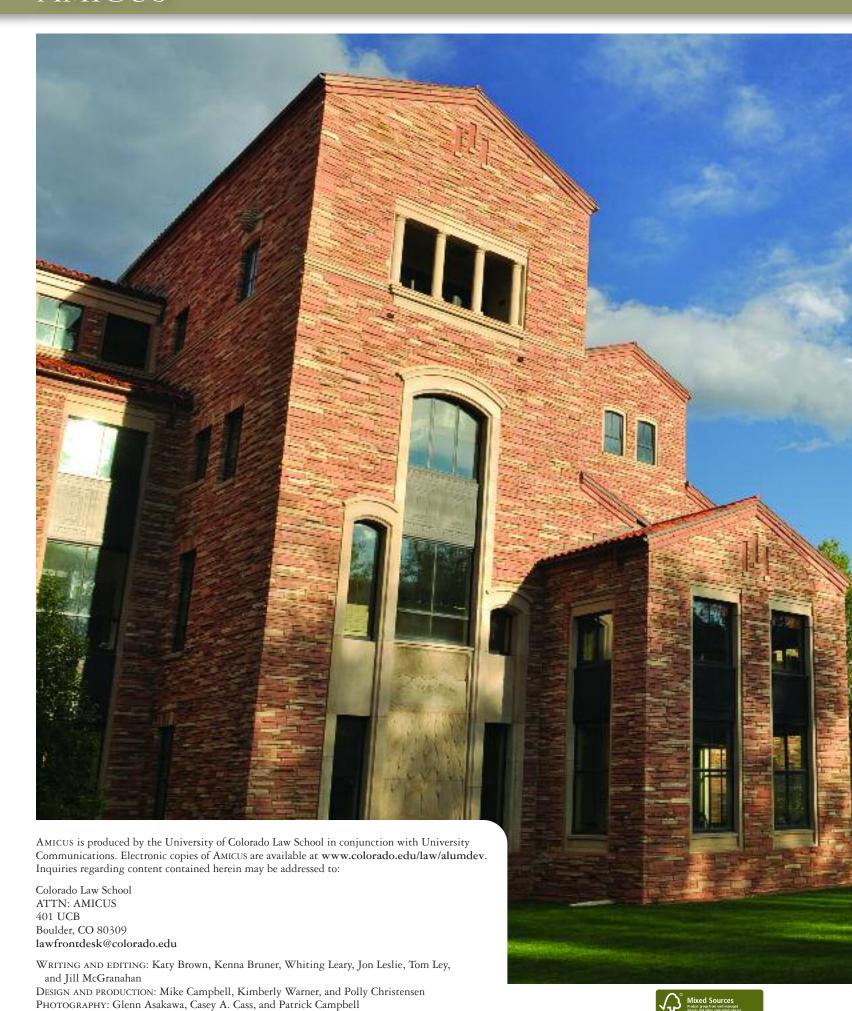


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# Dear Alumni and Friends of Colorado Law

Por years I admired David Getches and viewed him as a role model. More recently, his leadership and encouragement helped pave the way for my becoming dean. It is thus a tragedy for me and all of us that we

can no longer rely on his leadership and guidance. We do have, as I have repeated often of late, his memory as a lasting blessing. For those at the memorial service (or who have watched it online), you can appreciate just what an inspiration David remains to all of us. It was thus a natural decision to dedicate the first *Amicus* of my deanship to David Getches.

David leaves a strong legacy, including the Wolf Law Building, which will forever be a testament to his leadership. David spearheaded the innovative financing that supported the building's construction, which included \$8 million in private gifts. During his deanship, Colorado Law continued to recruit top-flight faculty, attract amazing students, and nurture exceptional new programs, building on the important work of Hal Bruff, Gene Nichol, and their predecessors.

As I begin my deanship and build on this strong foundation laid by my predecessors, I am committed to reaching out to our community and finding new ways to engage you with Colorado Law. I look forward to building a broader base and deeper reservoir of not only financial

support, but also—and perhaps more importantly—finding new and exciting ways to engage our alumni with their alma mater. Toward this goal, I am delighted to announce that for the first time, Colorado Law has a full-time

Director of Alumni Relations. Katy Brown joins us this month from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Colorado Denver. We look forward to having her coordinate events and programs that keep you engaged with the Law School, our faculty, staff, and perhaps most importantly,

our students. She is just one of several new, exciting hires. Read more about the other new faces at Colorado Law on pages 20–22.

To honor David and to support the students for whom he cared so deeply, I have worked to develop opportunities for our alums and friends in areas for which he built a powerful legacy— Natural Resources and Environmental Law, Indian Law, and Students and Public Service. So, in addition to considering how you can engage with Colorado Law, whether through mentoring, lecturing, or reviewing students' writing, please also consider supporting future students and honoring David's legacy by contributing to a funding program (more information is available on page 30). Moreover, for those of you who have never made a financial contribution to Colorado Law-or are willing to consider a gift larger than past ones—it is an opportune time to make a contribution. In particular, CU-Boulder Chancellor Phil DiStefano has offered to match all first-time gifts to the Dean's Fund for Excellence and any increased contribution over gifts made last year to that fund through an extended deadline of

December 31, 2011, so any such contribution will go twice as far. More information is available on page 28.

Finally, I invite you to share your thoughts and perspectives with me. I have learned much at our past networking events and look forward to continuing to visit with our Colorado Law family over the months and years ahead. My email address is **phil.weiser**@colorado.edu and my phone number is 303-735-2733.







PhilWeiser Dean

# The Legacies of David Getches



Former University of Colorado Law School Dean David Getches, who had stepped down on June 30 in order to return to the school's faculty, died July 5. A memorial service was held August 11 in the Wolf Law Building Courtyard.

avid Getches was a man of many legacies. A nationally renowned expert in water law, natural resources, and Indian law, he was revered and admired by many during his multifaceted career as a lawyer, scholar, educator, dean, and institution builder.

Getches announced last fall that he would resign as Dean of the Law School in June 2011, after eight years of service. He had planned to stay on campus as the Raphael J. Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law and was looking forward to returning to teaching and mentoring students before his untimely passing at age 68, a month after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

"David should be remembered as one of the great figures in the history of the American West," said Charles Wilkinson, the Moses Lasky Professor of Law at Colorado Law and longtime friend and colleague.

What propels the arc of a career that begins with being an activist and concludes with guiding the educational direction of a prestigious law school? Getches was born in Abington, Pennsylvania on August 17, 1942. Growing up he was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed hiking and camping. Getches received

his bachelor's degree from Occidental College and his J.D. from the University of Southern California Law School. He began his legal career in 1967 with the law firm of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps in San Diego, California. By 1968, he was co-directing attorney for California Indian Legal Services. In 1970, he became the founding executive director for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), a national nonprofit Indian-interest law firm. NARF's first office was in Berkley, California, and relocated to Boulder in 1971.

In 1978, he joined the CU-Boulder faculty and taught environmental law, water law, public land law, and Indian law. He took a leave of absence from 1983 to 1987 to serve as executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources in the administration of Governor Richard D. Lamm. He also served as special consultant to the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

A prolific writer, Getches authored many influential law review articles and several casebooks and book chapters on water, natural resources, and Indian rights issues that appeared in diverse scholarly and popular publications—

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including some he wrote in Spanish—as well as books intended for a more general audience, such as *Water Law in a Nutshell* and *Searching Out the Headwaters*.

Getches left an indelible imprint on Colorado Law. As dean, he increased the law school's academic offerings to include three master's of law degrees, three new legal clinics, three certificate programs, eight dual degrees, and an endowed experiential learning program that gives students access to clinics, externships, appellate and trial competitions, and volunteer public service work. He raised more than \$33 million in donations and increased the Law School's endowment 110 percent from 2003. This growth allowed him to expand the number and dollar amount of scholarships for law students.

Another highlight of his tenure as dean is the \$46 million, LEED certified Wolf Law Building completed in 2006. In 2004, when state funding for the building was suddenly yanked, Getches quickly rallied CU-Boulder students to tax themselves by raising student fees to support the new building. Getches and Brian Mason, the law school student senator on the university student legislature, asked the student union to approve a capital construction fee of \$400 paid by each student, which would provide money for not just a

#### **American Indian Rights**

A staunch advocate for American Indian rights, Getches' legal work shaped modern Indian law.

While living in California, he became intrigued with the plight of California rancherias—postage stamp pieces of land where small groups of dispossessed Indians struggled to live.

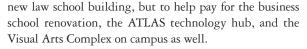
"I think what energized him to action was going to the rancherias, meeting the people and experiencing their circumstances," said Wilkinson. "He was moved by that."

While at NARF, Getches litigated major cases on behalf of Native American clients that included water rights, land claims, environmental issues, education, and civil rights. He served as lead counsel in the 1974 U.S. District Court decision in *U.S. v. Washington*, a landmark Northwest Indian fishing rights case—known as the Boldt decision—which still stands as the leading case on the enforcement of tribal treaty rights.

"I consider the Boldt decision as in the same category as *Brown v. Board of Education*," said Wilkinson, who practiced at NARF from 1971 to 1975.

"These cases are two high points of





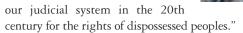
"It was a smart move, because if they'd gone in and asked for money for just the law school building, the student legislature wouldn't have passed it," said Wilkinson.

Getches took the lead on the construction and oversaw many of the details of the Wolf Law Building, from the color of the carpets to the size of the students' common spaces.

"He was all over the details of the building," said Wilkinson. "He knew where every nail and screw were and the size of every door."

Getches served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Grand Canyon Trust, the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, as well as the boards of the Natural Resources Law Center at Colorado Law, American Rivers, the Trust for Public Land, the Colorado Water Trust, and the Western Resource Advocates.





At the memorial service held for Getches on August 11, Billy Frank Jr., the board chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission said, "The principles that came out of *U.S. v. Washington* were heard around the world. David Getches is my hero, because he came and fought that fight for us."

In 1972, Getches litigated a significant case on behalf of the Inupiat Eskimos to establish the North Slope Borough, a municipality encompassing more than 88,000 square miles of Arctic territory in northern Alaska. The borough allowed the Inupiat to levy a tax on the extraction of oil and gas, which greatly improved the Inupiat's poor living conditions.

"It was a stunning accomplishment," said Wilkinson.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest and largest American Indian and Alaska Native organization, posthumously awarded its lifetime achievement award to Getches. The award for being a defender and advocate for tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and the federal trust responsibility reads: Your piercing intelligence, diligent work, and compassion for the Native cause fostered a legal revolution and brought hope and justice to Indian communities nationwide. We thank you and lift you up in our hearts.

#### **Natural Resources**

Getches was a tireless advocate for protecting natural resources in the West. Through his work, he stressed the importance of stewardship of land and water resources. As the founding board chair of the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, now called Western Resource Advocates, Getches helped develop the organization into a defender of the West's land, water, and air.

For Getches, the law of the American West was not an abstraction. It was as irrevocably connected to the land and the people who live there, and he persistently conveyed that to his students.

Bart Miller ('95), water program director for Western Resource Advocates, was a research assistant for Getches from 1993 to 1995. Miller helped polish edits in the water law textbook that Getches authored, one still being used at CU-Boulder and around the country today, called *Water Resource Management*. Although Miller came to Colorado Law with an interest in natural resource issues, his time spent with Getches solidified his decision to go into natural resource law.

"David's level of understanding of water law and environmental law was truly astounding," said Miller.

Authority, the public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water from the Colorado River and Northern California.

"I learned a lot from David about the management of the Colorado River," said Steinfeld, "how complex the issues are and what our water use in the United States is doing to the river delta in Mexico, especially to the lives of the Cocopah people who rely on the river flows for fishing. He was concerned not only with water management, but how it related to indigenous people and endangered species. He talked about issues I had never considered when looking at the basic hydrology of the river. I really fell in love with Colorado River issues, which is what I do today."

In 2008, Getches called Steinfeld to ask if she would pass on her notes for the fourth edition of his book, *Water Law in a Nutshell*, so he could assign the project to a new summer law clerk.

"I told him I'd love to keep helping him and that I would work with the student," said Steinfeld. "He was so grateful and wrote me a wonderful letter after the Nutshell was published."

In the book's forward, Getches wrote: "The continuing attention and assistance of Amy Steinfield long after







He recalled how Getches would start each class

by drawing on an overhead projector the river basin of the case they were about to discuss so that students could better understand the river, the surrounding landscape, and its features. And he took his classes on field trips to river basins they studied. Getches' advanced water law class traveled one weekend to the Upper Arkansas River Basin, where they met with Environmental Protection Agency officials in Leadville and boating recreationists near Buena Vista. The next trip was to the Lower Arkansas River Basin where students met farmers—from Pueblo all the way to the Kansas state line—who irrigated their land with Arkansas River water, and they talked with attorneys and others who helped shape water law in Colorado.

"David's teaching went well beyond the classroom," said Miller. "Rather than have us just memorize what the law is today, he helped us understand how we might improve the law for future generations. He enriched the learning experience and made the issues come alive for us in a very real way."

It was Getches' reputation in water law that drew Amy Steinfeld ('05) to Colorado Law. Steinfeld, an associate with Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Shreck in Santa Barbara, California, came with a basic knowledge of hydrology issues; however, working as a research assistant for three years with Getches deepened her understanding of water law. One of the articles she researched for him was on water management in the U.S. and the Colorado River Delta and Mexico. Her main client now is the San Diego County Water

graduating from law school and beginning an active water law practice has been invaluable and gives continuity, currency, and accuracy to this book."

#### **His Vision for Colorado Law**

From early in his tenure as dean, Getches demonstrated a commitment to making legal education available to a diverse and culturally varied population of students, faculty, and administrators. He increased scholarships so that financial challenges would not hinder deserving candidates from a career in the law. As a result, he changed the nature of the body of Colorado Law graduates, so that, in effect, they reflect the expansive nature of U.S. society itself.

Professor Dayna Bowen Matthew, former Colorado Law vice dean, described Getches as a "workhorse dedicated to creating a diverse team of administrators and faculty members."

"What characterized his deanship was intense hard work by himself and everyone around him," said Matthew. "He was committed to raising up a team of administrators and faculty members who contributed regularly to the running of the school."

Matthew recalls a special administrative retreat Getches organized to inspire and energize his team as they planned for the upcoming year. The retreat was held in a teepee on his land in the mountains.

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"We sat on camp chairs with piles of paper around us gazing out at the mountains," said Matthew. "He wanted us to look at the view, connect with the land, and get a vision for the Law School. It was then that I realized how important that retreat was to him and how much he wanted us to be inspired.

"He was a person of extraordinary integrity, and there was something pure about his passions for the land and the school," she said. "Anything he was passionate about he implemented. And he fought for it against all odds."

Perhaps one of Getches' greatest legacies to the Law School was his leadership skills, said Michael Bender ('67), Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court and an adjunct professor at the Law School.

"He was an incredibly talented and enthusiastic leader," Bender said. "He embodied a humanistic spirit and an ability to lead and communicate in an open way. And he had a very clear vision about the role of law in society. His message was that the law should be a positive force for good in the community at large."

"David's teaching went well beyond the classroom. Rather than have us just memorize what the law is today, he helped us understand how we might improve the law for future generations. He enriched the learning experience and made the issues come alive for us in a very real way." —BART MILLER '95

To fit in everything he wanted to accomplish in a day, Getches was a notoriously early riser.

"I remember one time trying to reach him on his cell phone around 6:00 a.m.," he said. "I got him driving in California, which was 5:00 a.m. there. That speaks to his dedication and devotion to the job. He was a giant in the legal community, and I can think of no one for whom I have more respect."

#### Saying Goodbye

Just days before he died, Getches was still working, trying to finish as much as he could to make a smooth transition to Dean Phil Weiser.

"There he was, clearly terminal, talking about the future of the Law School," said Wilkinson. "I thought he was indestructible. It never occurred to me that we'd lose David so soon."

News of his death brought many expressions of sadness.

U.S. Senator Mark Udall paid tribute to Getches on the senate floor and his comments were entered into the congressional record. The senator said in part, "...I cannot help but feel that David was the living expression of the best of our ideals, a man of character and kindness, a modest but tireless achiever who preferred to be measured by his work, not by the accolades awarded by others....David cared about justice for disenfranchised communities just as strongly as he cared about the long-term health and sustainability of our natural resources. To David, these matters were intertwined. He was, at his core, committed to the future of his children, our children, our grandchildren, and his grandchildren, and he had a deep love for the Rocky Mountain Western way of life....We have lost a unique man and a towering Colorado figure."

Getches is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Matthew, Catherine (Catie), and Elizabeth (Liza); and grandchildren, Harrison, Benjamin, Owen, and David.

Before David passed away, he established the David H. Getches Scholarship Fund. Donations for the scholarship can be made payable to the CU Foundation and sent to CU Foundation Processing, 4740 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301.



MATT GETCHES

Then we first moved to Boulder in 1971 (on July 5th, ironically), one of my first memories is of my Dad and me discovering the natural wonders of sounding an echo off the mountains across the valley from the front porch of our mountain cabin that sat atop stilts on a high mountain slope.

Woo-hoo. You can hear the echo off the Wolf Law Building.

Dad said his mother, Ruth, would (allegedly) say: "You will eat it and you will like it."

In many ways, Dad lived his life by that quote-he did it and he liked it.

This is not what I meant when I asked for more public speaking opportunities, so, I guess I will like it.

I could tell you about these and many other memories I have of my Dad.

I could tell you of the many achievements of his.

I could tell you of all the things I didn't get to do with him.

I could tell you of his wish to have a scholarship to continue in his name.

I could tell you of the difficulties he has brought me in both filling his footsteps and in his death.

I could quote religious scripture.

I could tell you stories of the history of David Getches, but you wouldn't have time.

As an echo rebounds off a mountain, Dad's legacy will rebound off all of us. So let your life be full and robust—and like it. And next time you are on the fence with a big decision—listen to Dad's echo and let it help you command the right decision—and like it!

Thank you.

**Matt Getches** Memorial Service for David Getches Thursday, August 11, 2011



any people believe that in death, one door closes and another opens. This ran through my mind often as I sat, nine months pregnant, holding my dad's hand during his last month of life.

As the door was closing on my dad's life, he told me he had no regrets. He wouldn't do anything differently—anything.

The only thing he wished he could change was the future: that in dying he would not be able to be a part of his grandchildren's lives—that he could not influence them.

But, I know he will. I will make sure of it.

It will be an effort, of course, because my dad lived a life of example.

He never let the water run while he brushed his teeth.

He turned the light off when he left any room.

He didn't spend money because he thought it was immoral.

He went to every track meet, basketball game, and cross country race of mine.

He was the embarrassingly loud fan in the stands even when he didn't understand the rules.

We ate dinner together every night.

In college, he wrote me long letters every week.

He dressed up as Santa. Every Christmas. And made my 30-year-old boyfriend, now husband, sit on his knee.

He had dates with my mom every week.

He was such a good dad that although he was professionally accomplished, he was so humble that I didn't learn about his good works until after he was gone.

So, while some may see death as a door that closes, my dad's door will remain open. I like to think of his death instead as Helen Keller did, that "Death is no more than passing from one room to another."

The room that opened for my family 25 days after my dad passed and 12 days ago, is here today.



ELIZABETH GETCHES

We named him after my dad: David Harding Verner.

My husband, Rudy Verner, who had the unenviable position of taking a class from my dad while we were both in law school and dating, will bring him up. May my dad's spirit live on in him and in each of you.

Elizabeth Getches Memorial Service for David Getches Thursday, August 11, 2011

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don't think I'll ever understand my Dad's death. But for someone who was a mountain of a man, and a monumental father, I guess it seems natural that he could only be taken by something so phenomenally low as pancreatic cancer. It is natural that a man whose love of nature was himself a force of nature, natural that my Dad, my inspiration, be reduced back to nature, to that place with what he called permanence, our family's land where we spread his ashes. But in that permanence of him forever being on the land, I will remember the opposite, the complete abandon he felt whenever up there. If you ever saw my Dad in the mountains, you really saw my Dad.

A lot of us knew this extraordinary, unparalleled person; my Dad sought out perfection in everything he did, everyone he touched. When he was dying he looked up at me and said, "You live your life each day, do something creative, do something for someone else, do something good, something fun, and that way you can always get into bed each night and say, 'that was a perfect day.'"

And so the days go by after his death. Death I might not understand, but life, the good life I will because of my Dad. And he died just that way. The way he lived, demonstrating that grace, he showed that being exceptional is to always live up to your expectations, to always be true. When we found out about the cancer, we'd wait for news from the doctors, and somehow the worst possible news would be delivered. And then the next day, things would somehow be horrifyingly worse. Still, my Dad stayed positive, he showed grace in how you treat people, everyone who worked in the hospital. Even then he was teaching us, setting an example, living every moment. Showing us how to be the best person he could be as if it was the only thing to do. He didn't want us to have any regrets; he pulled me aside to make sure I didn't have any. Taking care of us was what he was concerned with, not that he might be dying.

Through him I learned to see this good life, the virtue in other people, the value of a great laugh. He wanted me to see how powerful words are. He is why I write. He wanted me to ask why, to stay curious, to know how things work.

That's why you could find me awakened on a snowy morning before school learning how to change a carburetor. Why at 5:00 a.m., Dad? (When else?). If you wasted time you were wasting life. He helped me build my first rocketship. Taught me how to build a Roman aqueduct modeled after those built in 312 B.C. (as if he was solving water problems even before his time). He helped me make my yearly



**CATHERINE GETCHES** 

Halloween costume, even when I wanted to be a life size pizza—with—oh the horror—red meat on it.

He wanted me to understand love—the giddy, infectious love he had for my mom, the love for his daughters that is only truly audible once you have thoroughly lost your voice howling at a referee at one of my games.

He filled my mailbox at college with letters each week. And up until the end he made me understand things that are unspoken. We had a conversation about that when he was dying in the hospital. He said there were things that he always has wanted to say to me, but understood that I probably knew. Then he held my hand and asked me to tell him a childhood memory, and I told him all the ways I remembered him always being there for me, with me, that I had watched him live and have seen the good life. His. And that I understood.

And I understand life and love because of him, even if I will never understand this death.

Catie Getches Memorial Service for David Getches Thursday, August 11, 2011





ANNE MARIAH TAPP

It's an honor to be speaking here as a representative of David's students because we were all students of David's, one way or another. In my case, I was David's research assistant for the last year and a half. Keeping with the theme of this memorial, I want to share a story about David's laughter and my tears.

When I first began to work for David, I was terrified of him. When I am intimidated my voice drops and David was a little hard of hearing. I would meet with him and speak very softly. In turn, David would lean forward over his desk with a very focused stare and I would immediately scoot back. David quickly realized what was happening and took a moment to very gently tell me that it was okay to speak up. At that moment I saw past the Dean and the impressive academic and saw David for the generous, kind, and patient person that he was. I must have looked completely bewildered because he burst out laughing and I couldn't help but join him. After that the work became really fun.

One of the ways that David was particularly generous was with his time. He spoke to student groups at lunch-time panels whenever he was asked despite having a million other things to do. He and Ann had students over to their wonderful house for dinner. He always made time to meet with us on a one-to-one basis.

David's impact on students was often disproportionate to the time that we spent with him. Thinking on that, I kept coming back to David's contagious enthusiasm in his work. I have never had so much fun working hard as I did this last year and a half. He brought out the best in his students because he demanded the best of himself and he did it with such good spirit. It was impossible to not work hard for David because he set such an inspiring example and you'd just feel lazy.

You can't ask more than that of a teacher, and in turn, we all loved David. He was and will continue to be our teacher and will be deeply missed.

Anne Mariah Tapp Current 3L student o say David Getches did many things and did them well is a huge understatement. His life is a tribute to superior intellectual ability combined with unstoppable energy and a mild-mannered disposition to work toward the greater good. In short, David was a man who mattered.

David's career spanned many disciplines, and he approached all with vigor. It's fair to say he accomplished in any five-year span of his work life as much, or more, than most of us will in our entire careers. Yet, despite a life of tremendous accomplishment, he was one of the most humble people you'd ever meet. Self-congratulation and boasting were as foreign to his character as resting on his laurels.

I knew David as a humble giant of the natural resources community. He touched thousands of lives in the fields of water, public lands, wildlife management, and air quality. Now that he is gone, I see him more clearly as a toolmaker who, through his work and guidance, developed in others the capacity for having a positive impact in our local communities, states, the country, and around the world.

I met David in May 1993, upon completion of my first year of law school at CU, when I applied to become his research assistant. In the years that followed, he wore many hats for me.

As a law school professor, he challenged us, no matter what our level of knowledge or capacity to learn. He was a great lecturer, but was best at letting you figure it out. He had the patience to let you finish a thought even if it wasn't yet fully formed. He was solution-oriented; he assigned a mid-term paper that had us draft amendments to existing statutes and explain why we felt the changes were needed.

As my boss, he was a role model for precision, excellence, and guidance. He didn't make an overt demand for me to do my best work. It was unspoken. You felt you owed it to him. He framed great research projects; many were fun as well as challenging. To help him prepare for a celebration at Grand Canyon National Park, he set me on the task of gathering accounts of what people thought and felt when they came upon the Canyon for the first time. In the Dark Ages before easy access to the Web, it took the better part of a day to gather up a dozen accounts, from Teddy Roosevelt to Edward Abbey.

As a public servant, David was selfless in his dedication of time and energy. In the 1980s he served as the director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He also served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations. He was the founding board president of Western Resource Advocates (then called Land and Water Fund of the Rockies), where I've had the good fortune to work for a dozen years. He helped launch our group—dedicated to finding solutions that protect the West's land, air, and water—and held it on a steady course through the inevitable rough patches in the first years of any new group.

I'll remember David best and as a man who lived a virtuous life, spending time with his wife Ann, his kids, and enjoying his friends and the great outdoors. I saw him with a sore shoulder once, from a pole that fell while setting up a teepee! He was my hero for riding his bike to work nearly every day. Though he didn't need to, he kept it humble and paid attention to the small details of living a good life.

It is so very sad that David is gone. But he lives on in all of us in our dedication to the work we do and how we treat our fellow inhabitants here on Earth. We best honor David by doing him proud.

Bart Miller alum, class of '95

# THE LEGACIES OF DAVID GETCHES

had the pleasure of hiring David as Dean of the Law School in 2003. What many may not know is that even though David was nominated for Lthe position by a number of individuals, he decided that he would not be a candidate. The search committee presented me with three finalists, and although these individuals were good people, I did not think they were the right fit to move the Law School to the next level. So before closing the search and restarting the process and with the help of my good friend, Gene Nichol, I called David, who was at the University of Michigan, and asked him to re-consider, that the faculty, staff and students needed the type of leadership he could bring to the Law School. He said he would think about it, and we decided to meet after he returned to Boulder. When we met and I asked him what it would take for him to be the next Dean of the Law School, he said, "nothing personal for me but the Law School needs a few more faculty, scholarships for students, and a commitment from the campus to complete the building." When I asked him about his compensation, he said, "whatever you think is fair." I wish that some of the other deans would have said that when I asked them about compensation. But that was David, always looking after his colleagues and his students; not worrying about himself.

In today's world, we hear much about legacies, and David left many legacies behind.

That as a devoted husband to Ann, a father to his three children, and a

Professionally, one of his legacies is this beautiful building, the Wolf Law Building. He always said the students were his greatest source of pride. This building is for them and generations of students who will follow.

Many may remember when this building was in jeopardy when the state suddenly withdrew funding. David rallied his students and supporters to save it. He was truly a leader and a man of action.



From a scholarly perspective he left a legacy of Native American rights, water law, and public lands. He had a strong sense of fairness, and he brought vision and passion in pressing for what was just and right.

Many pass without leaving a legacy at all. David left all of us, our university, our nation, and our society with multiple legacies.

He will be greatly missed as a friend, a colleague, and as a member of the CU community.

Phil DiStefano **CU-Boulder Chancellor** 



ren and I have been hiking in the Elk Mountain Wilderness, most recently across the back of Oh-Be-Joyful, the last of the big wilderness additions to the 1993 legislation.

The wildflowers are at their height—even John Fielder would be challenged to record this special year. Waterfalls are still pouring down the mountainsides, and mountain meadows are so green that they shine, shadowed only by cow parsnip and bolting century plants.

This is one small part of the wilderness David Getches helped to save—his political savvy and remarkable technical expertise guided us through seemingly endless thickets of reserve water rights, abandoned mines and timber sales, bogus land claims and mineral patents, and general conservative recalcitrance

Always with a twinkling eye and a serious smile, David helped Jim Martin, Maggie Fox, and other hearty advocates, all dedicated to the proposition that we owe a loyalty to the Earth:

Beyond its resources,

Beyond its opportunities for profit,

Beyond the so-called political "realists" who will compromise and then compromise again until everything is gone.

In reference to Native American law, David coined the phrase "philosophy of permanence." He had that same instinct for the land.

David's was an integrity that should and could pervade our Interior West:

The preservation of places that don't lend themselves to exploitation (or what is euphemistically termed "usefulness");

For Native Americans, the first time provision of assurance that treaties were enforceable and permanent;

A clear vision for the legal status of water and public lands;

And a resolve to continue to challenge right up to the highest courts of the land.

To quote Charles Wilkinson: "David was one of the most important figures in the post-World War II American West."

As Dean, David's teaching and scholarship, steeped in his passionate honesty, provides a framework and discipline to a next generation.

And yes, he even built a monument—bricks and mortar; this LEED-certified law school building, where the communities that David served will continue



to come together in the months and years ahead, for lectures, seminars, training programs, faculty events, public happenings.

Every time we go in and out of these doors, we will remember David. My own glimpses include:

That big wilderness bill;

River trips and his fat blow-up air mattress;

My pride when he enlisted our son, Christopher, to help him write his book *Water Law in a Nutshell*;

Faculty seminars and events, as he built his wonderful team at the Law School.

David was a friend, counselor, colleague, to all of us. We need to keep our eyes firmly set on the example of his integrity, humor, warmth, and idealism. The interior of our West and the interior of each of us needs these qualities now more than ever.

Thank you, friend, and may God bless Ann, your family, and your spirit.

Timothy E. Wirth Former U.S. Senator President, United Nations Foundation and Better World Fund



# The Legacies of David Getches

ike generations of American Indian law practitioners, I knew David's name before I knew him personally. So when I walked into his office for dmy brief interview in 1996, I was surprised to see this youthful man, decades too young to be the guy who litigated the 1970s treaty rights cases, founded the Native American Rights Fund, and wrote the leading American Indian law casebook. For a second I wondered—was this David Getches' research assistant? Of course it was the man himself. Though surely David asked many more important and probing questions during my interview, the only one that I recall was the following. After I described my living circumstances on the Navajo Nation, David paused, sat back, smiled, and said, "Wow, how did your parents raise you to pursue a life like that?" This lodged in my memory, I think, because although David led a life much more path-breaking and adventuresome than many, including me, he retained genuine wonder for the small adventures and contributions of others. So these are some things I knew about David from that very first meeting—that he had more humility about his accomplishments than anyone like him I had ever met, that he took a genuine, utterly unmanufactured interest in the work of other people, and that he looked two decades younger than he was.

In my early years at the Law School, David was a senior colleague, and not yet the Dean. He was busy with teaching, writing, advising the leading politicians and administrators in his field, and raising Eliza and Catie, who I think were still in high school when I started. Still, as my assigned "faculty mentor," David was generous with his time, reading painfully early drafts, and providing exceedingly tactful, yet constructive, feedback. (I know, from the many e-mails that poured in after David's death, that he played this same role for junior scholars all over the country.) And here is what is perhaps the most remarkable, given his level of expertise and his stature—David never once told me what to do. That was an incredibly generous gift to a junior colleague. He let me chart my own path, despite that he could well have, and might well should have, prodded me in any direction. Not only that, he celebrated the fact that my work did not replicate his or Charles'. This kind of egoless generosity is rare anywhere, and perhaps not less so in academia. In addition, the substance of David's work formed the core of my understanding of Indian law. Before I became an academic, I taught myself the field by reading articles by two people—David Getches and Phil Frickey. Their footprints are all over my work, and I could not have become the scholar that I am without them. So even if I had never met David, he would have influenced me profoundly. It was icing on the cake that I had the privilege of actually meeting, knowing, and interacting with this towering giant of American Indian law.

As his colleague, I also got to see David through the eyes of his students. Our students talk about us more than we would like to think. When I was a clinical teacher in particular, on road trips to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation or shorter drives to the courthouses in Brighton or Arapahoe, I heard a lot about how Professor X always calls on the same two people in class, or Professor Y wears the same jacket every day, and so forth. One story I heard about David concerned the trip that he and Jim Corbridge offered as a faculty auction item every year until Jim retired. The offering was a hike, led by Jim and David, up to the site of the disputed diversion in the famous water law case of Coffin v. Left Hand Ditch Co. As my student described it, the hike is rugged and uphill all the way to the destination, the place where Coffin had ripped out the diversion established by the Left Hand Ditch Co. From the trailhead on, she and the other students struggled, scampering and half-jogging, to keep up with their lanky and fit professor as he strode ahead. Any of us who knew David can picture this all too well—David not only looked 20 years younger than he was, he could hike like it too.

Litigating pathbreaking cases, founding and helping to govern several non-profits, shaping several fields of law through scholarship and

teaching—all of this would have been enough for most mortals. But David topped it off by being a terrific Dean. In that position, David was fair, exacting, tireless, and yet also endlessly kind. If there was any downside to David's deanship, it was that it took him away from us as a colleague, friend, and mentor. He was just too busy! But we can hardly complain, since he made all of our jobs infinitely better. But I will miss the twinkle in his eye when he was about to make a bad pun, and the wide smile and laugh after he did, and his sly yet never cruel humor. And I wish we all had been able to enjoy more of that. And I wish he had had at least one day off to share with Ann and their children and grandchildren, the most valued people in his life. And I wish he had had more than that...weeks, years, decades. That would have been fair and right. Maybe the only thing that makes sense to me in all of this is that David did, true to character, finish out his term, to the very day. He was, in addition to everything else, so darn dutiful. But this ending, as true to character as it was, was also too swift for the human heart to comprehend. And we all know that if David could have done anything to extend his time with his family, he would have. That would have been the most important thing, and rightly so. He was a giant to so many of us, but most importantly he was a husband, a father, and a grandfather. We know that. And send so much love, thanks, and admiration to Ann, Matt, Catie, and Eliza for sharing him with the world for all those years.

David's life ended far too soon, but what a life it was.

Sarah Krakoff Professor Wolf-Nichol Fellow





am John Echohawk, a citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. I am the Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, the national Indian legal defense, headquartered here in Boulder. David Getches was the founding Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund in 1970 and started a legal revolution across Indian country. I was one of the first staff attorneys that he hired. There were not very many Native American attorneys around in those days, but David understood the importance of Native American leadership in the organization. He was my mentor and supported me in becoming the Executive Director in 1973. Even then he continued on with the Native American Rights Fund until 1976 working as a staff attorney and making sure that I had all the advice and support that I needed to continue the success of the organization, which has been so important to Native Americans across the country.

I am honored to also be here today as a representative of the Indian tribes across America. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization, has posthumously awarded David Getches the NCAI Lifetime Achievement Award. They asked me to give it to Ann Getches and the Getches family today. The President of NCAI, Jefferson Keel, said this about David: "He was an exceptional man. Across Indian Country, Mr. Getches will be remembered as a great friend and brother to Native people. NCAI extends our condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues for this profound loss."

The Award reads: "National Congress of American Indians Lifetime Achievement Award. David Getches, Founder of the Native American Rights Fund. Defender and Advocate for Tribal Sovereignty, Treaty Rights and the Federal Trust Responsibility. Your piercing intelligence, diligent work and compassion for the Native cause fostered a legal revolution and brought hope and justice to Indian communities nationwide. We thank you and lift you up in our hearts."

John Echohawk Executive Director Native American Rights Fund In 2002, I eagerly applied to Professor Getches' job posting for a summer water law research assistant. Even though I had never met him, his work spoke volumes and mirrored my interests as a fledgling law student. After learning that he had narrowed the candidates down to three, I turned to desperate measures. I surreptitiously slipped a letter under his door explaining how honored I would be to work for him. I think the fact that I wrote the letter in Spanish tipped the scales because Professor Getches was looking to share his seminal water and Indian law articles with a Central and South American audience.

During my first summer working for Professor Getches, I was exposed to the complex world of Colorado River management, which provided a strong foundation for my current position as a water attorney in Santa Barbara, California. As Professor Getches' research assistant, I was constantly reminded of the importance of the Colorado River. In class at the University of Colorado, I studied the "Law of the River," a compilation of agreements, contracts, treaties, legislation and U.S. Supreme Court cases which allocates and regulates the river's resources. Yet it was not until I discussed Colorado River issues with Professor Getches that I began to fully understand the significance of this vital resource to life in the West. I am now officially an "urban lower-basin dweller," a term which makes many upper-basin residents cringe. Therefore I was surprised when Professor Getches encouraged me to return to California to practice law, explaining with a sly grin, "California's water law is a mess. Go sort things out." And it was Professor Getches who helped me secure my dream job: a summer law clerk position at the boutique water law firm, Hatch & Parent (now Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck). That was seven years ago.

When Professor Getches became Dean he remained committed to his groundbreaking legal work, which meant that I still had a job for the next two years. At our weekly meetings, his eyes would twinkle when we discussed the issues that he was most passionate about: Indian water rights, the intersection between water rights and the Endangered Species Act, and natural resources management. It was through Professor Getches that I first learned of the multi-state effort to encourage California to reduce its take on the Colorado River and where I first heard the acronym, the QSA, or Quantification Settlement Agreement, a series of 35 agreements that quantify the top three agricultural priorities in California to Colorado River water and reduce California's use. Professor Getches laid the foundation for my current work defending the historic QSA on behalf of the San Diego County Water Authority.

A year before his death, Professor Getches presented me with a book that he had edited and to which he contributed, *Out of the Mainstream: Water Rights, Politics and Identity*, which uniquely addresses water in the context of power, justice, and culture. Unfortunately, I didn't have a chance to delve into the book until I embarked on my recent honeymoon to Turkey. Ironically, I picked up the book after touring the Basilica Cistern, a vast underground system, built in 532 A.D., to store water from the surrounding forests to meet the growing demands of Istanbul. Like arid Istanbul, without the elaborate system of dams, reservoirs, aqueducts, and pumping facilities, southern California would not be what it is today. I would have loved to share this parallel with Professor Getches. And I deeply regret not fully expressing my gratitude to him for instilling in me a passion for Western water law, for ardently supporting my career, and for encouraging me to think creatively and critically about natural resources. But in return, I vow to "make waves," as Professor Getches once wrote to me, in the field that we both love.

Amy Steinfeld alum, class of '05

# The Legacies of David Getches

# Launching into the Great Unknown, Guided by the Great Teacher

I had the privilege of knowing David Getches for over a quarter of a century—as a law professor, professional colleague, and leader of the educational institution that launched my career in natural resources law. Even before meeting Professor Getches, I realized that we had something in common: we both migrated eastward from California to Colorado to pursue our dreams in "the West." David was educated and began his professional career in southern California, before moving to Colorado and its mountains to found the Native American Rights Fund. As an undergrad at UC Berkeley in northern California, I grew to love the mountains through my college summer job of guiding whitewater river rafting trips in the Sierras and interior West. I came to CU Law School already motivated to pursue a career in water and natural resources law, and my exposure to Professor Getches solidified that career choice and my professional direction.

# The Highest Calling: Using Law to Protect Rights and for the Public Good

When I arrived at CU Law School in 1984, Professor Getches was on leave as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, yet somehow he found time to continue teaching. I had him for Indian Law, which he taught in a grueling three-hour session one evening a week. With no background in Indian law but an interest in western history, I was excited to learn how our nation's legal system would take account of the rights of Native Americans. As David himself said, "Indian Law is, indeed, a field that excites the highest calling of the legal profession: using the rule of law in our majority-ruled democracy to protect minority rights."

I recall vividly Professor Getches describing to the class his experience leading the trial team in *U.S. v. Washington* at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice, where I would later work. The litigation involved the extent of off-reservation treaty fishing rights of 14 tribes in Washington. David advanced the bold and creative legal theory that the treaty's promise of the right to take fish at "usual and accustomed places" and "in common with" territorial citizens entitled Indians to share equally and take up to half of the harvestable fish. The advocacy was not universally appreciated, as David described to the class climbing the courthouse steps daily and being subjected to verbal taunts from bystanders. Despite difficult odds and public sentiment, David prevailed on his theory and vindicated Indian treaty rights in the famous Boldt Decision.

Professor Getches' Indian Law teachings stayed with me through my early legal career as a trial attorney with the Justice Department's Environment & Natural Resources Division. I represented federal resource agencies such as the Forest Service and National Park Service in water right adjudications in which we claimed federal reserved water rights for instream flows. Having learned Indian law with David's guidance, and mindful of the federal government's trust responsibility to Indian tribes, I took very seriously the job of coordinating legal theories and evidence of claims advanced by both non-Indian federal agencies and tribal interests in proceedings like Oregon's Klamath Basin Adjudication and Idaho's Snake River Adjudication. The federal resource agencies and tribes had a shared interest in maintaining instream flows to protect fish habitat and other natural processes, fulfilling federal reservation purposes and treaty rights alike. As David described the shared interest, "Acceptance of the Indian philosophy of permanence means understanding how all human activity relates to the natural world."

#### **Protecting the Lands and Resources of the American West**

In Professor Getches' Public Land Law course, I learned about the federal land systems comprising over half of the West: National Forests, National Parks, National Monuments, and others. The legal authorities governing these lands—constitutional provisions, statutes, executive orders, judicial decisions—were complex, yet Professor Getches' instruction brought them to life clearly and succinctly. I learned from Professor Getches the power of the law to achieve societal goals of resource conservation and historic preservation. While working with the Justice Department, equipped and emboldened

While working with the Justice Department, equipped and emboldened with knowledge of public land law as taught by Professor Getches, I took initiative and volunteered to represent President Clinton as counsel in federal court litigation challenging the President's establishment of the 1.7 million acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah. Much to my surprise, my managers in Washington, D.C. granted my request, and I proceeded to spend over seven years defending litigation in multiple forums challenging presidential establishment of national monuments comprising over four million acres of the American West.

Through his actions and words, Professor Getches taught his students to not fear thinking big and advancing creative legal theories, as he had done in achieving the Boldt Decision. With this inspiration, my co-counsel and I researched and briefed a novel legal theory: decisions establishing national monuments under the Antiquities Act by the chief of the Executive Branch, a delegation of constitutional Property Clause authority by the Congressional Branch, could not be scrutinized by the Judicial Branch. David had written a law review article highlighting the broad historical authority of the Executive to make public land withdrawals, which instilled confidence that we were on solid ground. In the middle of the litigation, however, the presidential election resulted in my client changing from President Clinton to President Bush, with uncertain implications. I remember running into David, and receiving reassurance as he remarked that civil servants like me "kept the ship of state moving in the right direction," although elections and political changes might veer the vessel somewhat in one direction or another. We continued to advocate our theory of limited judicial review, within the government and to the courts. In the end, we prevailed based on this theory in all of the national monument cases.

#### **Waters Flowing Forever**

While I did not have David for Water Law, he nevertheless greatly influenced my work as a student and professional in this area as well, through presentations, writings, and professional interaction. One of David's favorite areas of the water law was the legal regime governing the Colorado River, simply known as the "Law of the River." Spurred by David's work, I found myself actively seeking out cases related to the Colorado River. While serving as counsel for the Bureau of Reclamation, I enjoyed crossing paths with David the lawyer in a case involving the Law of the River in the context of a proposed transbasin diversion from the Gunnison River basin. Later I sought out additional cases related to the Colorado River, and ultimately became involved in judicial development of the Law of the River in cases involving states, water districts, tribes, environmental groups, and Mexico.

David's influence on my work, and in the field of natural resources law, even extended beyond U.S. boundaries. Combining my passion for river running and interest in river conservation and management, in 1996 I had the opportunity to participate in the first of what would be several expeditions navigating endangered rivers in China. When I returned, I wrote an article on China's water and environmental laws and their relation to river conservation. A key reference source I used was a book by Chinese academics and government officials that grew out of a Sino-American conference on

environmental law—an event that David was instrumental in organizing. My article was published in 1998 in the *Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law*—a publication that David was instrumental in getting off the ground.

A quote inscribed in the fountain in the courtyard of the Wolf Law Building, where many of us attended the moving memorial service to David Getches, reads: "We have an unknown distance yet to run, an unknown river to explore—John Wesley Powell." This quote could equally describe my feeling running the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon for the first time, or arriving at CU Law School intent on pursuing a career in water and natural resources law. My exact direction and destination may have been unknown, yet the ways of this great teacher created an openness to exploration and taking on formidable challenges. Like the water of a great river continues to flow, the influence of Professor David Getches on those he taught, helped, and worked with over many years will continue to live on forever.

#### Michael A. Gheleta, alum, class of '88 Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of the Interior

He has been called a hero, kind, modest, brilliant, visionary, idealistic, and tireless. And David Getches was all of that when he put his energy toward conserving and managing the West's precious resources, including his beloved Colorado Plateau and the Colorado River Basin. In combination with his dedication to public service, his contributions to natural resources spans founding new institutions, serving on the boards of nonprofit organizations, serving in government at the state and federal level, and of course teaching and writing about water and natural resources law. Just as a stone dropped into a high alpine lake causes ripple after ripple out into the world, so has David touched, and taught, and inspired into conservation action many, many lives.

David exuded trustworthiness and integrity and he gained respect immediately with everyone he interacted with—whether they agreed with him or not. This allowed David to be listened to by all sides, to serve as an honest broker, and to have his creative and sometimes outlandish ideas be considered and eventually adopted. His strategic thinking, his values, and his deep knowledge of the land, law, economies, and people have influenced hundreds of decisions made throughout the West. While his name may not be found on all of the papers that document the West's recent natural history, his values, influence, and quiet modesty have shaped the region.

It can be said that David lodged his dreams in institutions; believing in the power of bringing great minds together to solve common problems and re-envision the future. David's vision and belief in policy and law as the foundation for a fair and livable world led him to found the Native American Rights Foundation, the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies (now Western Resource Advocates), and the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado Law School. The creation of each of these outstanding institutions was as timely as it was long-lasting, as they each continue decades of dedication to tackling critical and complex natural resources and environmental justice issues important to society.

His groundbreaking and innovative work on tribal treaty rights in the Pacific Northwest through the Boldt Decision not only righted long-standing injustices, it set the stage for the stewardship of fisheries resources for generations to come. Tribal co-management of the salmon and shellfish resources of the Northwest has resulted in more integrated ecosystems thinking for the forests, rivers, and estuarine resources that both fish and people rely on.

David took leave from his teaching long enough to answer the call to serve in Governor Lamm's administration as the Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources from 1983 to 1987, responsible for Colorado's water, wildlife, minerals, and parks. As Executive Director, David was uniquely qualified to address longstanding conflicts over water and treaty rights when he negotiated a resolution to the contentious Animas La Plata project that was less environmentally harmful while still meeting tribal needs. David succeeded in making water conservation the hallmark of Governor Lamm's term as chair of the Western Governors Association, even though 1983 saw such high flows on the Colorado River that there was significant spill from the Glen Canyon Dam and Lake Powell was overflowing.

It is fair to say that David knew the Colorado River better than anyone ever has, the laws that govern it; its conflicts, dams and diversions; its history and importance to us as a people and to the ecology of the region; and the lands in the upper and lower basins over which it flowed.

David was selfless in his service on nonprofit boards, including the Board of Trustees of the Grand Canyon Trust, Governing Council of The Wilderness Society, Board of Directors of Defenders of Wildlife, Board of Trustees of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, and the boards of the Natural Resources Law Center at Colorado Law, American Rivers, the Trust for Public Land, the Colorado Water Trust, and Western Resource Advocates, among others. His advice, guidance, and legal understanding of pressing natural resources and environmental issues helped identify innovative legal approaches to issues associated with the protection of wild lands, water, and wildlife.

Whether it was corralling law professors to sign letters to government officials reminding them of their legal authorities and responsibilities or his active engagement in solving complex water rights issues, he brought his keen intellect and creativity to a wide range of issues. He was instrumental in ensuring that when Congress protected wilderness they also protected the rivers running through the wilderness, including over 600,000 acres protected under the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993, the North St. Vrain Creek from its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park down into the Roosevelt National Forest, and the stream flows within the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness. David always gave generously of his time and expertise, believing that this kind of public service was vital for us all.

It would be hard to number those who learned water, public lands, Indian, and natural resources law from sitting in David's classes at the University of Colorado Law School, but it is fair to say that the influence he has had can be felt today from the continuing contributions of his students. From Governor Bill Ritter to attorneys, judges, and public servants across the state and nation, David's students are contributing to the thoughtful debate and wise stewardship of our waters and lands. David authored, co-authored, or contributed to dozens of seminal books and articles on water law and natural resources law that will be referenced for years to come.

Just as we have lost a dear friend and colleague, so have the wild lands and rushing rivers of the West.

#### Ann J. Morgan, Vice President Public Lands The Wilderness Society



# Comparative Family Law in India

CLINICAL PROFESSOR COLENE ROBINSON & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CLARE HUNTINGTON

#### The Short Version

Fifteen law students.

Fourteen masala dosas.

Thirteen children working alongside law students to build a garden. Twelve rickshaw drivers simultaneously offering shopping tours.

Eleven Indian world cup cricket players: the men in blue.

Ten interviews with Indian law students about dating practices.

Nine questions (per minute): "Where you from?" Eight sick students and faculty members.

Seven hands painted with mahindi (henna).

Six hours of classes with Indian law professors.

Five children taking on law students in a game of cricket.

Four visits to Indian nongovernmental organizations.

Three vans that didn't show up.

Two law professors.

One extraordinary country.

#### The Long Version

In the spring semester of 2011, Colorado Law School offered a capstone course for third-year students interested in juvenile and family law. The comparative family law seminar examined child abuse, domestic violence, sex trafficking, and women's rights in the United States and India. The goal of the seminar was to put family law—which is often characterized as a highly local issue—in a global context. The seminar was organized around a one-week trip to India over spring break, enabling students to learn about the Indian family law system firsthand and also complete in-country research for individual research papers.

After a competitive selection process in the fall, the seminar began fundraising and planning the practical logistics of moving 17 people to and around southern India. In January, we started the study of Indian family law, with students mastering the topics well enough to lead class discussions, choose readings, and run classes with multimedia sources. Students also developed individual research topics, ranging from the use of protective orders for victims of domestic violence to the outsourcing of gestational surrogacy to India. After checking and re-checking flight information, packing lists, and reliability of cell phones, the class set off for India in mid-March.

We began our trip in the southern city of Mysore, home of sandalwood, silk, and the enormous palace of the Maharaja of Mysore. After spending the weekend enjoying the sites of Mysore—students came back to the hotel with gleeful stories of fragrant jasmine incense, colorful silk scarves, careening rickshaw drivers, and lumbering elephant rides—we began our study of Indian family law in earnest on Monday with a visit to Odanadi, southern India's premier sex-trafficking rescue organization.

Founded 21 years ago by two brothers, Stanly and Parashuram, Odanadi helps rescue underage girls who have been trafficked into prostitution. Stanly and Parashuram were exceptionally generous with their time, spending several hours describing the Indian laws governing sex trafficking, sharing their views on why sex trafficking is so prevalent in India (corruption, globalization, migratory patterns that bring men far away from their home communities with no ability to integrate socially into the new community, the objectification of women, and poverty), and reflecting on how the country might solve the problem. The law students then gave back to Odanadi by working with some of the children and women living in the home to build a vegetable garden, enabling the home to combat the high cost of vegetables. The day ended with an impromptu cricket match between the children and the law students and faculty members. First we had to learn how to play cricket, and one student batted just like in baseball—a faux pas!—and Huntington made a key catch. Meanwhile, other students happily shared

pixie sticks and silly bands with the children and made up spontaneous one-on-one games that required no common language. Six hours after arriving, we were very sorry to leave.

Tuesday brought more visits to non-governmental organizations (NGOs), with some students returning to Odanadi for further discussions, this time about domestic violence, and other students visiting Praythna, a Montessori school that works with street children and their mothers. In the nightly debriefing session, the students explained that Odanadi's approach to domestic violence was to counsel the couple to make the relationship work because a woman has very few, if any, choices once she leaves her marital home. Her own family is unlikely to take her back, and single women simply have no place in traditional Indian culture. The other group returned with stories of exceptionally well-disciplined and engaged toddlers making the most of the Montessori program, including a six-year old boy who stood before a map of the world and was able to locate 20 different countries, from Liberia to Uzbekistan. This was just one of many lively discussions about impressions of Indian society, including the observation that it is more socially conservative than we expected.

Wednesday was a travel day, with the vans and our trusty drivers taking us on the road from Mysore to the outskirts of Bangalore, where we were visiting with the National Law School of India University (NLSIU). A wonderful second-year law student took us on tours of the law school, impressing us with the tremendous selectivity of the law school and the commitment of the students to their studies, including Saturday classes. The United States law students spent the remainder of the day using the extensive library at the NLSIU, finding many materials that they could not locate in the U.S., and hunting down the international favorite, ramen noodles, at the student canteen. In the evening, the Student Bar Association threw a "quad party" for the U.S. law students, including lots of dancing and music. One of our students, who was studying dating practices of Indian youth and the impact of the Internet, used the quad party as an excellent opportunity to interview Indian law students. She found that many of the students had similar attitudes to dating as U.S. law students but that dating styles were more modest. With respect to views on divorce, the student found that some Indian law students thought divorce was appropriate whenever people are not happy, but other students suggested divorce is never appropriate because it undermines the sanctity of marriage. Many students noted the social stigma that is still attached to divorce in Indian culture.

On Thursday, the NLSIU faculty ran four special sessions for the U.S. law students on child abuse, domestic violence, sex trafficking, and women's rights. The faculty members were very dynamic and addressed numerous differences between Indian and U.S. law, such as the relative lack of need for protective orders in India because unlike American men, men in India do not pursue the woman once she has left the home. Indeed, Indian advocates encourage women not to leave the home because this risks the loss of the woman's marital property rights.

Meanwhile, Robinson and Huntington were teaching the Indian law students in a family law class. Huntington gave a talk entitled "The Fluid American Family," describing the many different family forms in the United States, including cohabitation, same-sex relationships, adoptive families, blended families, and so on. The Indian law students were fascinated by the high level of divorce in the United States and could not understand why people chose to get married if they knew there was a good chance the marriage would not last. Robinson talked about the constitutional rights of parents and children as well as the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The Indian law students were remarkably well-versed in U.S. law, asking, for example, about the Supreme Court decision abolishing the death penalty for juveniles. Robinson and Huntington enjoyed importing U.S. teaching styles, such as







Photos 1 & 2—Market Day

Photo 3—Mounds of colored powder are sold at market for the Hindu holiday "Holi"

Photo 4—Mysore Palace, in Mysore, India, during illumination All photos by Alison Jensen, alum, class of '11

asking students to come to the board to act as scribes for the whole class. Every time we gently transgressed cultural norms, the class would break out in laughter, with one student so surprised that he spat out a large mouthful of water across his seatmates.

Later that day, we traveled into Bangalore, one of the fastest growing cities in the world, to a lovely guest house, built in 1913, on a quiet street. Friday, the last day of the program, ended on a very high note with visits to the Alternative Law Forum, a lawyers' collective dedicated to the public interest, and Vimochana, an organization working with victims of domestic violence. Both organizations are pathbreakers, fighting against discrimination and maltreatment, ranging from the criminalization of homosexual sodomy to ensuring the safety of women in their own homes. The radical and warm feminists at Vimochana embraced the law students, figuratively and literally, serving tea and cookies and talking frankly about the need to seek justice for women outside of the legal system, when the legal system in a country of 1.2 billion people has little to offer women. The discussion certainly broadened our notions of social justice and activism, and infused a passion for this work in all of us.

After returning back to the States, we reflected on our remarkable experience. There were certainly lows—from seeing desperate poverty and unmet needs to numerous students falling sick—but the highs were just as salient. We met with truly inspirational individuals who are making an enormous difference in their communities, and we learned so much about Indian family law, putting our own system in tremendous perspective. It was an experience we will all remember for years to come.

#### **Research Papers**

- International Commercial Surrogacy between the United States and India— a paper exploring the use by Americans of gestational surrogates in India and the concomitant need to protect the intended parents, surrogate mothers, and the children they create
- If You Don't Have Your Health: Access to Health Care in the United States and India—exploring health care for women as access to social justice

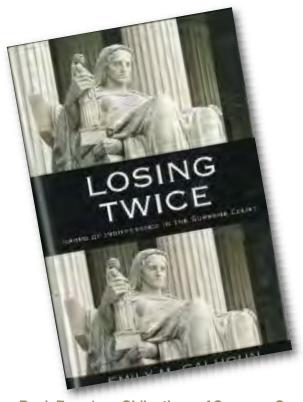




- India's "Wicked Problem": Prenatal Sex-Selection under Complex Adaptive Systems Science—seeking to provide a framework for action or inaction on one of India's oldest problems, sex selection
- Social Media, Social Change: The Influence of Social Media on Views of Dating and Divorce in Bangalore, India
- The Use and Effectiveness of Civil Protection Orders for Domestic Violence Victims
- Non-Adjudicative Resolutions for Domestic Violence Victims: the Use of Indian Panchayats—a look at community based restorative justice models for dealing with domestic violence
- Survey of Domestic Violence laws and approaches in the US and India
- Children Abandoning Children—an examination of the options for teen parents in India
- Different Names for the Same Thing: Domestic Homicides, Dowry Deaths, and Intimate Partner Violence in the United States and India
- Exploring Whether Indian Brahmin Women Who Are Victims of Domestic Violence Can Seek Asylum as Members of a Particular Social Group
- A Comparison of Cultural Defenses to Allegations of Child Abuse
- Why Traffic? A Comparison of "Destination" Countries: India and the U.S.
- Combating Sex Trafficking: The Importance of Focusing on Demand
- A Comparison of the Educational Systems in the U.S. and India
- Improving the Treatment of Child Victims of Sex Trafficking

The research papers generated by the Juvenile Law Clinic seminar and trip to India have been selected for the fall symposium by the CU Law Review. The session, titled "Overcoming Family Law's Parochialism: The Place of Comparative Law" brought the lessons full-circle from the classroom to India and back to the wider audience of the law school, bench, and bar.

Jaculty & staff highlights



# New Book Examines Obligations of Supreme Court Justices in Constitutional Rights Disputes

University of Colorado Law Professor Emily Calhoun has written a new book that examines the obligations of Supreme Court Justices to losing parties in constitutional rights disputes.

Available from Oxford University Press, *Losing Twice* argues that Justices have an obligation to avoid and ameliorate harm to citizens whose arguments about constitutional meaning are rejected. Building on that straightforward proposition, Calhoun shows how the Justices' failure to satisfy their obligation inflicts unjust harm on constitutional losers. She moves beyond tired debates about judicial activism to construct a novel legal framework for evaluating the legitimacy of the work of Supreme Court Justices.

As one reviewer notes, *Losing Twice* is "original, thought-provoking, and powerfully crafted." Calhoun "sets about disarming ideologues of all stripes to propose a new, transformative approach to judging. Whether you agree or disagree, *Losing Twice* will change the way you view the adversarial process."

Losing Twice draws on insights from many academic disciplines, but it is directed at a general readership as well as academic audiences. It examines real-world constitutional rights disputes using language and concepts that will help any reader better understand why the Justices' resolutions on abortion, gay rights, and racial discrimination disputes can provoke such outrage. Extensive bibliographic essays are targeted at academics who wish to delve more deeply into the book's arguments.

With this book, Calhoun reminds us of the relationship that ought to exist among members of a political community committed to equality and government-by-consent. She questions assertions that Justices should be thought of as umpires in an athletic contest or as mere elite, legal technicians. *Losing Twice* offers readers a new and citizen-empowering test of judicial legitimacy.

#### The Six-Minute Marathon

Easy-to-read Handbook designed to help law students and junior lawyers avoid common pitfalls

"All survival handbooks—lawyers, doctors, architects—tell newly minted professionals how to succeed as a grown-up. You could learn by trial and error and live with the inevitable injuries or you can read Andrew Hartman's fine Handbook and thrive without having a single permanent scar. The choice is yours."

—James B. Zagel, United States District Judge, Author of *Money To Burn* 

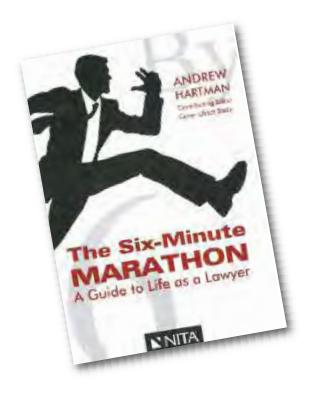
Andy Hartman, Director of Colorado Law's experiential learning program, has penned an exciting new advice book for law students and junior lawyers, which aims to help them avoid a new attorney's common mistakes.

Geared towards helping law students and junior lawyers make the transition from law school to law practice, the book is written in a unique "he said, she said" format with narrative by Hartman interspersed with commentary by Carin Ulrich Stacy, a 20-year veteran lawyer development officer at major national firms and co-founder, along with Professor William Henderson of the Indiana University, of LawyerMetrics, a highly touted professional development consulting firm.

The book, available at www.sixminutemarathon.com, is written in a breezy style but chocked with invaluable guidance for lawyers and law students alike. It fills that gap between the highly doctrinal legal education and what students need to know about actual practice. Hartman should know. For over five years, he was in charge of all junior associate reviews for Cooley LLP, a 500+ AmLaw 100 firm, where he was also partner for 10 years.

For students and newly minted lawyers who are interested in private practice, in particular with large or mid-sized firms, this is a must-read. Hartman and Stacy tell of the mistakes they have seen (and made in Hartman's case) and give advice on how to avoid or ameliorate them. These two have a unique perspective as insiders and outside consultants to law firms, as well as the first-hand experiences of law students, associates, and partners.

The book covers everything from interviews to performance, graceful exits, and partnership prospects. Hartman and Stacy provide case studies on personalities and direct, poignant advice. The book covers serious topics such as teamwork, management, and reviews, as well as important things like firm parties, cars, and fashion.







# Professor Marianne Wesson Named Chair of Experiential Learning

Professor Marianne Wesson was recently named as the school's first ever Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning, a newly endowed position at Colorado Law.

Wesson has been a member of the Colorado Law School faculty for over two decades, teaching and researching in the areas of criminal law, evidence, and trial advocacy. She practiced criminal law as an assistant attorney general for the state of Texas and as an assistant U.S. attorney for the district of Colorado.

She has also been a member of the Criminal Law Test Development Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners for more than 30 years, including several years as its chair. Her expertise has made her an often-sought commentator for several media outlets, including NBC, ABC, CBS, MSNBC, the *Washington Post*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and the *Denver Post*. She has also been a legal correspondent for National Public Radio.

Wesson is also an accomplished novelist with three works of fiction published: A Suggestion of Death, Render Up the Body (for which she was named a finalist for the Colorado Book Award) and Chilling Effect. Her most recent book, A Death at Crooked Creek: The Hillmon Case and the Supreme Court, is scheduled to be published in 2012.

The Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning is funded by an endowment from Richard F. and Rick E. Schaden. The endowment was designed to enhance Colorado Law's clinical programs, externships, appellate and moot-court competitions, and fund additional voluntary pro bono work.



#### Professor William Boyd Receives \$1.3 Million to Support Reduced Emissions

Professor William Boyd received \$1.3 million in grants from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation and the ClimateWorks Foundation to support the Law School's ongoing work with states and provinces in Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States to develop legal and institutional frameworks to reduce emissions from deforestation. Since its inception in 2009, the project, known formally as the Governors' Cli-

mate & Forests Task Force (GCF), has received \$3.5 million in grants and has emerged as one of the most advanced forums in the world for designing regulatory programs to reduce emissions from land use and deforestation. More information is available at www.gcftaskforce.org.

# **Professor Melissa Hart Recognized for Service** to Legal Community

Professor Melissa Hart was this year's recipient of the school's Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award. The award, established by an anonymous donor in 1998, is given annually to "persons who contribute to the public service of the Law School in the spirit and tradition of the contributions Professor Calhoun made in his career at the Law School."

Hart was recognized for her overwhelming contributions to the legal community in the name of public service. Her many public service activities include serving on the Colorado Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and the Board of Continuing Judicial and Legal Education. She also works with the Colorado Access to Justice Commission to develop stronger ties between the public interest efforts of Colorado Law students and faculty and the work being done in the broader Colorado legal community.

She has also authored several amicus briefs in employment discrimination and constitutional dispute cases that have appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals. In 2008, she even represented a group of Colorado citizens pro bono in an election law dispute case that resulted in a victory at the Colorado Supreme Court.

Most notably, however, Hart recently penned an amicus brief for the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the plaintiffs in the *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* class action lawsuit. The case was the largest class action lawsuit in U.S. history. It alleged that Wal-Mart discriminates against women in promotions and pay in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Hart volunteered her time to write the 39-page brief on behalf of 31 other civil procedures and class action law professors from around the country.

Colorado Law is proud to give Hart recognition for commitment to the spirit of public service that helps to define Colorado Law.





#### **Bruff Receives Fellowship**

This past March, Professor Hal Bruff received this year's Gilbert Goldstein Faculty Fellowship. The fellowship will provide Bruff with the necessary income to cover a semester-long absence from teaching so that he may finish his upcoming book, *Untrodden Ground: America's Evolutionary Presidency*. The University of Colorado Law community congratulates Professor Bruff and is looking forward to seeing his completed work.

#### Two Colorado Law Professors Chair Task Force

Colorado Law Professors Ann England and Pat Furman recently became co-chairs of the Colorado Innocence Project. The task force was originally constructed by Jim Scarboro of Arnold and Porter LLP in 2000, and is designed to provide legal representation for prisoners whose innocence can be established by scientific or other means. Furman and 10 law students spent hours reviewing the Innocence Project files and setting up the project at the Law School, at which point England assumed day-to-day control of the project.

#### **Harris to Help Build Diversity**

Colorado Law is pleased to announce that Susani Harris has been named as the school's first Senior Director for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence. This new position, housed in the Office of Career Development, is designed to help further embed the principles of inclusiveness, facilitate pipeline activities, and connect students and alumni with the profession's efforts to increase diversity. Previously, Harris was the Assistant Dean for Career Development, helping to counsel, assist, and encourage students and alumni in their efforts to focus on and explore their career options, develop useful networking skills, prepare effective cover letters and résumés, and develop successful interviewing techniques.

She was legal counsel for a settlement consulting firm in Houston, Texas, from 2003 to 2007. Prior to that, Harris was an attorney at Holland & Hart for 20 years, practicing Oil & Gas and Mining Law and was Of Counsel, Director of Attorney Recruitment and Professional Development, and Director of Diversity and Professional Development (one of the first such positions among law firms in the nation).

While at Holland & Hart, she was responsible for the recruitment, hiring, counseling, development, and retention of attorneys, and for guiding and assisting the firm in carrying out its commitment to recruit, hire, retain, and promote a diverse attorney workforce. She also provided diversity consulting to numerous clients, other law firms, and corporations.

Harris was the primary drafter of the original Colorado Pledge to Diversity, which was signed by 23 Denver law firms. She also served twice as co-chair of the Steering Committee for the original Colorado Pledge to Diversity Law Firm Group.

#### Colorado Law Welcomes Amy Bauer

The Law School is pleased to announce that Amy Bauer has joined the faculty as a full-time legal writing professor. Bauer spent the past year teaching legal writing and commercial drafting as an adjunct professor. Her experiences at Colorado Law led her to express interest in joining the school's faculty on a full-time basis. Bauer brings over 10 years of real-world legal experience, including stints at Holme, Roberts & Owen, and Reilly Pozner LLP, to her new position. Colorado Law could not be happier to have her aboard.

#### **Ellen Goldberg Joins Development Team**

The University of Colorado Foundation is pleased to welcome Ellen Goldberg to the Law School's development team. Goldberg serves as the Associate Director of Development at the Law School. She arrives from the windy city of Chicago with her husband and three children. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Indiana University and her graduate degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, Goldberg went on to work as a fundraiser for various Jewish organizations. She worked for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and most recently with Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization. Goldberg's career has focused on raising major gifts and implementing fundraising events and initiatives. The Law School is very excited to have added Goldberg and her skills to its team.



#### **Erik Gerding Joins Faculty**

Erik Gerding is joining the University of Colorado Law School as a tenured Associate Professor. His research interests include securities, banking law, financial regulation generally, and corporate governance. For the last several years, he has been working on projects involving securities and corporate law during asset price bubbles, financial crises, and periods of market volatility. His current writing and teaching focus on aspects of the global financial crisis. He also writes about the intersection

of technology and financial regulation. Gerding is completing a book under contract with Routledge Press entitled *Bubbles, Financial Regulation, and Law*.

Gerding will begin by teaching Banking Law, Securities Regulation, and Corporate Finance. Gerding comes to Colorado from the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Law, where he taught for six years. At New Mexico, he taught a wide range of business law courses, including contracts, business associations, and commercial law subjects, as well as law and economics. Before joining the UNM faculty, Gerding practiced in the New York and Washington, D.C. offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. His practice at the firm included representing clients in an array of financial transactions and regulatory matters.

He has been quoted in articles on financial regulation in various national and international publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Financial Times of London*, *Money* magazine, and *Computerworld*. He is a regular contributor to the Conglomerate, a blog of six law professors on law, business, and economics.





#### Colorado Law Welcomes Ming Chen

Ming Hsu Chen joined the Colorado Law faculty as an Associate Professor in 2011 after serving as a Visiting Scholar at George Washington Law School. Her research and teaching interests center on bureaucracies, immigration and citizenship, race, and the social sciences. Chen's current research examines regulatory responses to immigration.

She has previously written and published articles on the politics of rights,

political incorporation of immigrants, national origin discrimination, and asylum adjudication.

Prior to entering legal academia, Chen clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. She has also worked for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, and the Brookings Institution. She earned a PhD in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at the University of California Berkeley, a JD at New York University Law School, and an AB from Harvard College (magna cum laude with highest honors in Social Studies).



#### Nevelow Mart Joins Colorado Law as Library Director

This Summer, Susan Nevelow Mart was hired as the new director of the Wise Law Library in the Wolf Law Building. Mart received her BA in anthropology from UC Santa Cruz, her JD from Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley, and her MLIS from San Jose State University.

Her law practice in Alameda County focused on construction litigation,

complex real estate transactions and their disintegration, partnership and corporate dissolution, and fiduciary abuse of elders. She has been a certified specialist in airport construction law, a speaker on risk allocation and contract negotiation in business contracts, a speaker on mechanic's liens and stop notices, and a Continuing Legal Education teacher on patients' rights advocacy. Then she went to library school. She now teaches Advanced Legal Research and Analysis. She is interested in legal research pedagogy and the effects of human intervention and computer algorithms on legal research search results. Her other research and writing interests include the Freedom of Information Act, the Patriot Act, and other legal issues regarding access to information.



#### Colorado Law Welcomes Peter Huang as First DeMuth Chair

Thanks to a generous endowment from the DeMuth family, the Law School has named new faculty hire Peter Huang as the DeMuth Professor of Business Law. Before coming to Colorado, Huang was the inaugural Harold E. Kohn Chair Professor of Law at Temple University Law School. In 2005–06, he was a member of the Institute for Ad-

vanced Study's School of Social Science during its psychology and economics theme year. His research interests include (behavioral) law & economics; law and emotions; law and neuroscience; law, happiness, and subjective well-being; legal applications of real options; mindfulness and law; and securities enforcement, litigation, and regulation. He received his AB from Princeton University, SM and PhD in applied mathematics from Harvard University, and JD from Stanford University. He previously taught at the University of Minnesota Law School (where he was a tenured faculty member), Yale Law School, the University of Chicago Law School, the University of Pennsylvania Law School, the University of Virginia Law School, and the University of Southern California Law School. He has taught in various economics departments, including Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley, University of California, Los Angeles, and University of Southern California, and the finance department of Tulane University's business school. Before teaching, Huang was as a staff economist in the Division of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C.



#### Soules Joins Clinical Faculty

Michael Soules received his BA in history from the University of Michigan, a Master's in City Planning from the University of California at Berkeley, and his JD from Yale Law School.

Before joining the clinical faculty at the University of Colorado Law School, Soules served as a staff attorney for the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Minneapolis,

Minnesota. During his time there, Soules litigated on behalf of many environmental and wildlife protection groups. Most recently, he represented the Sierra Club in a series of cases challenging a coal gasification plant in Kentucky. He has litigated many cases based on The Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. He also advised the Environmental Law and Policy Center's executive director on issues such as nuclear decommissioning and state energy policy.

Soules also worked in the private sector as an associate attorney at Faegre and Benson LLP from 2006–09. While at Faegre and Benson, he represented national environmental organizations in cases involving wildlife and natural resources law. He also handled a wide array of private sector litigation involving land use law, banking law, and contracts.

Soules is very excited to join the Colorado Law clinical faculty, where he will be able to continue his efforts in protecting natural resources while also mentoring students.





#### Jill McGranahan Named Director of Public Relations & Communications

In February 2011, Jill McGranahan took on the role of Director of Public Relations & Communications at Colorado Law. In her role, McGranahan is responsible for all media relations and publications at the Law School, as well as the monthly e-newsletter Law Points, the Colorado Law web site, and all social media efforts.

Prior to working at Colorado Law,

she acted as the Director of Marketing & Communications for Denver Parks and Recreation. During her tenure, she was tapped to act as the Assistant Director of Communications for three months for then-Mayor John Hickenlooper when his own staffer was on maternity leave. Her other experience includes creating a marketing communications program for Denver International School and nine years as the Senior Public Relations Manager at the Denver Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau (now Visit Denver).

She received her BA in languages (French, German and Russian) at Metropolitan State College and her MA in Intergrated Marketing Communications from the University of Denver. A Colorado native, McGranahan was born at Boulder Community Hospital and grew up in Westminster.



#### Katy Brown Joins Colorado Law as the School's New Full-time Director of Alumni Relations

Katy Brown comes to us from the CU Denver campus, where she was the Marketing and Communications Manager for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. While there, Brown founded the Dean's Advisory Council to increase the school's engagement with alumni, and oversaw the editorial direction

of the school's award-winning alumni magazine and e-newsletter.

She also brings extensive experience from work in the private sector. She was the Marketing and Corporate Communications Coordinator for Symbius, a supply chain consulting firm based in Boulder. Brown also worked for DigitalMed and Sierra Designs.

Brown is a proud CU-Boulder alumna (BA, Communication) and is thrilled to return to the Boulder campus to help Colorado Law alumni stay connected. We are excited to welcome her to our team, and she is excited to meet all of you. She can be reached at katy.brown@colorado.edu or at 303-492-7015.





# Colorado Law Focuses on Student and Alumni Careers with New Hires

Colorado Law recently added a full-time leadership position dedicated to outreach and filled a pivotal position in the Career Development Office (CDO). Michael Spivey is the Assistant Dean of Outreach and Engagement, a newly created position, and Todd Rogers returned to Colorado Law to assume the position of Assistant Dean of Career Development.

"I made a promise to the faculty and students when I was interviewing for this position that I would make career development a top priority," said Dean Weiser. "I am thrilled that we were able to attract such highly respected professionals and give our students and alumni the career support they deserve. Now, the real work begins, and I'm glad that Todd and Mike are here to help me implement my vision for Colorado Law."

As Assistant Dean of Career Development, Rogers will lead the CDO. Rogers joins Colorado Law from the University of Kansas School of Law, where he was the Assistant Dean of Career Services from July 2007 until August 2011. Prior to that, he served as a Director of Career Services from 2003 to June 2007. His leadership resulted in top student satisfaction ratings for the school's career services office, where he served as the primary career counselor for more than 500 law students.

Rogers received his JD from the University of Texas School of Law, where he graduated with honors. He also has a BA in Business Administration from Trinity University. Before working at the University of Kansas School of Law, Rogers worked for one year in the Colorado Law CDO. Prior to that, he worked as a briefing attorney in the Texas Court of Appeals and as an associate attorney at Lathrop & Gage LLP in Kansas City, Missouri.

Spivey, as Assistant Dean for Outreach and Engagement, will focus his efforts on cultivating external relationships with employers, alumni, and others who support the Law School. Working closely with Dean Weiser, Spivey will focus on increasing employer awareness of Colorado Law students and alumni.

Spivey was the Assistant Dean for Career Services, Strategy, and Marketing at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis from June 2008 until August 2011. In this capacity, he oversaw the career service operations of Washington University Law, which included placing more than 1,000 students each year.

Prior to working at Washington University Law, Spivey worked at Vanderbilt University Law School for more than eight years. He was the Associate Director of Admissions from 2005 to 2008 before being recruited by renowned Law Dean Kent Syverud to lead the Career Services Office at Washington University Law School. Spivey comes to Colorado Law with a BA in Philosophy from Vanderbilt and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Alabama. He is currently a candidate for his Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy at Vanderbilt University.

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# Weiser Builds Strong Leadership Team

This summer, Dean Weiser appointed three new Associate Deans to his administrative team. Associate Professor Kristen Carpenter is the Associate Dean for Faculty Development. Carpenter joined the faculty in 2009 with a curricular focus in property and American Indian law. Associate Professor Helen Norton serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Norton's teaching interests are in the areas of constitutional law, civil rights, and employment discrimination law. She has been a member of the Colorado Law faculty since 2007. Finally, Professor Ahmed White was appointed as the Associate Dean for Research. White has served on the faculty since 2000, where he has focused his scholarship on the intersection of labor and criminal law and on the concept of rule of law. In addition, Angela Knight has rejoined Colorado Law as Director of Faculty and Staff Development. She previously worked at Colorado Law from February 2005 to October 2007 as the faculty affairs liaison. "I am thrilled that we have put together a topflight leadership team to work with our faculty to ensure that Colorado Law can continue to thrive as scholars and teachers who are engaged with our community," says Weiser.









#### **Scholarship Recognition Reception**

The annual Scholarship Recognition Reception was held September 15, 2011 in the Wolf Law Building. Colorado Law benefited from record attendance by both donors and students. Dean Phil Weiser welcomed guests in the Wittemyer Courtroom and introduced donor speakers Paula Connelly ('76) for the Tom Lustig Environmental Scholarship and Michael J. Belo ('77) for the Berenbaum Weinshienk PC Scholarship. Anne Bensard and John Dwyer, both from the class of 2012, spoke powerfully of the impact of scholarships on students' lives. We are grateful for this annual opportunity to honor both donors and recipients of scholarships of Colorado Law.



#### Carolyn Ramsey to Give 2011 Austin Scott Lecture November 10

Professor Carolyn Ramsey will deliver this year's Austin Scott Lecture, "Intimate-Partner Violence and State Intervention: A New Historical Perspective," at 4:00 p.m. on November 10. She will discuss research from her published articles and her book-in-progress that sheds new light on public attitudes toward intimate partner violence, the role of

police and prosecutors in seeking to prevent and punish such violence, and the way courts and juries viewed defense claims by men and women charged with murdering their partners. Her work calls into question common assumptions about sex bias in the criminal law and public tolerance of wife-beating. It also suggests that changing gender roles and the

"medicalization" of the law made it more difficult for abused women to obtain justice in criminal courts in the second half of the 20th century. Although Ramsey's lecture will focus on historical examples, it may spark discussion about modern domestic violence laws and policies.



# Cooperative Spirit Defines 2011 Clyde Martz Summer Conference

Wet Spring Brings Renewed Discussion About Colorado River and its Future

The Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC) at the University of Colorado Law School hosted the 2011 Clyde Martz Summer Conference on June 8–10, 2011, at the Wolf Law Building.

This two-day conference focused on current laws and policies governing Colorado River management and brought together some of the leading experts on Colorado River issues in order to highlight new developments and explore challenges associated with the river.

"Is there anything more important than water in the West?" said Doug Kenney, director of the Western Water Policy Program at the Law School. "I mean, when you live in an arid region, when there's only one major river in the southwestern U.S., what could be more important than the Colorado River?"

The Colorado River is the sole source of drinking water for some 36 million people in seven American states and another 6 million people in Mexico. It is also used for industry, recreation, the creation of electricity, and the irrigation of enough farmland that, if put together, would cover an area larger than the state of Connecticut. Yet in terms of volume, the Colorado doesn't even crack the top 20 biggest rivers in the country.

Patricia Mulroy of the Southern Nevada Water Authority opened the conference on Wednesday evening with her presentation, "And then there was little to fight about: Can we get through the worst of times?" discussing the Law of the River (as the Compact of 1922 and its subsequent agreements are called). As she pointed out, "Twenty years ago, the whole body of law was rigid, not to be violated, like those tablets Moses had with the 10 Commandments on them." However, she and most participants were adamant that the Compact is flexible enough to accommodate growth and climate change, and while it will have to bend significantly, it should not be allowed to break.

On Thursday morning, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor addressed the more than 275 conference participants about the cooperative spirit that surrounds the Colorado River. By contract, Connor took to task the pending legislation in the U.S. House on water in California's San Joaquin Valley. A light moment came at the end of Connor's presentation when Mulroy, in a movie parody, said, "Let our water go," to which Pat Tyrrell of the Wyoming State Engineers Office replied, "You want the water? You can't handle the water."

After Connor's presentation, the serious business of exploring challenges and discussing best practices began. Participants from the Upper and Lower Basins, representing the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, and National Climate Center, ranchers, farmers, river outfitters, and more packed the four conference sessions over two days.

Indian water rights and U.S.—Mexico negotiations were newly discussed this year. Commissioner Connor stated that it was good to finally have Mexico at the table, since the Colorado River is also the sole water source for Mexico's 6 million habitants; a number expected to grow to 10 million by 2025.

"While it does make discussions more difficult with more people at the table, you also have a better chance of the agreements actually sticking and working," said Kenney.

"The conference did not solve the on-going and ever-changing issues surrounding the Colorado River," said Kenney. "Our goal was to pose basic questions about what the future holds for the river in this era of climate change and to give people who care about the river's future the opportunity to consider whether better management approaches can help to mitigate some of those future concerns."

The NRLC was founded in 1982 as a non-partisan entity to promote intellectual discourse over crucial natural resources law and policy issues and to foster practical and effective solutions to identified problems. The NRLC is committed to producing objective research and providing a neutral forum for discussions about these issues. This was the 32nd year of the conference, which is held in June annually.

#### Law Students Vindicate Olympic Class Boxers' Rights

Winning Argument Allows "Box Off" for 2011 Pan American Games Qualifiers

Students at the University of Colorado Law School, under the supervision of the school's public service program lawyer and a Boulder attorney, won the right for USA women and men elite amateur boxers to compete in a "box-off" for the 2011 Pan American Games qualifiers, a precursor to the 2012 Olympic Games. Working with the U.S. Olympic Committee Athlete Ombudsman John Ruger, a Boulder resident and Olympic biathlete, Colorado Law's Andy Hartman led students in representing the elite athletes, who could not afford counsel. Ruger approached Colorado Law at the end of February to assist the athletes with their grievance. The "box-off" took place March 17–20, 2011 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The four second-year Colorado Law students—Sarah Abelson, John Dwyer, Nate Jewell and Kira Robinson—represented elite boxer Caroline "Carrie" Barry in her successful claim against USA Boxing. Under U.S. Olympic Committee rules, the case also affects approximately 20 female boxers and 60 male boxers. USA Boxing was ordered to conduct a single elimination "box-off," similar to a basketball tournament bracket, at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs before the end of March.

Barry had been captain and a member of the USA National Boxing Team since 2004. She filed a grievance, asserting that USA Boxing improperly changed its rules for sending boxers to the Pan-Am qualifiers, thus violating her and the other affected athletes' rights under the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and U.S. Olympic Committee rules.

Hartman, Colorado Law's Experiential Learning Director and Paul Gross, a Boulder attorney, filed a grievance on behalf of the students with the official arbitrator on March 1, 2011, and a hearing was held on March 7, 2011 in Denver. While originally filed only with women's boxing in mind, upon request from USA Boxing, the arbitrator joined male boxers as athletes affected by the arbitration.

This increased the significance of the proceeding since women compete only in three Olympic weight classes, while men enjoy 10 categories. The arbitrator issued his ruling on March 8, 2011 in favor of Barry and indirectly in favor of the other athletes who will now have the chance to compete in the box-off.

"It took guts for the athletes to pursue this case, but given their success in the ring, we were not surprised," said Hartman. "This win, however, goes to the students—they made the opening and closing statements and examined most of the witnesses."

As stated by the arbitrator, in December 2010, USA Boxing found itself in a difficult position regarding sending athletes to the Pan-Am game qualifiers. USA Boxing realized that its existing qualifying system was not in compliance with international rules. USA Boxing believed that boxers could win spots for the USA team during the qualifying rounds, and thereafter USA Boxing would decide which athletes would fill the spots earned. In fact, the rules stated that boxers could only qualify individually, not for team slots. Thus, in order to comply with international rules, USA Boxing would have to change its own rules retroactively. It is this rule change that the arbitrator found to be null and void in ordering the box-off.



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"Kira, Sarah, John, and Nate's outstanding work on behalf of these talented women is what it's all about at Colorado Law—we have a commitment to educating our students and serving those in need," said Hartman. "The students made us proud today."

Colorado Law has a long history of providing pro bono assistance to Colorado's underserved communities. In addition to the public service program directed by Hartman, Colorado Law houses nine clinics staffed by clinical faculty serving hundreds of clients in important areas such as family law, criminal matters, juvenile law, entrepreneurial law, civil law, technology, natural resources, appeals, and American Indian rights.

#### Law School Holds 30th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

This past March, the faculty and staff of the University of Colorado Law School gathered with alumni, friends, and other members of the Colorado Law family to celebrate the accomplishments of four of the school's most distinguished alums. Among those recognized were Anne Castle ('81), Mark Fogg ('79), and Judge Larry Naves ('74). They each received a Distinguished Achievement Award for their contributions to the legal community in the public sector, the private sector, and the judiciary, respectively.

This year's recipient of the William Lee Knous Award, the highest honor the Law School can bestow upon one of its alums, was Richard Bratton ('57). Bratton received this award in recognition of his illustrious legal career, marked most notably by his general law practice in Gunnison, Colorado for over 50 years and his appointment as Chairman of the Upper Colorado River Commission in 2002 by President Bush.

This year's banquet enjoyed an impressive turnout, and Colorado Law would like to once again thank all those who attended and contributed to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Thanks is also owed to the law firms Holland & Hart and Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, which were the banquet's lead sponsors. We hope to see everyone again this spring!

#### William Eskridge Gives 54th Coen Lecture

The University of Colorado Law School was honored to welcome Professor William Eskridge as this year's Coen lecturer. Eskridge currently teaches at Yale Law School, where he is the John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence. His lecture, entitled Discrimination to Protect Liberty, illuminated the various legal issues surrounding the national debate concerning gay marriage rights. Eskridge's expertise on the subject derives from his representation of one of the first gay couples to ever sue for recognition of their same sex marriage, as well as his publication of a field-establishing casebook, three monographs, and dozens of law review articles on the proper treatment of sexual and gender minorities.

# Colorado Law Takes Steps to Heal Native American Wounds

More than 30 representatives from the Boarding School Healing Project, Native American Rights Fund, American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School, and Human Rights Clinic at the University of Wyoming and other organizations came together on May 14–15, 2011 to create a framework for healing from the abuses suffered by American Indian children as a result of the U.S. boarding school policy.

"This is a historical event, one that gives optimism that something is really going to happen," said Don Coyhis of White Bison, Inc.

See Healing Project on page 26



#### **Law Students Fight Poverty and Global Warming in Peru**

This past May, Jocelyn Jenks and Angela Cifor, two second-year law students at Colorado Law, traveled to Ayaviri, Peru on behalf of the Center for Environmental and Energy Security (CEES) in order to help with the installation of 15 environmentally healthy and efficient cookstoves.

Because a full third of the world's population (approximately 3 billion people) have no access to modern energy resources, a large majority of them rely on burning biomass (cow manure, crop residues or wood) for cooking, heating and lighting. Unfortunately, burning biomass within the home generates indoor air pollution, consisting of black carbon and other particulates, which results in 2 million premature deaths annually, primarily among women and children. Additionally, black carbon is the second largest cause of global warming, according to Nature Geoscience.

The cookstoves, designed by German cookstove developer GIZ, aim to reduce the negative side effects that come from using biomass as a primary fuel source. The cookstoves are constructed with a chimney which is designed to remove harmful smoke from the living space of those using the stove, thus improving the air quality inside the homes of Ayiviri residents. They are also constructed with a two level combustion chamber that allows for increased air flow through the fuel source as well as easy ash removal.

Perhaps most importantly, the cookstoves can be constructed with adobe, a material that the local communities of Ayaviri are very familiar with, thus allowing them the opportunity to learn to construct their own cookstoves in the future.

These first 15 cookstoves will be continually monitored by students from the University Catolica de San Pablo in order to determine the precise health and environmental benefits that they provide. Depending on these results, CEES will begin work on the next stage of the project, scheduled for summer 2012, which will focus on providing cookstoves to any community member who wants one. This could be anywhere from one to 250 units. CEES will work with Caritas to offer a sweat equity option, whereby residents can contribute a certain amount towards their cookstoves by working on other community development projects such as irrigation improvements, community gardens and animal husbandry.



#### Healing Project, from page 25

The goal of the two-day conference was to discuss and craft a national strategy to achieve both national recognition of and an apology for the wrongs visited upon individuals and communities of Indian Country by the U.S. boarding school policy. The strategy would also seek reparations to provide the framework for healing the wounds from these historic and enduring wrongs.

"Intergenerational trauma was a huge theme of the conference," said Jill Tompkins, Director of the American Indian Law Clinic at Colorado Law. "American Indian children forced into the boarding school system later on unintentionally imposed onto their children and their children's children the scars of growing up without knowledge of their language and their culture, without affection and without a loving family support network. When they finally returned to their tribal communities, they did not know who they were or where they fit anymore."

Many point to the proliferation of alcoholism, drug abuse, and suicide among Indians as evidence of the on-going effects of this period.

Although early in the planning stages, three key themes were expressed at the conference: acknowledgement, justice, and healing.

Important participants at the Symposium were Chief Wilton (Willie) Littlechild and Marie Wilson, Commissioners of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). Canada modeled its Indian Residential School system on the U.S. model. Thousands of individual and community lawsuits were brought against the Canadian government for abuses, particularly sexual abuse, inflicted on Aboriginal people. The cases were eventually resolved in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, the largest class action in Canadian history, in 2007.

The settlement provided for a payment to all former students who were held in federally supported residential schools and additional compensation for those who suffered sexual or serious physical abuse or other abuses. The Canadian government also made a contribution to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to support commemoration projects and to establish the TRC. The TRC's three-prong mission is: to inform Canadians of what happened in the schools, to honor the lives of former students and their families, and to create a permanent record of the Indian Residential School legacy. Although the settlement has made some progress in bringing healing to residential school survivors, Chief Littlechild told the U.S. Symposium attendees, "You have a chance to do things better."

To date, no U.S. Presidential apology or plan to provide redress for American Indian boarding school survivors has been proposed by the federal government. "The time to seek justice and healing for our ancestors and families who suffered the boarding school experience is long overdue. The establishment of the Boarding School Coalition and the development of a mutual shared vision for future action are critical steps forward," said Tompkins.



#### **NRLC Students Score a Victory for Wildlife**

Wild bighorn sheep in Idaho's Payette National Forest now have a longer life expectancy thanks to the efforts of students at the University of Colorado's Natural Resources Law Clinic. The students successfully advocated for, and later defended, a decision by the Payette's supervisor to restrict grazing by domestic sheep because of the risk they may pose to the wild bighorns.

Bighorns were once abundant on the Payette and elsewhere in the Rockies, but their numbers have been severely reduced by habitat loss, disease, and other factors. A species of bacteria carried by most domestic sheep and usually harmless to them is a major threat to the remaining bighorns as it can cause a fatal pneumonia. The bighorns' natural curiosity and social behavior exacerbates the transmission of the disease. Several herds of bighorns have died of pneumonia after coming in contact with their domestic cousins.

Currently, sheep ranchers may graze their domestic sheep on the National Forests only where authorized by permits from the U.S. Forest Service. However, the Forest Service is legally required to limit grazing so as to protect wildlife and other natural resources. In spring 2010, Natural Resources Law Clinic students Jacey Cerda and Rebecca Rizzuti, on behalf of the Idaho Wildlife Federation (IWF) and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), prepared a legal and scientific analysis showing that the Forest Service had ample authority, and a legal duty, to terminate domestic sheep grazing on portions of the Payette National Forest where bighorns are likely to come into contact with the domestic sheep.

In summer 2010, the Supervisor of the Payette National Forest issued a decision largely following Cerda's and Rizzuti's recommendations. The decision was hailed by wildlife advocates but opposed by sheep ranchers, who filed an administrative appeal of the decision.

Colorado Law students Taber Ward and Matt Samelson worked on behalf of IWF, NWF, and the Nez Perce tribe to defend the decision, writing major portions of a brief used to support the Supervisor's decision. On April 8, 2011, the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service announced the final affirmation of the decision.

# Colorado Law Celebrates Constitution Day with Student Teaching Project

Colorado Law celebrated Constitution Day with the launch of a new program that brought constitutional law to high school classrooms throughout Colorado.

During the week leading up to Constitution Day, the Law School's Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law sent 60 law students to teach in 50 high school classrooms around the state. Classrooms visited were in Boulder, Longmont, Adams County, Denver, Colorado Springs, Ft. Collins,



Kremmling, Glenwood Springs, and Carbondale.

Each student taught a one-period lesson that included a discussion of the First Amendment and the principles behind it, a review of cases that apply the First Amendment in disputes between students and schools, and a student debate involving a hypothetical situation applying the First Amendment to a student Facebook posting. Melissa Hart, director of the Byron White Center, and student fellows Laura McNabb and Gavin Wolny developed the lesson plan.





# Supreme Court Justice Stevens Is Inaugural Stevens Lecturer

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens presented the inaugural Stevens Lecture, a new series of talks named for him, at the University of Colorado Law School at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

The free and public event, presented by the school's Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, focused on the career of Justice Byron White and included a lively question and answer session.

Each year, the Stevens Lecture will bring a distinguished jurist to Colorado Law to deliver a public lecture on judging and the state of the judiciary. The 2012 Stevens Lecture will be given by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Byron White Center seeks to enhance the study and teaching of constitutional law and to stimulate public debate and understanding of our constitutional system. The center sponsors public lectures and symposia, encourages Colorado faculty and student scholarship in constitutional law, and offers an opportunity for collaboration with other organizations, schools, and scholars around the country who are participating in the national conversation about constitutional interpretation and application.

#### Colorado Law Engages Students with Inspired Career Planning and Role Models

No order to secure employment in this competitive economy, one must define his or her career direction as early as possible and engage in an intentional pursuit of these defined career goals. Learning about career options is a critical component of such efforts, and engaging with role models often provides inspiration and ideas for students reflecting on their paths forward. Using a multi-faceted approach, Colorado Law has expanded its career development programming and is bringing in an impressive array of speakers. Speakers include lawyers and other professionals who have succeeded in pursuing many different career paths utilizing various strategies, but all of whom model hard work, strategic thinking, and creativity.

Among the programs aimed at inspiring students are:

- 1L Orientation—Three days of programming focused on the themes of career exploration, professionalism, and inclusiveness. Career-related components included (1) showing the movie *Big Fish* and using it as a jumping-off point for small group discussions of the career-related attitudes and attributes the film portrays (e.g., spirit of service, humility, ambition, creativity, persistence, high aspirations, adventurousness), and (2) judges and practitioners speaking and leading discussion groups on professionalism and ethics.
- Dean's Leadership Series—Accomplished attorneys and executives in leadership roles in all sectors meet with Dean Weiser and students in a seminar setting to discuss their career paths and professional happiness. Guests in the 2011–12 series are:
  - Elizabeth "Libby" C. Cook ('82), Founder and President,
     Philanthropiece; co-founder, Wild Oats and Sunflower Market
  - Maggie L. Fox, President and CEO, Alliance for Climate Protection
  - Rebecca Love Kourlis, Executive Director, Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS)
  - Monica Marie Márquez, Associate Justice, Colorado Supreme Court
  - Terrell "Terry" J. Minger, President and Chief Executive Officer, Piton Foundation

- Thomas M. Ray ('86), President and CEO, CoreSite
- Marc D. Roellig, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, MassMutual Financial Group
- Richard Schaden, trial lawyer and entrepreneur
- John H. Schultz ('53), retired practitioner and oil and gas entrepreneur
- Carole J. Yaley ('80), Chief Attorney, ExxonMobil Global Services Company
- Career Perspectives Series—Fall series for 1Ls features impressive speakers with messages about pursuing one's career with intention and determination, thinking creatively about career options, being entrepreneurial, and pursuing clerkships. Speakers in this Q&A series include:
  - Elizabeth E. Brown ('86), Bankruptcy Judge, United States
     Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado
  - R. Stanton Dodge, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of DISH Network
  - Steven "Cash" Nickerson, President and CFO, PDS Tech
  - Michael Zeisser, Senior Vice President, Liberty Media Corporation
- Colorado's Criminal Justice System Series—District Attorneys, the Public Defender, and other key players in the criminal justice system throughout Colorado will come to campus to speak to students about their inspiring careers, interesting cases, and commitment to service.
- The Telos Project—An experimental, voluntary, and ungraded experience co-taught by five faculty members provides 1Ls with opportunities to discuss and reflect upon being in law school and to explore strategies for engaging fully in the law school experience while staying connected to one's previous identity.



# Engaging with and Investing in Colorado Law



Law is on a glide path to zero. Over the last decade, it has fallen from 20 percent of our budget to approximately 4–5 percent. Alums once could suggest that they supported Colorado Law by paying taxes; that is no longer true. We appreciate that over the

last few years, support from our alums has increased—and our alumni giving rate is now up to around 14 percent. Nonetheless, we are still trailing peer schools and Pac-12 rivals, such as the University of Washington and University of Oregon, which benefit from alumni giving rates of around 25 percent.

One of my priorities as Dean is to engage our alums. We want you to be engaged with the Law School, whether by coming to lectures, joining us for reunions, or mentoring a current student. I know, from those of you with whom I have talked, that you have fond memories of Colorado Law and strong ties to your classmates. It is thus incumbent on us to reach out to you. And we will. To that end, Katy Brown (katy.brown@colorado.edu) has just joined us as our first Director of Alumni Relations who will be devoted 100 percent to alumni relations. She will start organizing happy hours, CLEs, and other forms of alumni engagement as a core part of our program.

For those willing to help lead the next journey for Colorado Law, I would encourage you to consider one of our Giving Societies (see box at right). And for younger alums (within 10 years of graduation), we have introduced a new Giving Society, named after Colorado Law's only graduate (and former professor) to serve as a United States Supreme Court Justice, Wiley B. Rutledge. These Societies recognize those making significant investments in Colorado Law between July 1 and June 30 each year. As I noted at the outset, our students are paying very high tuition rates (\$31,046 for in-state tuition and fees) that underscore just what a bargain the students of yesterday had. For gifts to the Dean's Fund, we have the flexibility to support scholarships (an enormous emphasis of ours, with 50 percent of our students receiving scholarships), host events (see list of events at the Law School on the back cover), and make strategic investments (such as building our emerging LLM program).

To support this year's campaign, the Chancellor has offered a \$250,000 challenge match. In particular, he will match all first-time gifts to the Dean's Fund for Excellence and any increased contribution over gifts made last year to that fund by December 31, 2011. Please take advantage of this opportunity and make double the impact with your gift.

At whatever level you can, I strongly encourage you to invest in Colorado Law's future. As I build on the strong foundation built by David Getches, who enabled us to construct our beautiful building, I am committed to strengthening our human capital and level of engagement. So even if you can only give a limited amount, we appreciate that and need you to be a part of our community. If you have suggestions for me on how best to support and engage with the Colorado Law community, I would welcome them. My phone number is 303-735-2733 and my email is phil.weiser@colorado.edu.

Cheers, Phil Weiser

#### **Colorado Law School Giving Societies and Benefits**

(based on total gifts and pledge payments made on new pledges during each fiscal year to any Law School fund)

#### Ira C. Rothgerber Jr. Society

(Contributions of \$10,000 and up)

Recognition in Amicus
Dean's Mid-Year Report
Denver Spring/Summer Lunch
Homecoming Breakfast
Dinner with the Dean
Invitations to Special Events

#### Dean's Cabinet

(Contributions of \$5,000-\$9,999)

Recognition in *Amicus*Dean's Mid-Year Report
Denver Spring/Summer Lunch
Homecoming Breakfast
Dinner with the Dean

#### Dean's Circle

(Contributions of \$2,500-4,999)

Recognition in *Amicus* Dean's Mid-Year Report Denver Spring/Summer Lunch Homecoming Breakfast

#### Dean's Club

(Contributions of \$1,500–2,499)

Recognition in *Amicus* Dean's Mid-Year Report Denver Spring/Summer Lunch

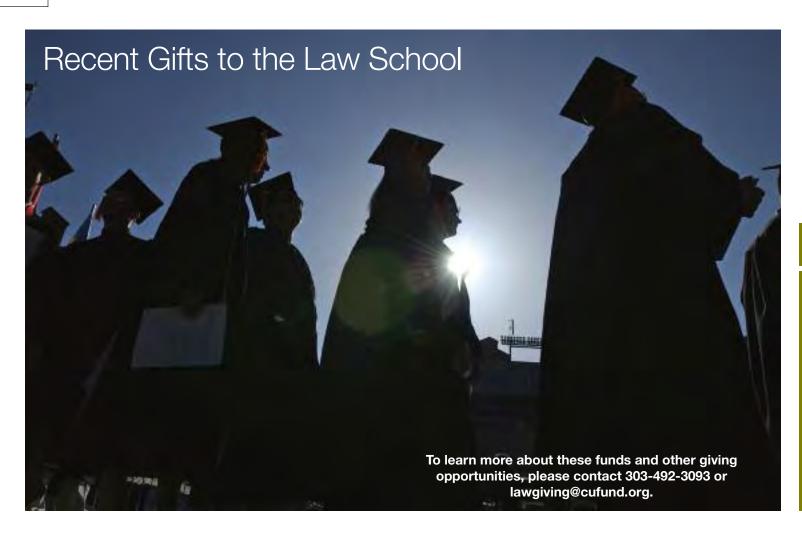
#### Wiley B. Rutledge Society

(Alumni before their 10th reunion giving contributions of \$100 each year since graduation; i.e., five years out of school equals a \$500 contribution; six years, \$600; etc.)

Recognition in Amicus Dean's Mid-Year Report Special Invitations for Young Alumni

To learn more about these societies or to make a contribution, contact Development at 303-492-3093 or lawgiving@cufund.org.





#### **Dean's Fund for Excellence**

Thank you for your help in increasing overall Dean's Fund contributions last year by 24 percent and contributions at the Giving Society level (\$1,500 and above) by 25 percent over the prior year. Total contributions to the Dean's Fund in 2010–11 were \$373,167 vs. \$300,647 in 2009–10. Your financial support and your participation in Law School events are welcome and appreciated. This fund supports a wide-range of strategic initiatives, events at the Law School, and programmatic efforts. For the remainder of this year, gifts to the Dean's Fund by first-time donors and gifts exceeding prior giving levels will be matched by the CU-Boulder Chancellor.

#### **Entrepreneurial Law Program Fund**

To ensure that the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic could continue to thrive, Jason Mendelson, chair of the Silicon Flatirons Entrepreneurship Initiative and an adjunct professor, has led an effort to secure over \$700,000. This effort is ongoing and will enable this clinic to remain a vibrant part of the Law School for years to come.

#### **Wolf-Getches Fellowship**

Marvin ('54) and Judi Wolf have established the Wolf-Getches Fellowship to support and enhance the national scholarly reputation of the Law School faculty. At the discretion of the Dean, funds may be used to name scholars to a distinguished fellowship; reward notable accomplishments; provide funds for travel, books, software, and other research related-expenses; and for special efforts to recruit or retain valued faculty members.

#### **New Endowed Scholarship**

We are delighted to announce that an anonymous scholarship was recently established by one of our alumni to benefit students with excellent academic performance and who have shown a commitment to outside community services or had employment before coming to the Law School.

#### **David H. Getches Scholarship**

We are receiving many generous contributions for this scholarship that was established by David Getches. As of this writing, we have raised \$255,000 toward a goal of \$500,000. Once the endowment reaches that goal, the fund will distribute \$20,000 each year in scholarships.

#### **Recent Bequests**

We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of these alumni and friends in ensuring a solid future of Colorado Law by including the CU Foundation for the benefit of the Law School in their estate plans: Law Alumni Board Member Vance Knapp ('94) for use at the Dean's discretion; Emeritus Clinical Professor Pat Furman ('80) for the Dan Barash Scholarship Fund, Bryan Shaha Scholarship Fund, and Loan Repayment Assistance Program; and Emeritus Professor Nort Steuben for law scholarships.



# A Legacy of Excellence and Service



avid Getches, as Charles Wilkinson reminded us at the June 23 event to honor his eight years as Dean, asked a lot of everyone. "But most of all, David asked a lot of himself." David's tenure as Dean was, as his Vice Dean Dayna

Matthew put it, transformative. David changed the face of Colorado Law—overseeing the financing and construction of a new building. He also charted a new course for Colorado Law, working with Richard Schaden to endow a program in experiential learning and spearheading the development of several new clinics as well as three LLM programs.

David's commitment to excellence and service began well before his Deanship. As described in these pages, David was an inspirational and visionary leader in Indian law, natural resources, and environmental protection. His founding of the Native American Rights Fund, activism and scholarship in service of Native Americans, and commitment to the land, water, and air are legendary. And he remains our legend. It has been heartwarming to witness more than 300 alumni and friends contribute over \$270,000 to the David H. Getches Scholarship Fund. We appreciate this outpouring of support, which recognizes how special a person David was and how much he meant to us all.

When David and Ann Getches (who were a team in the very best sense) convinced me to apply for the Deanship, they emphasized how it was an opportunity to make a difference. (Ann also noted that I would have the opportunity to meet many interesting people—most specifically, our terrific alums—and I already recognize the truth of that observation.) I had envisioned taking on this project with David as a partner, particularly in the areas that he traditionally led and cared so much about—natural resources, energy, and environmental law, as well as American Indian law. But instead of relying on David's leadership, I find myself building on our strength in these areas with David's spirit in mind, working with our very strong faculty (whom he recruited) in the areas of law about which he cared so much.

You will see that this issue, in addition to the usual opportunity to support our crucial Annual Fund effort (see insert), affords our alums and friends an opportunity to be a part of the Getches Campaign. Leading up to a special conference hosted by the Colorado Law Review (on April 20, 2012), we will be reaching out to friends and admirers of David to let them know that a number of key institutions and values that David spearheaded here can be supported by a campaign in his honor (see box at right). We welcome whatever support you can offer in any of the key areas that David's life work focused on: (1) natural resources and environmental protection, (2) American Indian Law, and (3) public service. If you have other ideas for how to honor David, please let me know. My phone number is 303-735-2733 and my email is phil.weiser@colorado.edu.

Cheers, Phil Weiser

# Giving Opportunities to Honor David H. Getches at the University of Colorado Law School

#### Natural Resources

Natural Resources Law Center

Goal: \$1.5 million

To endow and provide sustaining support for the Center that David helped to build.

Clinical Professor in Natural Resources and Environmental Law

Goal: \$1.5 million

Annual distribution for a professor who can provide hands-on training to students in natural resources and environmental law.

#### American Indian Law

Clinical Professor in American Indian Law

Goal: \$1.5 million

Annual distribution for a professor who can provide hands-on training to students in Indian law and support tribal citizens in need.

Fellowship for Emerging Indian Law Scholars and Scholarships for Indian Law Students

Goal: \$1.5 million

Provide support for a post-graduate fellowship for Indian law scholars to provide an ongoing pipeline for the field, particularly supporting those tribe members interested in pursuing a scholarly future in the field

#### Students & Public Service

David H. Getches Scholarship Goal: \$1 million endowment

Unrestricted scholarship at discretion of Dean as developed and designed by David Getches.

Fellowship in Public Service Law

Goal: \$2 million

Annual distribution of a grant for a student to pursue public service work after graduation in a project of their choosing.

David H. Getches Loan Repayment Assistance Program Fellowship

Goal: \$2 million endowment

Additional funding for loan repayment support—an area emphasized by David—to enable students to pursue careers of their choice, notably public service opportunities, without being encumbered by debt.

For other opportunities to honor David's legacy and memory, please contact Development at 303-492-3093 or lawgiving@cufund.org.

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letter from the alumni board chair

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am honored to write to you as Chair of the Law Alumni Board (LAB) and to share my enthusiasm for the future of Colorado Law. As we approach the end of 2011, it bears reflection on what a year of transition it has been for Colorado Law. This past July, David Getches passed away, shortly after stepping down as Dean. In August, we came together—over 700 hundred strong—to mourn his passing and celebrate his life. The memorial service was an inspiration and reminds us all what a role model and leader David was.

David left Colorado Law on a very strong foundation, including a first-rate building, terrific programs, and Phil Weiser as his successor as Dean of the Law School. Few people could match David in work ethic and passion for the school; Phil is one of those few people. Given that Phil has been a part of our community since 1999, he hit the ground running. Already, he is making career planning and placement a core part of the Law School's mission and also is placing a high premium on alumni engagement. The LAB is excited to work with him as he helps Colorado Law develop in exciting ways.

At this year's Annual Law Alumni Banquet (our 31st!), we will honor David Getches. I very much hope you can join Phil and me on the evening of March 14, 2012 at the Hyatt Colorado Convention Center Hotel for this special event. All proceeds from the Banquet will be contributed to the David H. Getches Scholarship Fund. My LAB colleague, David Steefel, who will succeed me as LAB Chair, will be organizing this year's event. If you are able to help out in any manner, please contact David at 303-749-7208 or David.Steefel@huschblackwell.com. Please save the date, and we look forward to seeing you then.

Yours truly,

Kristin Rozansky, '94

#### Law Alumni Board Members

The Law Alumni Board has appointed Mark H. Grayboyes ('96) and Maureen Arellano Weston ('92) to the Board. Marc Graboyes is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Allos Therapeutics, Inc., of Westminster, Colorado. Maureen Weston is Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Law at the University of Pepperdine Law School in Malibu, California.

## **Board of Directors**

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 2011–12 Board Chair is Kristin Rozansky and the Chair-elect is David Steefel.

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#### **Colorado Law Celebrates Homecoming 2011**

Alumni of Colorado Law enjoyed another fun-filled homecoming and the opportunity to celebrate their alma mater, revive old friendships, and create new ones.

The weekend started with a guided tour of the Wolf Law Building. Many of our alumni had not yet visited the new Law School building, which opened in 2006. Phil Weiser then welcomed everyone at an address in the Wittemyer Courtroom, followed by a lecture by Professor Scott R. Peppet titled, "Freedom of Contract in an Augmented Reality," which explored how Internet access is changing the information available to consumers and therefore changing contract law.

Saturday offered a unique and interesting roundtable discussion with Professors Peter Huang and Marianne Wesson, along with alumni Heather Ryan, Manuel Ramos, and Alice Madden discussing happiness (and its opposite) in the legal profession. This roundtable was followed by a barbeque picnic and then the homecoming game of CU vs. Oregon.

Reunion classes (those ending in '1 and '6) enjoyed record turnout, and plans are already underway for next year's reunion classes.

Visit our Facebook page to see photos of the homecoming events: facebook.com/cololawschool



# class actions

## '60

Chuck Brega was the subject of a featured article in the April 2011 issue of *Law Week Colorado*, in which he provided valuable insights into the field of litigation based on his experiences both as a trial lawyer and a judge.

## '67

Larry Treece of Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck acted as the lead attorney in the settlement of 30-year-old land rights dispute. The settlement stipulates that landowners of Costilla County will now have access to the Taylor Ranch for livestock grazing, firewood gathering, and timbering.

# 75

**Gregory Kanan** was named to the *Chambers USA* 2011 list of top business lawyers for his work in general commercial litigation.

Michael McCarthy was the subject of a featured article in the April 2011 issue of *Law Week Colorado*, in which he detailed his experience working as one of Colorado's top litigators.



Ed Ramey has joined the law firm Heizer Paul. He was also honored in the January 2011 issue of *Law Week Colorado* as one of Colorado's "Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year" for his continued commitment toward serving his community on a pro bono basis.

# 76

**Deborah Quinn** was named as a finalist for the vacant city manager position in Carbondale, Colorado.

## 77

Thomas Ray French was appointed to a district judgeship in the 8th Judicial District.

Max Main was elected President of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

## 78

Ann Frick recently spoke to a group of young female students at Girls Inc. Metro Denver, a nonprofit that provides educational resources for school-aged girls who are from high-risk, underserved areas. Frick offered advice to the girls on how they might pursue a legal career in the future.

Stephen Howard was appointed to a Larimer district judgeship by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter this past January.

# '79

Hugh Gottschalk was named to the *Chambers USA* 2011 list of top business attorneys for his work in commercial litigation.

# '81

Kim McCullough was recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of 2011's leading business attorneys.

# '82



Lael Montgomery will be retiring from her position as a Boulder County District Judge after serving 15 years on the bench.

## '83

Martha Minot recently participated in a Durango state court information session in which she spoke to community members about her role as a County Court Judge.

## '87

Richard Barkley recently joined forces with Meghan Martinez, formerly of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, to found a new law firm called Barkley Martinez.

Brian Nazarenus was named to the 2011 *Chambers USA* list of top business lawyers.

## '89

Margaret Vellar was nominated as a finalist to replace retiring Pueblo County Judge Kathleen Hearn by the 10th Judicial District nominating commission.

# '90

Stephen Gurr has joined the litigation department of the Denver law firm Holme Roberts & Owen.

Karen Samuels Jones received this year's Joy S. Burns Women of Enterprise award for her exemplary work in the real estate industry.

Sarah Law recently participated in a Durango state court information session in which she spoke to community members about her role as a Magistrate.

Patrick Perrin was named as a partner at the Boulder law firm Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti.

# '91

John A. Chanin was named as the President of the Faculty of Federal Advocates.

K.C. Groves participated in *Law Week Colorado* annual "Managing Partner Roundtable" as part of the paper's December 2010 issue.

## '92

Fritz Holleman has been appointed by President Barack Obama to serve in his administration as the Deputy Solicitor for Water.

# '93

Joe Bohling has been named the Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Aflac.

## '94

Victoria L. Hellmer was elected to Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti's executive committee.

Daniel W. Jones has completed the Leadership Weld County program, which was created by the Greeley Chamber of Commerce to ensure that Weld County continues to produce and cultivate active community leaders.

Todd Risberg recently participated in a Durango state court information session in which he spoke to community members about his role as a District Attorney.

# '95

John Post has been appointed as the Vice President of Finance for an internet security company called Webroot.

John Spiegleman has been named Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of DCT Industrial Trust, Inc.

# '96

**Sven Collins** has moved from Holme Roberts & Owen to join the law firm Patton Boggs.

Cara Lawrence has joined the law firm Heizer Paul.

# '98

Katharina Clarissa-Graham Booth was named as a finalist for a Weld County Court judgeship.



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**Jennifer Hunt** was recently elected Bar Historian of the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

## '99

Nate Ford has left Faegre & Benson and has begun working at Perkins Coie.

Jonathan Marks has joined the law firm Davis Graham & Stubbs.

# OO

Jeffrey Beuche has joined Perkins Coie.

Morgan Carroll joined the Sawaya Law Firm after leaving Bradley & Carroll.

Ryan Christ has joined Sherman & Howard as a real estate attorney.

Darla Graff has joined Merchant & Gould as the firm's new of counsel.

Kara Veitch was recently elected President of the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

**Ryan Winter** was recently elected into the membership of Hall & Evans.

## 'O1

Jennifer F. Nance has been named as Associate Counsel for Key Equipment Finance, one of the country's largest bank-held equipment finance companies.

Noelle Riccardella was named as a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck.



**Craig Welling** was appointed to a district judgeship in Adams County by Governor Bill Ritter.

## '02

Andrew Myers participated in *Law Week Colorado* annual Associate Roundtable in the paper's November 2010 issue.

## 'O5



Crisanta Duran visited the Metro Denver department of Girls Inc. to speak to the students about potential careers in the legal field.

## 'O7



Affie Burnside Ellis was named to the *Casper Star Tribune's* annual "20 Under Forty" list for the exceptional work she has done as Wyoming's Assistant Attorney General in the water and natural resources division.



Becky Farr has teamed up with Karen Leaffer to create the Leaffer Law Group, a boutique law firm that will primarily focus on serving charitable foundations and non-profit organizations throughout the state of Colorado.

**Daniel Sherwinter** has joined the firm Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle.

## '08

Doug Vilsack was the subject of a featured article in *Law Week Colorado*, which detailed his efforts to bring electricity to third-world communities in Namibia through his nonprofit company, Elephant Energy. He was recently joined in Namibia by fellow Colorado Law alum Karam Saab ('08), who travelled there to assist Vilsack with his efforts.

## 'O9



Alex Kerr recently had an article published in the *Environs, The UC David Environmental Law and Policy Journal* (Fall 2010 Vol. #34) entitled, "Why We Need a Carbon Tax."

Michael "Ty" McKinstry has joined Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti PC as an associate.

# '1O

Marshall Custer was the subject of a featured article in the July 4th issue of *Law Week Colorado*. The feature detailed Marshall's career as the in-house counsel for the up-and-coming music streaming company, Grooveshark.

**Per Larsen** has joined the law firm Marsh Fischmann & Breyfogle LLP as an associate attorney.

Payam Roshandel recently joined Morrison & Foerster as part of the firm's corporate practice division.



Kerry Van Der Burch has joined the Denver offices of Dorsey & Whitney as an associate.

## 11



Stephen Chesterton was selected as a Presidential Management Fellow. He has begun working for the United States Forest Service.



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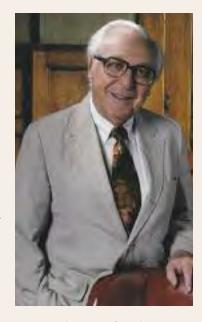


# in memoriam

#### Raphael J. Moses

The Colorado law community and all of Colorado mourn the recent loss of one of their greatest lawyers. Raphael J. (Ray) Moses, a nationally known water lawyer, died on June 8, 2011, at the age of 97.

Moses was born in Girard, Alabama and raised in Alamosa, Colorado by his paternal uncle Albert Moses and aunt Rosa, after the death of his parents before his first birthday. After graduating from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's degree in 1935 and a law degree in 1937, he joined his uncle in a law practice in Alamosa. He married his childhood sweetheart Marian Beck in 1938.



Moses served as a U.S. Navy lieutenant in World War II aboard the USS Bush. He was rescued from the East China Sea after the Bush was struck by a Japanese suicide bomber on April 6, 1945.

After the war, Moses returned to Alamosa and to his wife, Marian, and daughter, Marcia. He resumed his law practice and became a well-known and well-respected water lawyer. In 1962, Moses and his family moved to Boulder, Colorado, where he founded the law firm of Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C. in 1974. Moses had a busy law practice until his retirement and remained of counsel to the firm until his death. He argued several cases before the Colorado Supreme Court and also before the United States Supreme Court. He was a creative thinker, prolific writer, and eloquent speaker; many of his articles and speeches were published nationally.

Moses was very involved with the University of Colorado and its Law School. He taught water law for 17 years and was resident counsel to the University from 1964 to 1966. He served on the Advisory Board of the

Natural Resources Law Center for several years and as a Regent of the University. He received the Honorary Order of the Coif from the Law School, the William E. Knous Award, the Norlin Award from the Associated Alumni of the University, and the University of Colorado Medal. A professorship at the Law School has been endowed in Moses' name, and a classroom at the new Law School building was named in his honor.

Moses leaves a lengthy and impressive legacy of public service and dedicated attention to the needs of his public and private clients. He served as Vice Chairman of the Colorado Water Conservation Board from 1955 through 1958 and as its counsel from 1958 through 1975. As counsel and consultant to the Conservation Board, he represented the State of Colorado in all of its interstate water matters. He was Special Attorney General for the Rio Grande Compact in 1957 and 1958 and was a member of the Committee of 14 advising the U.S. State Department on revisions to the Mexican Treaty concerning the Colorado River from 1966 through 1977.

Moses was President of the San Luis Valley Bar Association in 1942. He was very active in the Colorado Bar Association and served as its President from 1959 to 1960. He received the Association's Award of Merit in 1972. He was a Life Member of the American Bar Foundation, and an Emeritus Member of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Counsel Association. He also served on the Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission from 1972 to 1979.

Moses' wife, Marian, died in 1976, and he married Fletcher Lee Westgaard in 1979. He was fortunate to have traveled the world, and colleagues, friends and family remember with joy his oft-told, wonderful stories of those adventures. Moses is survived by his wife, his daughter, Marcia Moses Johnson and three stepchildren, Rolf Westgaard, Tora Westgaard Hellyer, and Gyda Westgaard Flanagan, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Ray Moses Fund at the University of Colorado Law School, payable to the CU Foundation, 4740 Walnut Street, Boulder, Colorado 80301.

#### In Memoriam

# '48

Robert Martin died in Wichita, Kansas on July 20, 2011 at the age of 87. Martin had been practicing law in Kansas since 1951, where he cofounded the Marin Pringle Law Firm. Since creating the firm with Kenneth Pringle, their practice had grown into one with 43 lawyers and an additional office in Overland Park. A pioneer in product liability law, Martin helped to create the General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994 and also testified before Congress on numerous occasions regarding product liability and GARA.

#### '56

Charles P. Alexander passed away on April 15, 2011 at the age of 84. Alexander worked and lived in Gunnison, Colorado, where he broke into the legal field by joining the Dutcher and Seraphine Law Firm, which would later become the Seraphine and Bratton Law Firm in 1971. By 1979, Alexander had opened his own law firm, which he practiced at until his retirement in 1987.

Aside from his work in the private sector, Alexander practiced law from a variety of civic positions. He served as the Hinsdale County Attorney from 1956 to 1958 and then again from 1983 to 1987, a brief stint as Deputy District Attorney in

1956, and as the Gunnison City Attorney from 1958 to 1971.

In 1990, Chuck and his wife, Frances, moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they lived out their remaining years.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Maia and Richard; four sons, Chuck, Roger, Bruce, and Dan; daughters-in-law, Katy, Anna, and Deanna; grandchildren Michael, Tara, Dillon, Kelsey, Paul, and James; granddaughter-in-law Mircalla; and great-grandaughter, Beatrix, who was born just five days before he passed away.

## '81

Terry Dean Slater passed away on August 8th, 2011 after a prolonged battle with cancer. He was 53 years old. Terry was a lifelong resident of Colorado, born in Del Norte, and raised in Walden. After graduating high school, Terry went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Colorado, after which he enrolled in the University of Colorado Law School from which he received his Juris Doctor in 1981. He stayed in Colorado to practice law, working in

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# in memoriam



#### Stephanie Diane Lynch

September 16, 1963– August 12, 2011

Stephanie D. Lynch passed away on August 12, 2011, after a very short battle with cancer, at her home in Four Mile Canyon with her family by her side. Lynch was born in St. Paul, Minnesota to Ayesha Eemaan Sayles (the former Donna Williams) and Richard Williams on September 16, 1963. She is survived by her two children, Michael and Mark, her husband, Jeffrey M. Lynch, her mother, Ayesha Eemaan Sayles, and her siblings, Pamela Williams, Tia Williams, and Robert Edwards.

Lynch and her husband were married

in Eldorado Springs, Colorado in June of 1984.

Lynch's contributions to the community were many. After her younger son was diagnosed with autism in 1996, Lynch found her life's passion. She demonstrated a life-long commitment and zeal for fighting for the rights and concerns of children and parents with special education needs. Her many volunteer positions include serving on numerous district committees for the Boulder Valley School District, including the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Budget Advisory Committee, the District Accountability Committee, and the Boulder County Spokespeople Organization, as well as regularly volunteering in her children's classrooms. Not content to stop at the boundaries of the school system, Lynch also pursued policy matters with the City of Boulder's Children's Services and Early Care and Education programs. In a characteristically dogged manner, Lynch took her

involvement to the state level, serving as a committee co-chair for the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee. She also served on the Board of Directors at the Parenting Place in Boulder.

Lynch graduated summa cum laude in 2004 with a BA from Denver University in Communication. In order to maximize her impact on educational policy, she continued her education and received her Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder in 2007. Her honors include the University of Colorado Law Review, the Board of Editors and the Resource Editor. She was also active in the Black Law Students Association. While many people consider law school a full-time occupation, Lynch maximized her education and experience by expanding her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities, including an externship for the Truancy Reduction Project, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, a research assistantship for Professor Laura Spitz, and a law clerk position for a firm specializing in labor and contract law. She was a Guardian ad Litem student attorney in the Juvenile Law Clinic at the Colorado Law and served as an intern at the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Civil Rights. She was admitted to the Colorado Bar in October of 2007. Subsequently, Lynch worked at the Colorado Department of Education as a Senior Consultant from 2007

Per Lynch's wishes, a remembrance of her life was held at the Chautauqua Community House on September 11, 2011. If you would like to celebrate the life of a woman who was loved and honored by so many, donations in Lynch's name may be made to:

Autism Society of Boulder County PO Box 270300 Louisville, CO 80027-5004 720-272-8231 Or donate online at www.autismboulder.org.

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Grand Junction, as an attorney until cancer forced him to leave his work behind. Aside from the law, Terry was passionate about the outdoors and music, having played in a band with his brother and father called "Three of a Kind."

Terry is survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son. His memorial service was held at the Botanical Gardens of Western Colorado on August 12.

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Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center Date: September 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m. More information: www.silicon-flatirons.org

U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, Inaugural Stevens Lecture

Presented by: Byron R. White Center for the Study of Constitutional Law

Date: September 22, 2011, 5 p.m.

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Conference: Innovation Policy and U.S. Competitiveness

(With Qualcomm Founder and Chairman Irwin Jacobs)

Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center Date: September 23, 2011, 2:30 p.m.

**CLE Credit** 

More information: www.silicon-flatirons.org

Law Review Symposium Conference: Comparative Family Law

Presented by: Colorado Law Review
Date: October 7, 2011, 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
More information: http://www.colorado.edu

Conference: Reflections on Satellite Communications

Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center
Date: October 17, 2011, 2 p.m.–8 p.m.
More information: www.silicon-flatirons.org

4th Annual Schultz Lecture in Energy by Dan Yergin

Presented by: The Law School and the Natural Resources Law Center

Date: October 19, 2011, 5 p.m.

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**Homecoming & Reunions** 

Date: October 21–22, 2011 2 Ethic CLE Credits

More information: http://www.colorado.edu/law/alumdev/reunion.htm

**Austin Scott Lecture** 

Presented by Professor Carolyn Ramsey

Date: November 10, 4 p.m.

**CLE Credit** 

More information: http://www.colorado.edu/law/faculty/lecturers

19th Annual Rothgerber Conference, "Toward the Constitutional Right to Access to Justice: Implications and Implementation"

Presented by: Byron R. White Center for the Study of Constitutional Law

Date: November 3-5, 2011

Location: Denver

More information: http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/byronwhite/

**Conference: The Economics of Privacy** 

Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center Date: December 2, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**CLE Credit** 

More information: www.silicon-flatirons.org

Conference: The Digital Broadband Migration: Internet Law and Governance for the 21st Century

Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center Date: February 12–13, 2012

**CLE Credit** 

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**Annual Law Alumni Banquet** 

Date: March 14, 2012

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Conference: Annual Mile High Tech Entrepreneurship Conference

Presented by: Silicon Flatirons Center

Date: April 5, 2012

More information: www.silicon-flatirons.org

Coen Lecture

Presented by: Geoffrey Stone, University of Chicago

Date: April 26, 5 p.m.

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Presented by the Natural Resources Law Center

Date: June 6-8, 2012

More information: http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/

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