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<b>2180</b>	Applications	<b>105</b>	Undergraduate colleges
<b>168</b>	Class size	<b>38</b>	States
<b>161</b>	LSAT score (median)	<b>41%</b>	Colorado residents
<b>3.62</b>	Cumulative GPA (median)	<b>46%</b>	Women
<b>18%</b>	Diverse students		

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# A TRADITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE

By Dean Phil Weiser

The law school's tradition of public service, as captured in this *Amicus*, remains a pillar of excellence. Like our leading work in entrepreneurship, technology, and natural resources, energy, and environment (all captured in prior *Amicus* issues), our commitment to public service engages our students, faculty, and community. For me, this tradition is personal on multiple levels, including my own commitment to and engagement in public service as well as my service to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White, whose tradition of public service continues to inspire me, members of the University of Colorado family, and our Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, which is very effectively led by Professor **Melissa Hart**.

The legacy of our alumni in public service in Colorado, the United States, and the world is inspiring. During the last two years, for example, our Knous Award—the highest honor we bestow on our alumni and named after the legendary public servant William Lee Knous—was given to former Governor **Roy Romer** ('52) and former Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice **Michael Bender** ('67), two men who served the public with great distinction. This last year, we brought other distinguished alums and public servants back to Colorado Law, including Deputy Secretary of the Interior **Mike Connor** ('93), Chief Judge of the District of Colorado **Marcia Krieger** ('79), and EPA Director of Office of Civil Rights **Velveta Golightly-Howell** ('81), just to name a few. By so doing, we encourage our students' interest in public service and help them to develop their professional paths.

We support the public service dreams of our current law students in four related ways. First, we develop and provide scholarship support—such as the recently established JD MacFarlane scholarship honoring our former Colorado Attorney General—to limit their indebtedness and enable them to pursue public service opportunities. Second, even more directly, we have developed a

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Loan Repayment Assistance Program—supported generously by **John Schultz** ('53)—that enables recent graduates in public service positions or working in under-served areas to receive direct support that covers (in whole or in substantial part) their debt payments. Third, we provide public service fellowships—such as those supported by **Gary Kleiman** ('80) and **Elisa Moran** ('81)—so that students can defray expenses while they work without pay in public sector opportunities (whether during the summer or immediately after graduation). Finally, the law school sponsors a range of public service programming, including the public service pledge program led by our Public Service and Experiential Learning Director **Chris McKee**, public service opportunities led by faculty members (such as the Colorado Health Equity Project led by Professor **Dayna Bowen Matthew**), and regular visits by public servants, such as those highlighted above.

For our faculty members, public service remains a calling and often a *raison d'être* for their work in academia. Our Calhoun Service Award, honoring our late Professor Cliff Calhoun, whose service to Colorado Law, the state, and the bar was exemplary, recognizes faculty members with a meaningful commitment to service. (See page 10 for a list of honorees.) Last spring, we honored **Colene Robinson**, the chair of our public service committee and co-director of our Family and Juvenile Law Program, and **Ann England**, the director of the Colorado Innocence Project, with this award. As related in this issue, our faculty members serve the public in a myriad of important ways, engaging our students along the way.

As always, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas, as well as your questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 303.492.5417 and phil.weiser@colorado.edu.





# A COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

**“A**s a public law school, Colorado Law has an enduring obligation to develop public servants and give back to our state,” said Dean Phil Weiser, who has dedicated much of his career to public service. This commitment has taken the shape of nationally recognized clinics, a committed national alumni network, substantive faculty and student community engagement, and an innovative curriculum.

The clinical program at Colorado Law spans nine disciplines ranging from family law to natural resources to technology policy. These clinics have a profound impact on Colorado’s communities and on Colorado Law’s students. For example, one clinic’s client stated, “I like having a student lawyer because students are closer to my age and can understand some of the stressful things I’m going through.” Clinics not only provide a critical support for the community, they also often spur a long-term interest in public service and provide context to other classroom experiences. **Ashlee Jones** (’12), who participated in the Juvenile Law Clinic in 2010 and 2011 and now serves in a related role as the training coordinator for Colorado’s Office of the Child’s Representative, noted that “the clinical programs bridge the gap from academia to practice by transforming the black-letter law learned in the classroom into a practical application of the dynamic, rigorous demands of the legal profession.”

With formative clinical experiences like Jones’s, many students become local and national leaders in substantive public roles and look back on Colorado Law as the catalyst for their career. “Colorado Law helped prepare me for a career in public service by giving me exposure to faculty who were living legends and used the backdrop of their accomplishments to teach us doctrine in a way that helped us understand how having a law degree could be a tool for justice,” said **Ann Roan** (’89), the state training director for Juvenile Defense and Complex Litigation at the Colorado State Public Defender. Many alumni also become committed to investing in current students and expanding the reach and depth of the community. Roan, for example, teaches a courtroom observation elective to first-year law students. Many others regularly seek to hire recent graduates, including **Alan Salazar** (’84), public policy director for the Colorado Governor’s Office, who always gives “a high mark to any Colorado Law grad.”

Colorado Law’s faculty members also contribute to the public in a variety of ways including, as Dean Weiser notes, “serving in positions in the federal government, as leaders in non-profits locally and nationally, and as exemplars of pro bono work and engagement that enriches our community and law school.” **Helen Norton**, President’s Teaching Scholar and associate professor, provides just one example. She writes amicus briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts of appeal, testifies

before Congress and federal agencies on civil rights law and policy issues, and served as part of President-elect Obama’s transition team. Colorado Law believes that supporting faculty endeavors like that of Norton is crucial not only to cultivating a culture of public service at the school but also to enriching the classroom. These faculty experiences become part of the learning environment for students as faculty members provide their unique perspectives in the classroom, serve as mentors, and provide opportunities for students’ research.

Students, like the faculty, demonstrate a sustained commitment to public service while also balancing the pressures of schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and externships. For example, the 2014 graduating class volunteered 13,047 hours of law-related public service through the Public Service Pledge, for which students commit to performing at least 50 hours of law-related public service work, receiving neither academic credit nor compensation. Many have also taken part in curricular opportunities such as Education and the Constitution, a class for which students teach Denver-area high school students about the U.S. Constitution. Others work tirelessly on the Innocence Project, which seeks to identify and exonerate those who are wrongfully incarcerated in Colorado prisons.

All of these experiences help prepare students for their work in public service during school and after they graduate. But beyond providing an array of meaningful public service opportunities, an excellent education in foundational classes, and a wide selection of elective opportunities, Colorado Law invests in teaching students how to think critically. **Kara Veitch** (’00), a Colorado Law graduate and the current deputy executive director at the Department of Personnel & Administration for the State of Colorado, echoes this sentiment. “I was exposed to a variety of potential practice areas, from environmental to business,” she said, “but what was most influential was learning how to look at an issue critically and to creatively problem solve. These skills have enabled me to assist clients, both in the public and private sectors.”

Overall, Colorado Law prepares students to become committed members of our community during school and beyond. It embodies the advice of alumnus **Alex Martinez** (’76), general counsel for Denver Public Schools and former Colorado Supreme Court Justice: “While there may not be any particular educational course that will best prepare you for public service, in whatever you study think deeply about both the positive and negative of policy, law, and legal systems on the general welfare of the broader community.”

By Shalyn Kettering (’16)

Photo right: Denver’s new Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center, named for Colorado Law alumnus (1910) and former governor of Colorado, houses Colorado’s Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.



LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

# FACULTY IN GOVERNMENT: PASSING ON A TRADITION

Colorado Law's reputation as a public service institution is no secret. Colorado Law ranked eighth in the nation for government and public interest jobs for the class of 2013, with 25 percent of the class working in government jobs nine months after graduation. What is perhaps less well known is the role that a select group of individuals is playing (often behind the scenes) in contributing to students', and Colorado Law's, strong presence in the public sector: our distinguished faculty members whose careers have included significant government service.

"I went to law school because I wanted to do public interest work," said President's Teaching Scholar and Associate Professor **Helen Norton**, whose scholarly and teaching interests include constitutional law, civil rights, and employment discrimination. After working on civil rights law and policy in the nonprofit community, Norton became the deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she was responsible for enforcing federal antidiscrimination law in employment, education, housing, disability rights, and other areas.

"I found this work especially rewarding," Norton explained, "because it enabled me to work on a team of extremely talented and dedicated lawyers and other professionals, all committed to achieving important goals that made a difference in people's lives and in our communities more generally."

Associate Professor **Anna Spain** worked in government at several different stages of her professional development. Prior to law school, Spain worked on climate change policy and trans-boundary air pollution for the Environmental Protection Agency. Following law school, Spain went to work for the U.S. State Department as an attorney-advisor, where she was responsible for arbitrating three cases before the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, was a U.S. representative at the U.N. Compensation Commission in Geneva, and worked on trade and investment disputes in Asia and the Pacific.

"There was important work to be done with few to do it," Spain recalled. "In these conditions, I grew leaps and bounds as a government attorney in a short time. If you thrive in a challenging yet supportive environment that will call upon your integrity and courage, then government is the place for you."

The U.S. Department of Justice has been a career stop for a number of other Colorado Law faculty members. Associate Professor **Melissa Hart**, who worked as a trial attorney in the Department's Civil Division, currently serves as the director of Colorado Law's Byron R. White Center and teaches employment discrimination, civil procedure, and constitutional law.

"My work at the Department of Justice was tremendously rewarding because, as a government lawyer, you have a responsibility to think not only about winning the case for your client, but about what the right outcome is on a broader social level," Hart said.

After working as a trial attorney for the Department of Justice's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Paul Ohm** joined the faculty at Colorado Law and specializes in information privacy, computer crime law, intellectual property, and criminal procedure. Two years ago, Ohm served at the Federal Trade Commission as a senior policy advisor for consumer protection and competition issues affecting the Internet and mobile markets.

Colorado Law's **Dean Phil Weiser** has served at the Department of Justice on two separate occasions: first as senior counsel to the assistant attorney general in charge of the Department's Antitrust Division, and then again as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Antitrust Division as well as in the White House.

Professor **Marianne "Mimi" Wesson**, who has taught criminal law, evidence, and trial advocacy at Colorado Law for more than three decades, has the distinction of having served as a government attorney at both the state and federal levels. Wesson practiced criminal law as an assistant attorney general for the state of Texas, and later took academic leave from teaching to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney for the district of Colorado.

In addition to their direct involvement in helping Colorado Law students recognize the value of pursuing careers in government service, many faculty members maintain strong relationships with their former colleagues in government, putting them in a unique position to make introductions between students and potential government employers. Colorado Law has benefited greatly from having a strong presence of former government servants on its faculty, and recognizes the unique and important contributions that these individuals continue to make to the school's national reputation for public service.

By Nathan Miller ('14)

## RECENT GRAD LEADS NONPROFIT



Promising Start:  
Travis Bruner ('13)

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If you really listen—patiently, thoughtfully, deeply—the other person senses that and appreciates it. Furthermore, real listening allows us the space and presence of mind to make ... effective decisions.”

Travis Bruner ('13) is the executive director at Western Watersheds Project, a nonprofit conservation group. The mission of Western Watersheds Project is to protect and restore western watersheds and wildlife through education, public policy initiatives, and litigation. A typical day for Bruner primarily involves discussing litigation strategies, policy pressure points, and media campaigns with staff, attorneys, agency representatives, and other environmental organizations. In addition to writing media releases and federal court filings, during the summer and fall he spends significant time in the field, monitoring the condition of wildlife habitats and drawing the attention of BLM and Forest Service representatives to the impacts of activities, such as livestock grazing, in wildlands.

### *How did you find your job?*

I attended law school with the intention of working for a public interest conservation organization. During law school, I interned with two such organizations and a government agency. This provided me with substantial relevant experience.

My principal interest lies in protection and restoration of public land. For me, it was always more important to find a job consistent with my values than to find a traditional “attorney” position. In fact, during my law school experience, I concluded that while practicing as an attorney would certainly be interesting and rewarding, I am just as well suited to strategizing around policy, media, and litigation as I am to arguing in a courtroom. Fortunately, in my current work, I will be able to do all of the above.

Ultimately, I found out about my position by closely watching the websites of organizations for which I had an interest in working. When a position came up at one of those organizations, even if not the ideal position, I would apply because I knew that would afford me the chance to meet those folks. Once I spoke with the leadership at Western Watersheds Project about another position, the opportunity to apply for executive director came up, and now here I am.

### *How did Colorado Law help you in your job search?*

The Career Development Office helped me prepare for interviews and talk through career options. Extensive conversations with Assistant Dean **Todd Rogers** really helped me think more about how to approach employers, brought me confidence, and helped me hone my interview skills. Discussion with professors helped me consider the big picture and how my career might unfold.

The contacts I made in law school and during internships have turned out to be useful personal and professional contacts. I frequently find myself on conference calls with people I met during law school internships and research projects.

### *What skills do you utilize on a daily basis and how did your experiences or courses at Colorado Law help you develop these skills?*

At Colorado Law, I learned how to recognize the most important passages of judicial opinions and orders, and that saves me a lot of time when preparing for litigation strategy discussions. Additionally, extensive course offerings in public lands, natural resources, and environmental law provided me with the opportunity to become familiar with the relevant federal statutes at play in my day-to-day work.

### *What advice would you give to current students with respect to finding a job?*

Do not underestimate the importance of writing and interpersonal skills. In the end, when you really break it down, that's all we do—read, write, listen, and talk. Don't forget about the listen part. If I recall, law students are often good talkers but aren't always the best listeners. No one wants to work with someone who doesn't know how to listen. If you really listen—patiently, thoughtfully, deeply—the other person senses that and appreciates it. Furthermore, real listening allows us the space and presence of mind to make calculated, effective decisions.

Read more in the Promising Starts series at [colorado.edu/law/promisingstarts](http://colorado.edu/law/promisingstarts).

# NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN COLORADO LAW

## Kristelia García

Kristelia García joins Colorado Law as an associate professor, teaching trademark, property, and copyright-related courses and working with the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. Her research is focused on the intersection of law and technology, especially comparative efficiency, access, and the role and influence of technology on growth, innovation, and public policy. Her latest publication, *Penalty Default Licenses: A Case for Uncertainty*, is forthcoming in the *New York University Law Review*.

She comes to Colorado Law from the George Washington University Law School, where she was a visiting associate professor and the Frank H. Marks Fellow in Intellectual Property. She is also a visiting fellow at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. García has worked in the music industry in Los Angeles; first at Quinn Emanuel as outside counsel to Napster, then as director of business development in charge of content licensing at MySpace Music, and most recently in digital strategy as Director at Universal Music Group. Prior to her work in music, García was an associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York. García graduated *cum laude* from Columbia University with a BA in Economics and was the recipient of both a Kluge Scholarship and the King's Crown Award for leadership in public service. At Yale Law School, García served as editor-in-chief of the *Yale Journal for Law & Technology* and was a co-founder of Yale Law School's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund.



## David Hasen

David Hasen joins Colorado Law as an associate professor with tenure. His research and teaching focus on federal income taxation, and his work has appeared in the *Tax Law Review*, *Texas Law Review*, *Emory Law Journal*, and other journals.

From 2010 to 2014, Hasen taught at Santa Clara University Law School. He also has taught at the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University and at the University of Michigan Law School. From 2008 to 2009, he served as the professor-in-residence at the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Prior to teaching, Hasen worked as an associate in the tax departments of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C., and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. He clerked for Judge Maxine Chesney on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California after graduating from law school.

Hasen earned his JD from Yale Law School, where he served as a notes editor for the *Yale Law Journal*. He received a PhD in government from Harvard University before attending law school, and a BA in history from Reed College. A follower of Jesus Christ, Hasen particularly welcomes inquiries about Christianity.



## Audrey Huang

Audrey Huang joins Colorado Law as an associate clinical professor and is director of the Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic. The clinic provides students the opportunity to represent clients in a variety of litigation and advocacy matters.

Before joining Colorado Law, Huang was the inaugural clinical teaching fellow in the Environmental Law Clinic at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. Prior to teaching, Professor Huang practiced in the area of natural resources and environmental law for more than ten years. She represented clients in both litigation and regulatory compliance matters.

Huang earned her JD from the University of Southern California School of Law, where she was a member of the board of the Hale Moot Court Honors Program. She graduated from The Johns Hopkins University with a BA in International Studies.



Colorado Law ranked 28th in a recent study that updated Brian Leiter's Law School Rankings of U.S. law faculties in scholarly impact for the period 2007-2011.

## Sharon Jacobs

Sharon Jacobs's primary research interests lie at the intersection of administrative, energy, and environmental law. Joining Colorado Law as an associate professor, her scholarship to date has examined unconventional regulatory strategies in areas such as electricity demand, resource protection, and pollution control. Her current research focuses on creative regulatory responses to shifts in energy markets, including the rise of distributed generation.

For the past two years, Jacobs has been a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School where she taught Legal Research and Writing as well as an upper-level course on the Energy-Water Nexus.

Before entering academia, Jacobs practiced at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, D.C., where she divided her time between the energy and environmental regulatory groups and the general litigation group.

Jacobs earned her JD, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, where she served as executive articles editor of the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*. A former professional cellist, Jacobs also holds a bachelor's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a master's degree from The Juilliard School, both in music performance.





## Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award

*In 1998, an anonymous donor established the Clifford Calhoun Public Service Award and designated it for "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."*

2014	<b>Ann England</b> <b>Colene Robinson</b>
2013	Deborah Cantrell
2012	Helen Norton
2011	Melissa Hart
2010	Erica Chavez Abbie Johnson
2008	Amy J. Schmitz
2007	Lorenzo Trujillo
2006	H. Patrick Furman
2005	Norton Steuben
2004	Charles Wilkinson
2003	William T. Pizzi
2002	Barbara Bintliff
2001	J. Dennis Hynes
2000	Dale A. Oesterle
1999	Mark J. Loewenstein
1998	Arthur H. Travers, Jr.

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I love to teach because I want to serve students and hopefully ignite their passion for social justice work. It is deeply satisfying to be there when someone starts to become a lawyer and to watch her use her talents to help others.

**Colene Robinson** (photo right)  
Clinical Professor and Co-Director,  
Juvenile and Family Law Program

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This past year alone, through our clinics, we gave direct pro bono representation to over 600 indigent clients. It is a great commitment that the law school makes directly to our community. Student attorneys and their supervisors go above and beyond in the work they do for their clients through late nights, weekends, and caring. I am honored to be part of an institution that supports me in the work I do.”

**Ann England** (photo left)  
Clinical Professor,  
Criminal Defense Clinic

# TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF THE ADVANCED NATURAL RESOURCES SEMINAR

In 1986, Professor **Charles Wilkinson**, only 10 years into his teaching career and still with the University of Oregon Law School, brought students into the field over the week of spring break as part of the first Advanced Natural Resources Seminar. One year later, Professor Wilkinson joined the Colorado Law faculty. After 28 years of teaching the course here, the Advanced Natural Resources Seminar is a cornerstone of the Environmental and Indian Law curricula at Colorado Law.

Professor Wilkinson now shares the responsibility of teaching the seminar with Professors **Sarah Krakoff** and **Mark Squillace**, and each year the professor chooses a region in the West to study in depth. These regions, which have ranged in recent years from the Colorado Plateau to the Klamath River Basin in the Northwest to the Rio Grande Basin, are generally selected for their current environmental and social justice issues. Students are responsible for gathering materials and leading discussions in class in addition to completing a law-review-style paper by the end of the semester. Over spring break, the class spends the week in the region they have studied, meeting with leadership and locals, and seeing first-hand the effects of extractive industries on the land.

**Mike Gheleta** ('88), managing attorney in the Solicitor's Office of the U.S. Department of the Interior, was in the very first Advanced Natural Resources Seminar at Colorado Law led by Professor Wilkinson. He remembers it being one of the highlights of his law school years.

"Our class focused on natural resources and cultural issues in the Upper Rio Grande Basin," recalled Gheleta. "Being on the road for a week, discussing issues with and getting to know classmates who ultimately became friends and colleagues, set this class experience apart from others," he said. Many of the students in that first seminar continued their involvement with the law school through the Natural Resources Law Center, and now with the Getches-Wilkinson Center, including people like **Britt Banks** ('88), **Sarah Bates** ('88), **Marilyn Averill** ('88), and **Debra Donahue** ('89).

"Professor Wilkinson provides a unique understanding of how law and policy is inextricably bound to our natural world and to the people," **Phil Hanceford** ('07), assistant director at The Wilderness Society, said. "Our time in the wilds and communities of the Olympic Peninsula was intertwined with meetings with individuals who had crafted and shaped the law to impact the landscape, for better or worse. It has had a profound impact on my work in this field."

**Kaia Dercum** ('92) also attributes great impacts on her life and career to her experience in the seminar with Professor Wilkinson. After law school, Dercum decided to pursue art instead of law, and she and her husband moved to Crestone, Colorado, a

small community in the Sangre de Cristo foothills near Great Sand Dunes National Park overlooking the San Luis Valley. Within a year after Dercum moved to Crestone, a proposed water export from a large landholding called the Baca Grant Ranch began to threaten rural farming communities in the San Luis Valley.

"I was deeply impressed by what I learned in the seminar about how water battles had reached a negotiated settlement by bringing together all the stakeholders," Dercum explained. "I worked with Christine Canaly and the Citizens for San Luis Valley Water to do something similar." Eventually, Citizens for San Luis Valley Water was able to facilitate a purchase of the Baca Grant Ranch, the change of Great Sand Dunes National Monument into a National Park, and the integration of the Ranch into the Park.

Breath-taking locations coupled with immersive experiences with experts motivate students to expand their learning beyond the legal issues at hand. Although Gheleta became a lawyer and not an artist, he recalled, "I was inspired enough to write not just a seminar paper about issues on the river, but a song about the whole region and experience."

The seminar continues to provide students at Colorado Law with a highly experiential and public-service-oriented opportunity to engage deeply with natural resource and environmental justice issues. With a challenge contribution of \$50,000 from **David Bonderman** and the leadership of **Britt Banks** ('88) and **Don Brown** ('89), Colorado Law is in the midst of establishing an endowment in honor of Charles Wilkinson to support the seminar and the Colorado Law natural resources program. To support this endowment, visit [cufund.org/CharlesWilkinsonFund](http://cufund.org/CharlesWilkinsonFund).

By Julia Guarino ('13)



**Professor Charles Wilkinson** (far right) and his Advanced Natural Resources Seminar in the Klamath River Valley in Oregon in 2013.

# STUDENTS LEARN LESSONS OF ADAPTABILITY

Stepping out of the classroom and onto the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation showed second-year law student **Courtney Cole** ('15) a whole different side of being an attorney.

Cole and 10 fellow students traveled to the South Dakota reservation in March as part of their applied training through Colorado Law's American Indian Law Clinic.

"There is a very interesting juxtaposition in talking about it in the abstract and being able to do it on the ground," Cole said, emphasizing that the clinic provides a setting that allows for mistakes and fosters confidence.

Established in 1992, the American Indian Law Clinic is a one-year clinic in which students provide pro bono legal services to real clients. The clinic is one of only a handful of such university-based clinics in the nation and one of the main reasons that Cole, who is Cherokee and Choctaw, chose Colorado Law.

The clinic's student attorneys, supervised by Director **Carla Fredericks**, were invited to the reservation by the Red Cloud Indian School Economic Development Initiative to present a curriculum on entrepreneurial and business law. They also hosted a roundtable on the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), a law designed to keep American Indian children within their tribal communities when state intervention occurs.

Fredericks explained that reservation visits are critical to understanding tribal communities and their legal needs. "It's very close to Colorado, but it's a world away," Fredericks said.

The experience helps students more completely engage in the significant challenges their clients are facing. "It helps the students see the modern reality and trauma created by some of the policies they study in school," Fredericks said.

On the reservation, the experience of applying classroom skills to the real world turned into a lesson in adaptability.

On the second day of their visit, Cole and her colleagues hosted a presentation on navigating the legal thicket surrounding ICWA, which was attended by tribal members, state social services representatives, and key child-welfare leaders on the reservation. What started as a two-hour event became a four-hour dialogue among participants on their perspectives concerning the law.

"The reality of the roundtable was very different and more meaningful than the presentation we had planned," Cole said. "We learned we could serve the community much better by listening rather than talking, by understanding rather than explaining."



**American Indian Law Clinic**

Courtney Cole ('15) at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Cole shared a story of a woman she met during the presentation who had lost her son to the state foster care system. After he was removed from the family's home, he was given psychotropic medication without her consent and later committed suicide. The mother, a tribal member with a PhD, said she was unable to work within the legal system to maintain her family rights. "Hers was the worst possible outcome for the system," Cole said. "I wondered, if she can't do it, how will other people be able to get their children back?"

To address this, the student attorneys developed materials to leave for tribal members that will serve others in the woman's situation.

"You know that not only can you do it, but you've done it," she said. "And such an experience will serve you in your lawyering life and your life in general."

"Colorado Law provides great opportunities through faculty, the law school's relationship with the Native American Rights Fund and local tribal connections," Cole said. "The opportunity to work directly with tribal clients is incredible."

By Meagan M. Taylor

# CLINICAL SUCCESS

For more than 65 years, Colorado Law's clinical education has provided students with unparalleled opportunities to practice law with actual clients and for the law school to provide meaningful service to the public at no charge. With nine clinics, each student at Colorado Law has the opportunity to take a clinic. Last year, more than 110 students served approximately 600 clients in real cases.

## American Indian Law Clinic

In March 2014, students in the American Indian Law Clinic, directed by Associate Clinical Professor **Carla Fredericks**, traveled to South Dakota to provide legal services at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (see story page 12).

## Civil Practice Clinic

In spring 2014, students in the Civil Practice Clinic, directed by Clinical Professor **Norm Aaronson**, won two asylum cases which involved finding expert witnesses, gathering evidence of country conditions, brief writing, and many hours of client interviews and preparation. Both clients, one from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the other from Libya, were granted asylum based on their political beliefs.

## Criminal Defense Clinic

Students in the Criminal Defense Clinic, directed by Clinical Professor **Ann England**, helped clients secure not guilty verdicts in several misdemeanor cases, and the students earned an impressive appellate decision holding that Boulder's municipal anti-taunting ordinance violated the First Amendment.

## Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic

Working as part of a nationwide effort, the Criminal and Immigration Defense Clinic, led by Clinical Professor **Violeta Chapin**, helped convince the Boulder County Sheriff's Office to stop honoring voluntary federal detainers issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

## Entrepreneurial Law Clinic

The Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, directed by Associate Professor **Brad Bernthal** ('01), created a transactional pro bono initiative in partnership with the Association for Corporate Counsel. The ACC procured a malpractice policy to cover ACC attorneys who want to do pro bono work. For the past two years, the ACC and ELC have collaborated on an event to expand access to transactional pro bono services.

## Family Law Clinic

Students in the Family Law Clinic, directed by Associate Professor **Deborah Cantrell**, continued to provide critical legal services to low income Coloradans related to divorce, parenting time, and child support. The clinic continues to prioritize working with clients with more complicated issues that might include domestic violence or sexual assault, or who



Clinical faculty: **Ann England**, **Deborah Cantrell**, **Norm Aaronson**, **Violeta Chapin**, **Brad Bernthal**, **Blake Reid**, **Carla Fredericks**, **Michael Soules** (replaced by Audrey Huang, see story page 9), and **Colene Robinson** (left to right).

have cases in which the criminal justice system also is involved. In addition, the clinic provided key support for new state legislation designed to better protect survivors of sexual assault who get pregnant as a result of assault.

## Juvenile Law Clinic

Students in the Juvenile Law Clinic, directed by Clinical Professor **Colene Robinson**, have had great experiences this year, including winning termination of parental rights trials, successfully advocating for the return of children to parents who have completed treatment plans, helping emancipated youth to graduate from high school and win awards from the foster care system, and preserving an American Indian child's right to live with his grandmother. Additionally, the clinic has taken on delinquency work, including post-conviction relief, and students are gaining valuable experience in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

## Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic

In fall 2014, Colorado Law welcomed **Audrey Huang** to direct the Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic. Huang joins us from the University of California, Irvine School of Law where she was its inaugural clinical teaching fellow (see story on page 9). Michael Soules, the previous director of the clinic, is now an attorney at Earthjustice in Washington, D.C.

## Technology Law and Policy Clinic

The Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law and Policy Clinic, led by Assistant Clinical Professor **Blake Reid** ('10), helped influence national policy at the M-Enabling Summit in Washington, D.C., in June 2014. "FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler publicly announced his commitment to recommend to his colleagues that the Commission cover video clips under its closed captioning rules," Reid said. "It's a huge deal for the deaf and hard of hearing community and due in no small part to the excellent report on the accessibility of video clips that students **Chris Gray** ('15) and **Reggie Nubine** ('15) prepared in the TLPC last semester."

## PLEDGE INSPIRES PUBLIC SERVICE

The University of Colorado Law School prides itself on encouraging its students to pursue public service while in law school and earn recognition under its Public Service Pledge program. Notably, during their three years of study, members of the class of 2014 volunteered 13,047 hours of public service as part of the Public Service Pledge. The Public Service Pledge is a voluntary program for which students agree to complete a minimum of 50 hours of public service work before graduation.

Under the program, students have the opportunity to be creative in choosing how to fulfill their pledge hours. In 2013, for example, a group of students founded the Alternative Spring Break program at Colorado Law. For the past two years, six Colorado Law students have traveled to Louisiana during their March vacations to volunteer with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) in New Orleans. SLLS provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals on a variety of civil matters. As volunteers, students are paired with a supervising attorney, and they spend the week drafting memos, interviewing clients, performing community outreach, observing court, and assisting their supervisors with numerous other tasks. To date, Colorado Law students have assisted SLLS in the areas of employment law, housing, litigation, foreclosure prevention, and advocacy for the homeless.

The goals of the Public Service Pledge are two-fold. First, the pledge seeks to expose students interested in careers in public service to a variety of practice areas. Second, the pledge strives to encourage all students to understand and engage in their future duty as attorneys to give back to the community around them. Accordingly, students may fulfill their pledge requirement in a variety of ways. Many students complete their hours during unpaid summer internships with government agencies, judges, and local nonprofits. In addition, members of the Colorado Law faculty have also developed a number of programs that allow students to complete their pledge hours and explore various types of public interest law without leaving campus. Such programs include the Acequia Project, which assists low-income farmers in the San Luis Valley with protecting their water rights and sustainable farming practices; and the Innocence Project, which works to free the wrongly convicted from prison.

Students fulfilling the pledge receive a notation on their transcript, and the name of the graduating class member with the highest number of hours is forever enshrined on a plaque at the Wolf Law Building. Students gain useful legal experience while providing much needed legal services to those who need it most. Students' commitment to the pledge, as indicated by the number of hours completed by the class of 2014, is just one of the ways that Colorado Law demonstrates its commitment to public service.



Thea Posel ('16), Cayce Duncan ('16), Ariel Williams ('16), and John Lauer ('15) in front of the Garden District home where they stayed in New Orleans (left to right).



Ariel Williams ('16) and Allison Daley ('16) in the offices of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (left to right).

The class of 2014 volunteered 13,047 hours of law-related public service.



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**Clockwise from top left:**

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

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

**Bill Ritter** ('81), former Colorado Governor, and **Hank Brown** ('69), former United States Senator (left to right).

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

Colorado Law public service faculty members.





**Clockwise from top left:**

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

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

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

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

The Honorable **Jay Breese**, the Honorable **Gary Jackson** ('70), the Honorable **J. Eric Elliff** ('87), the Honorable **Michael Bender** ('67), and the Honorable **Claudia Jordan** ('80) (left to right).

**Denver District Attorney's Office**

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

# FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

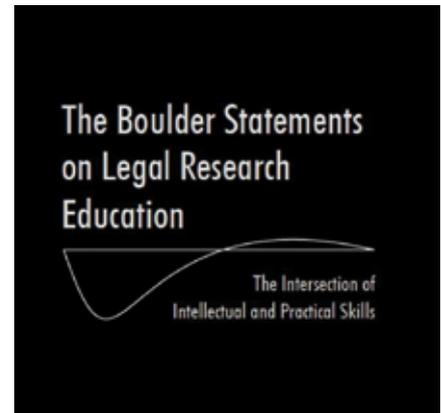
## Matthew Works in Rwanda

Professor **Dayna Bowen Matthew** travels to Rwanda two or three times per year to work on public health projects. She began by developing a strategic plan with the University of Rwanda's law faculty to help establish a health law program. Also in Rwanda, Matthew volunteers with Team Heart, a non-profit organization that aims to establish an independent, sustainable Rwandan cardiac program within the next seven years. The team is working to eliminate rheumatic heart disease, a preventable killer that causes an enlarged heart and compromised valve functions in children and young adults. Team Heart has performed more than 100 free cardiac surgeries but the real victory will be opening a brand new cardiac care center to serve the citizens of Rwanda, regardless of their ability to pay.



## Nevelow Mart Releases Book

**Susan Nevelow Mart**, associate professor and director of the William A. Wise Library at Colorado Law, edited the newly released book *The Boulder Statements on Legal Research Education: The Intersection of Intellectual and Practical Skills* (Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., 2014). This book is the culmination of a process that began during annual summer conferences at Colorado Law, held to discuss and publish the Boulder Statements On Legal Research Education. This is the first book to look at teaching legal research within the framework of the rich literature on information literacy, adult learning, and experiential learning. The signature pedagogy for legal research educators is explored through chapters on assessment; integrating legal research into the curriculum; teaching the values and limits of intermediation and disintermediation; social networking for workplace and school; metacognition; relationship of legal tools and the legal structure; using critical information studies; and barriers to implementation.



## LaBarre Joins Getches-Wilkinson Center

**Shaun LaBarre** joins the the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment as the program coordinator, bringing significant environmental industry experience. Previously, LaBarre served for seven years as senior director for the Boulder-based Center for ReSource Conservation. LaBarre has been recognized for his conservation work, receiving awards including the Leadership Initiative Award from the Colorado Green Building Guild, Boulder County Eco-Hero, Colorado Recycler of the Year, and the international award for innovation in material reuse from the Building Materials Reuse Association. LaBarre also serves as a member of the Colorado Association for Recycling Board of Directors. LaBarre holds degrees in Psychology and Environmental Studies and is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Colorado.





## Norton Named President's Teaching Scholar

Recognized as an educator who skillfully integrates teaching and research at an exceptional level, Associate Professor **Helen Norton**, former associate dean for Academic Affairs at Colorado Law, was named the 2014 President's Teaching Scholar for the CU-Boulder campus.

The title of President's Teaching Scholar signifies CU's highest recognition of excellence in and commitment to learning and teaching, as well as active, substantial contributions to scholarly work. CU President Bruce D. Benson solicits annual nominations of faculty for the designation, which is a lifetime appointment.

Norton, who joined the Colorado Law faculty in 2007, previously served as deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights at the U.S. Department of Justice and as director of legal and public policy at the National Partnership for Women & Families. She has been honored by Colorado Law students with multiple Excellence in Teaching Awards. Her scholarly and teaching interests include constitutional law, civil rights law, and employment discrimination law. She is frequently invited to testify before Congress and federal agencies on civil rights law and policy issues.



## Spain Wins Prestigious Prize

Associate Professor **Anna Spain** earned the Francis Lieber Prize for her article "The U.N. Security Council's Duty to Decide," published in the *Harvard National Security Journal* in May 2013. The Francis Lieber Prize is awarded annually by the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict to the authors of publications that the judges consider to be outstanding in the field of law and armed conflict. The prize was awarded at the 108th annual conference of the American Society on International Law in Washington, D.C., where she created and moderated a panel titled "Judges, Diplomats and Peacebuilders: Evaluating International Dispute Resolution as a System." Spain joined the faculty in 2009 and her teaching and scholarly interests include international law, international dispute resolution, human rights, and international humanitarian law.



## Wesson to Retire

After more than three decades of inspiring students at Colorado Law, Professor **Marianne "Mimi" Wesson** will retire in December 2014. Wesson has taught criminal law, evidence, and trial advocacy at Colorado Law to thousands of students, and she has the distinction of having served as a government attorney at both the state and federal level. She practiced criminal law as an assistant attorney general for the state of Texas and later took academic leave from teaching to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney for the district of Colorado. She was designated a President's Teaching Scholar at the University of Colorado in 1992. In 1995, she was named the first Wolf-Nichol Fellow at the law school, and in 2011, she became the inaugural Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning. She has authored three works of fiction that garnered national acclaim. Her most recent book, published in 2013, is a work of creative nonfiction titled *A Death at Crooked Creek*.

# COMPETITIONS

## Team Wins National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition

The University of Colorado Law School won first place in the National Telecommunications Moot Court competition in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Federal Communications Bar Association and Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

After defeating George Washington School of Law in the final round, the team of **Ethan Jeans** ('15), **Katie Loiseau** ('14), and **Maggie Macdonald** ('14), won the national title for Colorado Law.

“The competition was both a great learning experience and a fun way to maintain Colorado Law’s significant presence in the area of telecommunications law,” Macdonald said.

“The National Telecom Moot Court was a fantastic opportunity, not only for the competition, but for the chance to pick the brains of practicing attorneys in D.C. and connect with similarly interested law students from other programs afterward,” Jeans said.

The team was coached by Assistant Clinical Professor **Blake Reid** and Silicon Flatirons Senior Fellow Bill Levis. In addition, to prepare for the competition, the students were assisted by Associate Professor and emeritus coach **Brad Bernthal**, Bill Hunt of Dish Network, Ken Fellman of Kissinger & Fellman, P.C., and Tom Dixon of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies.

“This win reflects the incredible amount of hard work the team put in preparing for the competition. More broadly, the team’s interdisciplinary approach, which paired a sophisticated understanding of media and communications with bedrock principles of constitutional and administrative law and appellate advocacy, reflects Colorado Law’s commitment to fostering opportunities for creative problem solving and teamwork,” Reid said.

This year’s competition problem addressed the intersection of administrative law and the First Amendment in a hypothetical modification of the FCC’s indecency enforcement regime. The team wrote on the side of the FCC, arguing on-brief once and off-brief twice in the preliminary rounds. In the finals, they argued on-brief before Joseph M. Di Scipio (vice president of legal and FCC compliance for Fox Television Stations, Inc. and president of the Federal Communications Bar Association), Theodore Frank (retired partner, Arnold & Porter), and Christopher J. Wright (partner, Wiltshire & Grannis and former general counsel for the FCC).

This is Colorado Law’s second national title in the competition; the first victory was in 2011.



**Katie Loiseau** ('14), **Ethan Jeans** ('15), and **Maggie Macdonald** ('14) won the national title for Colorado Law by defeating George Washington Law in the final round (left to right).



The outstanding success of our Colorado Law student competitors is truly a team effort involving students, faculty, alumni, and many friends of the law school.”

Chris McKee  
Public Service and Experiential Learning Director



## National Champions in Transactional Law

Defeating 42 teams and Cornell Law in the finals, **William Myer** ('15), **Christopher Stanko** ('14), and **John Delva** ('14), won the 2014 National Transactional LawMeet in New York City (left to right).

# GIFTS AND GRANTS

## State-of-the-Art Videoconferencing Technology

**Gordon Gamm** is a Louisiana native and a Tulane Law School graduate, but he has made Boulder home and has initiated programs for Colorado Law and the university to improve the quality of life of our community. For years, he wanted to help the CU and Boulder communities have state-of-the-art videoconferencing and presentation facilities to bring in speakers and performers virtually and to share local conferences nationwide.

Gamm knew that the Wolf Law Building was one of the newest facilities on the CU-Boulder campus and had attended events in its impressive Wittemyer Courtroom. In 2013, Gamm approached Dean Phil Weiser about upgrading the Wittemyer Courtroom, including its video recording, conferencing, and broadcasting capabilities.

This conversation led to a \$120,000 technology upgrade made possible by gifts from Gamm and from the Wittemyer Endowment Fund, established by **John** ('65) and **Nancy Wittemyer** as part of Colorado Law's building campaign.

The Wittemyer Courtroom upgrades were completed in early 2014 and include upgraded video capabilities and sound quality for live audiences and recordings, high definition cameras, live streaming equipment, and new control panels accessible from behind-the-scenes or from the podium. "This high definition video and digital audio upgrade in the Wittemyer Courtroom greatly improves the immersive experience for our live audience while giving us the ability to host remote presenters here in Boulder via video conferencing and live stream events worldwide," said Jon Sibray, Colorado Law's IT director.



**Gordon Gamm, Nancy Wittemyer, and John Wittemyer ('65)** (left to right).

## \$3 Million Grant Establishes Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network

The Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, in conjunction with the University of Colorado, launched the Blackstone Entrepreneurs Network (BEN) for Colorado. BEN Colorado is funded by a \$3 million gift from the Blackstone Charitable Foundation to the University of Colorado. The Blackstone Charitable Foundation was created by the New York-based Blackstone Group (New York Stock Exchange: BX), the world's largest private equity firm, when that firm went public and is dedicated to promoting and supporting entrepreneurship.

The BEN Colorado initiative was officially announced by Governor Hickenlooper; U.S. Senator Michael Bennet; Amy Stursberg, executive director of the Blackstone Charitable Foundation; and Jonathan Gray, the global head of real estate for Blackstone Group. The four were joined by over 250 innovation leaders from around Colorado and the nation on April 23 at the Denver Art Museum to officially launch BEN Colorado. At this event, Governor Hickenlooper called the Blackstone gift "an incredible gift to the state" and noted that **Dean Phil Weiser** is "one of the most entrepreneurial people" he knows.

BEN Colorado's goal is to build entrepreneurial networks by identifying high-growth potential startups and pairing them with serial entrepreneurs to help the startups scale up. This strengthens existing entrepreneurial networks in Colorado and fosters increased innovation and continued economic growth. BEN Colorado will bring together startups and entrepreneurs in different industry sectors and in different cities to expand and grow entrepreneurial networks.

by Kate Waller ('15)



**Ken Tuchman, founder and CEO of Teletech, Senator Michael Bennet, and Dean Phil Weiser** (left to right).

# CAMPAIGN FOR COLORADO LAW'S FUTURE

Dear Friends,

This issue of *Amicus*, which focuses on a tradition of public service, makes us proud to be Colorado Law alumni. It also touches on the reality that pursuing a career in public service is harder than ever for Colorado Law students and graduates.

Why is it hard? As with many things, it comes down to money. It is difficult to get the necessary experience when much of the public service sector does not offer paid internships; it is difficult to aspire to a lower-paying public service career when you are accumulating additional debt every year; and, it is difficult to accept a public service job after graduation when you have more than \$100,000 in academic loans.

In order to continue to place graduates in successful and productive public service careers, Colorado Law needs our help. Together, **we can provide scholarships, fellowships, and loan repayment assistance** to continue Colorado Law's proud tradition of training attorneys to make an impact in the public sector.

- **Scholarships** enable Colorado Law students to maintain reasonable debt loads and accept lower-paying public service jobs after graduation. In particular, scholarships like the Bryan Shaha Scholarship, which is awarded to students who are pursuing work in indigent defense services, or the Tom Lustig Environmental Scholarship, which goes to students interested in careers in public interest environmental law, are extremely effective in keeping student debt low.
- **Fellowships** provide financial support for students in low- or non-paying summer and postgraduate positions. These fellowships include the Moran and Kleiman Public Service Fellowship, which supports students in the fields of social justice, civil rights, or civil liberties, or the Patton Boggs Foundation Scholarship, which is given to students who spend a summer working on public policy matters with a nonprofit or governmental agency.
- **The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)** awards \$6,500 per year to assist graduates who choose public service employment in paying off their loans. LRAP is available for up to five years following graduation. Class of 2013 LRAP recipients are currently working in the District Attorney's Office in Colorado's 4th, 8th, and 17th districts, the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, and the Veterans Benefits Administration.

As co-chairs of the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future, we are proud of our school and of its rich public service history, present, and future. We also know that with declining state support and rising tuition, it is harder than ever for our students to pursue these careers. They need our help.

**Please consider a gift today to support the scholarships, fellowships, and loan repayment assistance that put Colorado Law graduates to work in the public sector.** To learn more about how you can help, contact **Mary Beth Searles**, senior director of development, at 303.492.1215 or [marybeth.searles@colorado.edu](mailto:marybeth.searles@colorado.edu).

Thank you.

  
Betty Arkell ('75)  
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We thank the alumni who are helping ensure Colorado Law's future of excellence by serving on our campaign committee.

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Current students need all the financial help they can get to make law school a reality. A charitable gift annuity is a great way to give money to the law school while the donor still receives a fixed payment. I believe in supporting education, and this is an easy way to give back."

**KARL F. ANUTA ('60)**

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# ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

## LUCY SCHLAUCH STARK ('98)

January

After graduating Order of the Coif from Colorado Law in 1998, Stark became a corporate and securities lawyer under the mentorship of Richard Russo. Nine years later she joined Denver-based Holland & Hart LLP, embracing a unique opportunity to practice alongside her father, a longtime partner at the firm. Stark's private practice focuses on representation of both public and private companies, including master limited partnerships (MLPs), in a variety of securities and corporate matters. She is the head of the firm's Securities and Capital Markets and MLP practice groups, and she chairs the Holland & Hart Women's Forum, which she helped start two years ago.



## MARC WALTERS ('95)

February

Walters began his legal career at US West performing litigation work, but eventually found his professional path in commercial law. He previously worked for Qwest Communications, Storage-Tek, Sun Microsystems, and Oracle. Since 2010 he has been at Microsoft and is currently the assistant general counsel, leading a legal team of six for Microsoft's worldwide services organization. The team provides general business advice, legal counsel, and programmatic transactional support for more than 20,000 employees. Additionally, Walters remains involved in the Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) initiative, which provides pro bono legal services for the protection of unaccompanied children entering the U.S. immigration system seeking asylum from volatile environments abroad.



## PATRICE KUNESH ('89)

March

After graduation, Kunesh worked at the Native American Rights Fund as a Skadden Public Interest Fellow. She has been in-house counsel to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of Connecticut, held a faculty position at the University of South Dakota School of Law, and received a Leadership Fellowship from the Bush Foundation to attend Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where she earned a Masters in Public Administration. After serving as deputy solicitor for Indian affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Kunesh is currently the deputy under secretary of rural development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she continues to strive to create strong rural communities by ensuring that children have their basic needs met, empowering them to learn and thrive.



## FRANCIS BARRON ('87)

April

Francis Barron began his post-graduate career as an associate at Bearman, Taesnick & McNulty. He was promoted to partner at then Bearman, Taesnick & Clowdus and remained partner when the firm merged with the Denver office of Patton Boggs, LLP, based in Washington, D.C. In 2004, Barron joined the Bill Barrett Corporation as general counsel and gained crucial experience in the oil and gas business, serving as an executive vice president, senior vice president, and interim CFO. Barron signed on as senior vice president of Cimarex Energy in 2013 and encourages his law department to be a place where people go to hear "yes," believing the department should guide the company to its goals in a legal and ethical manner without impeding progress.



## KAREN SAMUELS JONES ('90)

May

Jones successfully turned a clerkship at a boutique real estate firm, Senn Lewis, Hoth & Leiser, into a full-time position after graduation and thrived under the mentorship of Wynn Strahle. After moving on to Ballard Spahr and learning from Beverly Quail how to "have a practice," Jones spent ten years at Perkins Coie and most recently became a partner at Stinson Leonard Street, where her practice emphasizes commercial real estate, loan foreclosures, receiverships, and loan sales. Jones was recently honored as a recipient of the Joy S. Burns Woman of Enterprise Award from the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver and was recognized as the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce Women in Leadership Volunteer of the Year.



## MICHELLE LUCERO ('89)

June

Lucero's quilted career includes working as a prosecutor for the city of Denver, as an assistant city attorney, and as a staff lawyer for US West. As assistant general counsel for Denver Health, Lucero finally entered the field she had always loved: healthcare. Without her many opportunities in both the private and public sectors, she would not have been equipped to take on this in-house role, and this background proved essential to securing her position as chief administrative officer and general counsel of Children's Hospital Colorado. Lucero still finds time to support her community by serving on the Winter Park Advisory Council for the city and county of Denver, serving as an appointee to the Udall-Bennet Judicial Selection Committee, performing pro bono work for the Papua New Guinea Tribal Foundation, and serving as chair of the Metro State University Board of Trustees.



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# LAW ALUMNI BOARD

Dear Colorado Law Alumni,

The Law Alumni Board honors the contributions of our alumni to the public good through its recognition of individuals with the Distinguished Achievement in Public Service Award, which has been awarded to individuals such as **Governor Roy Romer** ('52), **Governor Bill Ritter** ('81), **Hon. Alice Madden** ('89), **Attorney General John Suthers** ('77), and **Hon. Ruth Wright** ('72). We also recognize important public contributions through the Law Alumni Board's Distinguished Achievement in Judiciary Award, recently awarded to **Hon. Claudia J. Jordan** ('80), **Hon. Timothy Tymkovich** ('82), and **Hon. Larry J. Naves** ('74). Just as important as honoring the distinguished careers of public servants is ensuring Colorado Law graduates can choose a life of service from the outset.

One of my favorite memories from law school (apart from FACs in The Pit!) is our class commitment to establishing the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). In 2004, a group of alumni, students, faculty, and staff began working toward the establishment of LRAP, a program that provides partial loan repayment awards to graduates who choose public interest jobs, and allows recent graduates the freedom to choose public interest work. That initial planning committee, which included Dean Getches, Assistant Dean Lorenzo Trujillo, **Roger Flynn** ('91), **David Juarez** ('83), and myself, considered the rising costs of a legal education and the growing disparity between private sector and public interest salaries. We determined that providing alumni with assistance in servicing their loan debt in the early years of their careers may help them to select a path of public service. We negotiated the logistics and parameters of the program, and took advantage of seed money from the classes of 1983 and 1991 to get LRAP off the ground. Members of my own class contributed their tuition deposits toward LRAP, contributing a total of \$12,000 for the first LRAP awards, given at the graduation of the class of 2005.

In 2007, the Colorado legislature cleared the way for full implementation of LRAP by passing the Higher Ed Public Service Loan Repayment bill (HB 07-1242). Championed by members of the original committee as well as by **Sarah Lipka** ('07) and **Michelle Albert** ('08), the bill removed legal barriers to assisting graduates with their loans. Since then, through the generous contributions of alumni, the continued tradition of students donating their tuition deposits, and the extraordinary contributions of **John Schultz** ('53), LRAP continues to grow and is providing an increasing number of graduates with post-graduate options they otherwise may not have had.

Today, eligible graduates (individuals working in a public interest capacity with an annual salary not exceeding \$60,000) may receive LRAP awards of up to \$6,500 per year for up to five years. In 2013, 25 Colorado Law alumni received LRAP awards totaling \$162,500. Recipients include deputy district attorneys, deputy public defenders, staff attorneys for various legal aid foundations, and court personnel.

Whether or not we have chosen a public service path, we all recognize the importance of such work, and we can enable others to make that choice a possibility. To support recent graduates who choose a career in public service, please consider donating to LRAP. You can do so at [colorado.edu/law/donate](http://colorado.edu/law/donate).

Finally, I ask you to share the news about the good that you are doing. Colorado Law welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the many contributions of its alumni within our community. To share news about your public interest work or any other accomplishments, please email [lawalum@colorado.edu](mailto:lawalum@colorado.edu).



**Laura Sturges** ('05)  
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## Law Alumni Board Members

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 2014-2015 Board Chair is Laura Sturges and the chair-elect is Franz Hardy.

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

# IN MEMORIAM

**THE HONORABLE ALBERT COHEN ('45)**, formerly of Denver, passed away February 18, 2014, in Birmingham, Alabama. Born in Denver, Judge Cohen was an alumnus of North High School, University of Colorado Boulder, and Colorado Law. Judge Cohen served the bench for the City and County of Denver.

**WILLIAM H. DARDEN ('47)** passed away March 31, 2014, at his home in Raton, New Mexico, at the age of 96. After earning both his BA and JD from the University of Colorado, Darden entered private practice and later served as assistant district attorney of Raton until his retirement in 1980. Darden is remembered as a brave World War II veteran who served in Europe and the Philippines.

**HERBERT L. HABER ('48)** passed away on January 20, 2014, in Massachusetts, at the age of 89. Haber was the chief labor negotiator of New York City from 1966 to 1973, a period defined by strikes by transit workers, firefighters, police, teachers, and garbage collectors. During his tenure, Haber "served as a kind of smokejumper-in-chief for a city ablaze in labor unrest," working to consolidate the city's collective bargaining system. Following his time with the city, Haber spent 35 years as an arbitrator in private practice.

**JAMES QUENTIN HAMMOND ('48)**, of Randolph, Nebraska, passed away on January 25, 2014. Hammond was an active undergraduate student at CU participating in the Naval ROTC, track and field team, and football team. Following a year of military service, in 1946 Hammond returned to CU to study law through the school's veteran program and joined active duty in the San Diego Office of the Judge Advocate General. Hammond practiced law briefly after an honorable discharge as a result of polio and eventually moved to the insurance industry where he worked until retirement.

**GEORGE ZOELLNER ('51)**, a Colorado native, passed away peacefully next to his wife in Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 12, 2014. Zoellner served for four years during World War II before earning his law degree. Zoellner was assistant attorney general for the state of Colorado for 13 years and remained active in the legal community through his work with the Colorado Bar Association.

**ROY E. MORRIS, JR. ('51)** passed away on March 19, 2014. Morris enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific theater as an aerial combat photographer. He accepted a position with Gulf Oil Corporation in Oklahoma City shortly after receiving his law degree. Following his retirement, Morris taught land management at Colorado Law from 1986–1992.

**THE HONORABLE FIELD C. BENTON ('51)** passed away in February 2014. Judge Benton received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Colorado. He was a member of the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, and for over 40 years he served Colorado as a lawyer, Denver probate judge, and senior judge. He was passionate about fly fishing and enjoyed spending time outdoors.

**KEITH MUMBY ('57)**, of Crawford, Nebraska, passed away in his home on March 20, 2014. Mumby served during the Korean War in the U.S. Navy. Following law school, Mumby moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he practiced law. Mumby was an active community leader, serving as president of the Lions Club, a member on the board of directors of

Wells Fargo Bank, and a three-time member of the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Board.

**MORTON L. DAVIS ('58)** passed away on February 5, 2014. In law school, Davis was editor of the *Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. He spent two years with the U.S. Department of Justice and then turned to private practice in matters of state and local government until his retirement in 1995.

**M. VAN SMITH ('59)** passed away peacefully on May 17, 2014. Born in La Junta, Colorado, Van Smith moved to California after earning his JD. As a lawyer, Smith was a fierce fighter for justice and is remembered by friends as an avid reader with a wicked sense of humor.

**BRUCE JOHNSON ('61)**, formerly of Helena, Montana, passed away on January 25, 2014, in Pueblo, Colorado. After earning his JD, Johnson worked with Coit and Walberg before accepting a position as Canon City deputy district attorney in 1964. In 1967, Johnson joined the law office of Fredrickson, Schalow and Johnson, which later became Fredrickson & Johnson P.C., retiring in 2006 after 45 years of service.

**FRANK LOUIS BECKWITH, JR. ('62)** passed away on January 2, 2014. Beckwith held both business and law degrees from CU-Boulder

**THE HONORABLE DONALD KOJI TSUKIYAMA ('62)**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away peacefully at his home on June 1, 2014. Upon earning his JD, Judge Tsukiyama served eight years as a public defender before being appointed to serve as a district family court judge of the First Circuit. Months later, Judge Tsukiyama would be appointed by then-Governor George Ariyoshi to serve as a circuit court judge, where he stayed until retiring from the bench in 1990.

**THE HONORABLE ORRELLE RODGERS WEEKS ('62)** passed away on June 15, 2014. Judge Weeks served as a deputy district attorney from 1962 to 1971, before she was appointed a juvenile court magistrate. In 1973 Judge Weeks was appointed by Governor John Love as a juvenile court judge, and later that year she was appointed presiding (chief) judge of the Denver Juvenile Court. Judge Weeks retired from the bench in 2007 after 36 years of dedicated service.

**ALFRED ALLAN JOHNSON ('63)**, of Laramie, Wyoming, passed away on February 8, 2014. Prior to earning his law degree, Johnson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After law school, Johnson settled in Fort Collins, Colorado, where he ran his own practice for more than 30 years.

**F. RAY DEGOOD ('63)** passed away on April 8, 2014. Originally from Gulfport, Mississippi, DeGood served as a U.S. Navy Officer before attending Colorado Law, and subsequently formed his own law firm. DeGood was recognized by the Larimer County Bar Association with the Outstanding Professional award.

**RICHARD L. ECKERT ('66)** passed away peacefully in his home on August 29, 2013. Eckert was a Fort Morgan, Colorado, native, earning degrees from the CU-Boulder in civil engineering, business, and finance before attending Colorado Law. Upon earning his JD, Eckert divided his time between Colorado and Alaska, working for Boeing, then retiring in Alaska.



**THE HONORABLE ROGER ALLEN KLEIN ('67)**, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on January 4, 2014, in Denver. A resident of Weld County, Colorado, Judge Klein was a public defender, a private attorney, and chief district court judge.

**PAUL SNYDER ('67)** passed away on January 12, 2014. A Boulder attorney for 30 years, Snyder is remembered for his contributions to many of the area's defining environmental and social policies. Snyder was an active community leader, serving as a legal and political adviser to local government leaders. In 1998, Snyder moved his practice to Custer County, Colorado, serving as the town attorney for Westcliffe for 10 years.

**CLIFTON C. SPENCER ('68)** passed away in October 2013. Spencer graduated from CU in 1964 with a BS in business and marketing and earned his JD from Colorado Law.

**DR. PATRICIA J. VAN HORN ('70)** passed away on January 31, 2014, in Palo Alto, California. Van Horn was the first woman awarded a full tuition scholarship to Colorado Law. After receiving her law degree, Van Horn practiced civil and appellate law before she returned to school to earn her PhD in clinical psychology.

**LAURA REED ('71)** passed away peacefully at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on January 14, 2014. Shortly after receiving her law degree from Colorado Law, where she was inducted into Order of the Coif, Reed went on to join the Hollenbeck, King, French & Mills law firm in Boulder, and later became head of the legal and land department in the Denver offices of Trigg Drilling Co. Following her retirement, Reed became an advocate for children and socioeconomic issues.

**THE HONORABLE ROLAND J. BRUMBAUGH ('71)** passed away on February 7, 2014. Brumbaugh took the bench at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado in 1982 and became instrumental in the maturation of insolvency law in the state. Judge Brumbaugh was respected by colleagues for a judicial manner that was firm but fair, and in his 17-year career, he became known as one of the state's most respected bankruptcy jurists.

**DAVID RAY PURDY ('75)** passed away on January 31, 2014. Purdy served as deputy district attorney for the city of Denver, and he is noted by those who knew him as a "charismatic participant in life."

**JAMES "JIM" PETERS ('76)** passed away on February 19, 2014, following a brave battle with cancer. Throughout his career, Peters prosecuted more than ten thousand criminal cases as the deputy district attorney, chief deputy district attorney, and eventually the district attorney for the 18th Judicial District. In legal circles, Peters is best known for his successful prosecution of the 1993 Chuck E. Cheese murders. Peters continued his life of public service after leaving the district attorney's office, serving as the administrative law hearing officer for the Colorado Parole Board.

**JEFFREY A. CHILD ('80)** passed away in Mexico on April 5, 2014, while on vacation with his wife, Heidi Fisher. Child and Fisher partnered in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, law firm of Child and Fisher. Child was an active community leader, sharing time between the United Way and as a campaign manager/treasurer for local political elections. Child also cared greatly for the mission, purpose, and performance of the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy, serving on the board of directors, which he later chaired.

**PETE LYON ('85)** passed on June 17, 2014. Lyon pursued his passion, fine automobiles, by practicing insurance law relating to auto racing for most of his career.

**LAUREL ELIZABETH ADAMS ('88)**, born on October 22, 1958, in Needham, Massachusetts, passed away on March 26, 2013. She is remembered as a loving daughter, sister, and aunt.

**ADAM H. HELLER ('96)**, of Rye, New York, passed away on February 8, 2014, at the age of 46, following a skiing accident. As an attorney, Heller provided counsel for individuals, families, and small businesses facing complex tax issues. Heller was an avid skier/outdoorsman, who spent his entire life learning how to be more "self-sufficient, independent, adventurous, and informed."

# CLASS ACTIONS

- 1965** The Iliff School of Theology welcomed **DAVID FURGASON** to the Board of Trustees. Furgason is currently director and shareholder at Dufford and Brown P.C.
- 1967** **THE HONORABLE MICHAEL BENDER**, of Perkins Coie LLP, was elected to the 2014-15 board of directors for the Colorado Judicial Institute. In addition, this year, Bender was honored by the Institute for Advancement of the American Legal System with the seventh annual Rebuilding Justice Award and was honored by the Colorado Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers with the Award for Judicial Excellence.
- 1974** **THE HONORABLE PATRICIA CLISHAM** was appointed as a prehearing administrative law judge with the Colorado Division of Workers' Compensation.
- BILL HANSEN** of McDermott & McDermott received the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association 2013 Case of the Year award for his work in a wrongful death suit involving the carbon-monoxide poisoning of an Aspen family. Hansen has represented injured people in complex tort claims for 27 years and frequently provides appellate work for the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association in this area.
- The Colorado Bar Association honored **JUDGE MICHAEL H. BERGER** with the Award of Merit, the association's highest honor. In December, Gov. Hickenlooper appointed Judge Berger to the Colorado Court of Appeals.
- 1975** **THE HONORABLE JACK BERRYHILL** retired from the First Judicial District on July 1. Judge Berryhill served the bench for 14 years after he was appointed by Gov. Owens in January 2000.
- 1976** **JOHN FRANCIS HILSON** retired from Paul Hastings LLP. While at Paul Hastings, Hilson served as chair of the firm's finance and restructuring group. Hilson is an adjunct professor at the UCLA School of Law.
- 1977** **THE HONORABLE MORRIS B. HOFFMAN** released his book, *The Punisher's Brain: The Evolution of Judge and Jury*, in which he examines the impact of evolutionary forces on today's legal systems.
- ROGER MORRIS** joined Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP as a senior partner. Morris, the first director of the Colorado Division of Gaming, focuses his practice on gaming and liquor law.
- 1982** **DIRK NELSON** was selected by the Durango City Council to be city attorney.
- JULIE WILLIAMSON** has joined Conflict Resolution Services, Inc.
- 1985** **CAROL HALLER** retired from the Office of State Court Administrator.
- JOHN SEEBOHM** has joined Robinson Tweedy, P.C. as of counsel. Seebohm's practice focuses on contested matters involving wills, trusts, probate, fiduciaries, and closely held entities.
- 1986** Colorado State Bank and Trust promoted **MIMI GOODMAN** to vice president and trust officer in the Wealth Management Division.
- 1987** **THE HONORABLE FREDERICK MARTINEZ**, formerly of Hall & Evans LLC, was appointed by Gov. Hickenlooper as district court judge in the 18th Judicial District.
- 1988** **BILL BERGER** has been appointed to the Denver Fisher House Foundation board of directors. Berger is currently shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, with a practice focusing on the representation of management and employers in labor and employment law matters.
- LYNNE M. HANSON** joined Moye White LLP. Hanson's practice focuses on franchising and distribution regulatory law.
- ANN M. THOMPSON** joined the Denver office of Messner Reeves LLP. Thompson's practice focuses on representing physicians, health care facilities, and other health care professionals in medical malpractice actions and in licensing board matters.
- 1989** **DERRY BEACH ADAMS** has joined Gaddis, Kin, Herd & Craw, P.C. His practice focuses on personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice.
- On June 1, the Office of State Court Administrator welcomed **TERRI MORRISON** as Legal Counsel.
- 1991** **KRAIG ECTON** was appointed as a county court judge for the 8th Judicial District in Larimer County.
- RONALD L. FANO** has been named managing partner of the Denver office of Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP.
- 1994** **HOWARD BERNSTEIN**, of Howard O. Bernstein, P.C., was honored by the Boulder County Bar Association with the John Robert Marshall Award, which recognizes those with strong commitment to pro bono services. Bernstein's practice focuses on the representation of small and mid-sized companies.
- 1995** **JAMES MILLAR** has joined the New York office of Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP as a partner. His practice focuses on the areas of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy.
- In April 2014, **DANIEL S. REIMER** became assistant city attorney for the city of Denver, responsible for Denver International Airport.
- 1996** **MELISSA SHISLER** has joined Pearl Schneider LLC. Shisler's practice focuses on insurance coverage analysis and general liability matters.
- 1997** Kutak Rock LLP has named **DAVID CRIPE** a partner in its Denver office. Cripe represents companies and individuals in matters of corporate business and real estate transactions.
- MARK WILETSKY** has been named partner at Holland & Hart LLP. Wiletsky counsels clients in employment matters and assists companies in protecting trade secrets and other critical information.
- 1998** **CHRISTINE C. MASTIN** has been named a trustee of Colorado Christian University. Mastin is managing partner of Mastin Bergstrom LLC, with a practice focusing on immigration and nationality law.
- 1999** **JOHN ENTSMINGER** became general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, in the Las Vegas Valley Water District. Entsminger, who has been with the agency for 15 years, handles complex negotiations relating to the Colorado River and other issues affecting the area's water resources.
- Perkins Coie LLP named **NATE FORD** as chair of its private equity group. Ford was recognized by Chambers USA and Super Lawyers as one of the leading business lawyers in the country for 2014.
- ROBERT R. MARSH** has become a director at Silver & DeBoskey, P.C. Marsh represents clients in complex commercial, real estate, and corporate litigation and advises governmental and corporate clients regarding mining and mineral law.
- 2000** **AMY J. DIAZ**, whose practice includes counseling clients on commercial real estate transactions, joined Brownstein Hyatt, Farber Schreck, LLP as of counsel.
- New Mexico State University Foundation Leadership named **CHRISTIAN HENDRICKSON** to its board. Hendrickson is a civil trial lawyer and partner with Sherman & Howard L.L.C.

**2001 ERICKA F. HOUCK ENGLERT** was named director and shareholder of Lewis, Bess, Williams & Weese P.C. Englert's commercial litigation practice includes advising clients in commercial business disputes, oil and gas, energy, and real estate.

**BETHANY JOHNSON** became a partner at Moye White LLP. Johnson's practice focuses on commercial real estate, real property, and telecommunications matters.

**KIRSTEN J. PEDERSON** has been made a member and partner of Lowe, Fell & Scogg, LLC.

Regis University welcomed **MEAGHAN SHAUGHNESSY** as an assistant professor of business law.

**SOPHIA H. TSAI** joined Baldwin Morgan & Rider, P.C. as of counsel. Tsai's civil litigation practice emphasizes insurance defense and the defense of governmental entities and public officials.

**ANDREA WANG**, a partner with Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, began her term as president of the Colorado chapter of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

**2002 STEVEN PIERANGELI** was promoted to chief trial attorney of Berrien County, Michigan.

**CAROLYN STEFFL** became a shareholder in Moses, Wittemyer, Harrison and Woodruff, P.C. Steffl represents Colorado special districts and municipalities as both general counsel and water counsel.

**2003 MARK DETSKY**, whose practice includes matters concerning water, energy and electricity, transactions, corporations, and real property, has become a shareholder at Dietze and Davis, P.C.

**2004 LIVINGSTON KEITHLEY** was honored with the 2014 St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Colorado. The award recognizes attorneys who exemplify the intellect, integrity, and moral courage of St. Thomas More. Keithley, a partner in the newly formed Kelly & Walker, LLC, is a trial attorney representing business clients in commercial litigation, management disputes, and employment disputes.

**MICHAEL SINK**, who represents companies, board members, and individuals in a range of business disputes, became a partner at Perkins Coie LLP in January 2014. In addition, the firm awarded Sink its prestigious Pro Bono Leadership Award this year.

**2005 THOMAS BLOMSTROM** was named partner at Montgomery, Kolodny, Amatuzio & Dusbabek, LLP. Blomstrom primarily represents clients in complex tort claims, while also maintaining an appellate practice.

**MARIO TRIMBLE** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Center for Legal Inclusiveness. Trimble, a partner with Kutak Rock LLP, focuses his practice on Colorado municipal finance.

**2006 CLAIRE DOSSIER** has joined Mitchell Barlow & Mansfield, P.C. as of counsel. Dossier represents businesses and individuals in the restaurant, retail, and hospitality industries.

**CHRISTOPHER MYERS**, whose practice focuses on government contracts litigation and counseling, was selected as a partner at McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP.

**KARL SCHOCK** became a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. Schock's practice focuses on commercial and complex civil litigation. In 2014, Schock was appointed to serve on the board of directors for Food Bank of the Rockies.

**2007 KAMILLE CURYLO-DELCOUR** was named a partner in the Chicago office of Kutak Rock LLP. Curylo-Delcour focuses on national student loan transactions, local health care transactions, and other matters related to public finance.

**BILL E. KYRIAGIS** was elected shareholder and director at Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC. Johnson handles commercial litigation matters primarily focused on real estate, development, and finance.

Hernandez & Associates welcomed **JONATHON LUCERO** as an associate. Lucero joins the firm's criminal defense and immigration practice.

**SIDDHARTHA RATHOD**, a partner with Rathod | Mohamedbhai LLC, received the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association 2013 Case of the Year award for his work on the Denver Diner Case, a lawsuit involving Denver Police Department misconduct.

**2008 KELLY KAFER** joined Baldwin Morgan & Rider P.C. as an associate. Kafer's practice focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on defense of personal property, employment, civil rights, and defense of governmental entities.

**MARGRIT PARKER** was recognized by the Denver Bar Association as the 2014 Young Lawyer of the Year. Parker received the honor for her part in establishing the Attorney Mentoring Program of the State Supreme Court and her work to revive the Colorado Bar Association's disaster legal services program in response to the 2012 wildfires and the 2013 floods.

Jackson Kelly PLLC welcomed **JOHN L. SKARI, JR.** as an associate in its Denver office. Skari will practice in the commercial law practice group, focusing primarily on matters of civil litigation.

**2009 JESSICA TSUDA** and **MICHI TSUDA ('08)** welcomed their son, Nikko Tsuda, on January 19 (photo right).

**2010 JOSHUA NEELY** joined Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP as an associate in its natural resources department.

**2011** Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP's Denver office welcomed **LEE ZARZECKI** as an associate. Zarzecki counsels clients in regulatory compliance and transactional matters involving environmental law.

**2012 JOHN DWYER** joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP's litigation department as an associate following his clerkship with the Honorable Nathan B. Coats, Colorado Supreme Court.

Gorrell Giles Gollata P.C. welcomed **KEVIN P. GILES** as an associate. Giles's practice focuses on real estate law.

**CAITLIN MCHUGH** joined Lewis Roca Rothgerber LLP's litigation practice group as an associate.

**BRENT R. OWEN** joined Lewis Roca Rothgerber, LLC as an associate in the firm's litigation group following his clerkship with the Honorable Nancy E. Rice, Colorado Supreme Court.

**2013** Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP welcomed **BARTON W. EMERY** as an associate. Emery counsels clients on patent matters related to prosecution, due diligence, and clearance in the biotech and pharmaceutical industries.

Kutak Rock LLP hired **LAUREN WALKER** as an associate in the corporate practice group. Walker's practice focuses on the financing, acquisition, sale, and leasing of commercial real estate.



# OUR CIVIC MUSCLES. USE THEM OR LOSE THEM.

By Dan Pabon ('05)

There's nothing more rewarding than the feeling after a good workout; a clear mind, aching yet satisfied muscles, the recapturing of lost breath. Something we here in Colorado know a little bit about. According to multiple studies, those of us who live in Colorado work out more than our peers in other states. Actually the state of Colorado ranks in the top ten healthiest in the union.

But there are still a few muscles many of us don't use regularly, if at all. And like any other muscles, if you don't use them, you'll lose them. The bench press and yoga mats are familiar items in most gyms. But like many other gyms, the most complex machines are usually avoided, except by the most athletic or daring among us. The muscles I'm speaking about are our civic muscles, and the elaborate workout machine we avoid is public service.

On the other hand, consider how much time you spend working out as a consumer. You are constantly bombarded with advertisements and ideas about getting a new car, buying a house, eating out, drinking coffee. Your consumer muscles are strong. You work them out daily, multiple times a day. In fact, most of us in America are completely ripped.

But for most of us, our civic muscles are flabby. For better or worse we just don't have to use our civic muscles as much as our consumer muscles. Yet, as lawyers we are expected and ultimately required to be the most fit when it comes to civic engagement.

Remember the admission oath you took when you were first sworn in? Of course, you must support the Constitution, be honorable and truthful, respect the court and its officers, and treat those you encounter with respect. Those are the easiest parts of the oath to uphold. However the other end of the bargain is much harder? "I will use my knowledge of the law for the betterment of society."

How many of us can say we do that on a regular basis in our respective areas of practice? The oath we took requires us to exercise our civic muscles, but what exactly does that mean and how do we begin? And by the way, why?



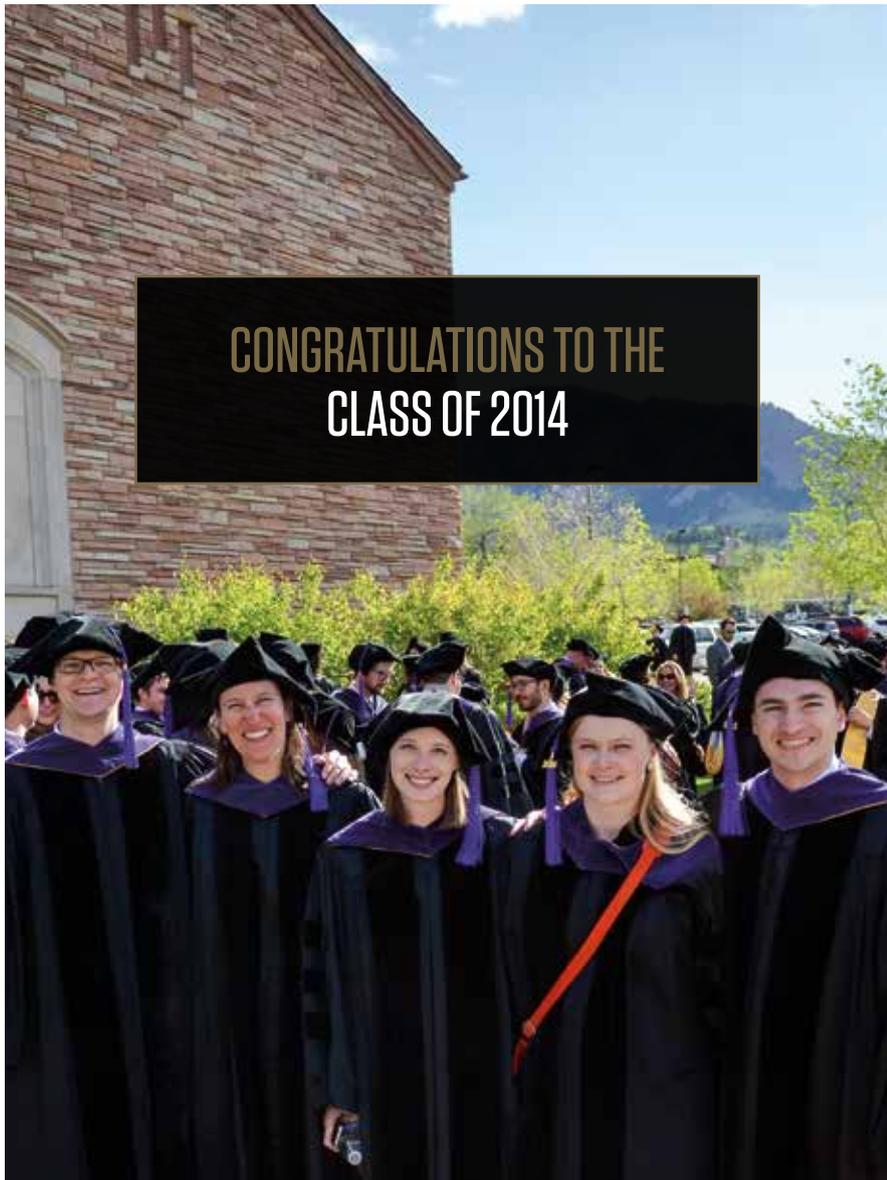
When a member of ancient Greek society reached a certain age, they became a "full citizen" and were required to take an oath. Their oath was similar to ours. "An allegiance to the city of Athens. A promise to keep the city's reputation." Their sworn oath also contained a duty to leave their city better and more beautiful than they found it. This idea has been around for a while. And really, we are the modern day Athenian citizens, and it is our sworn obligation to leave our society better than we found it. If for no other reason than that's what we swore to do.

Now, some of us do exercise our civic muscles. Some of us work them out a lot. But it's easy to leave it to the elected officials, to the self proclaimed Athenian citizens, and watch them exercise, or in the case of Congress, not exercise their civic muscles, while the rest of us work on what's important: our careers, our families, our health, and our life.

But that's the problem. Public service seems to come after everything else. It falls low on the priority list. We have forgotten that we can't build our own future without helping others build theirs. And so we toil and struggle with life's everyday problems, alone, and without realizing that public service can lead to us solving them together.

Everyone's path to public service will be different. The most obvious would be running for office—and many of you successfully have. But aren't there less life consuming ways to serve? Absolutely. I would recommend a self-assessment. Do you have an issue you care about, a role that you would like to play in solving a problem, or an organization that you want to volunteer or even work for? Maybe organizations with multiple chapters like Amnesty International, say, or a small state agency on the cutting edge of something experimental. Or maybe it's supporting or joining a system you want to better or reform, such as public schools or prisons.

The next step is to flex those muscles, tackle the complicated workout machine that is public service, live up to your oath, and engage. Remember use them or lose them. These workouts will make us all better. We are counting on you.



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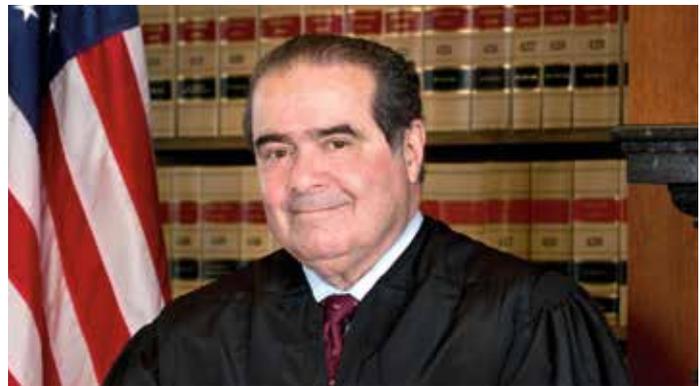
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