

*Creating Futures*

# University of Colorado Law School

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



Scholarships



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# The Campaign for Colorado Law's Future

# Nationally Recognized Innovator, Regional Leader

For more than 120 years, Colorado Law has developed leaders who have propelled Colorado's legal profession and thrived throughout the state and beyond. Many of the region's most important legal, business, government, and judicial institutions are populated at the highest ranks by Colorado Law alumni—recently including two Colorado governors, the attorney general, and the chief justice of the state supreme court.

We have built an outstanding faculty, leading centers in key areas and a reputation for public service. We also benefit from the academic synergies of a top research university, our peerless location, and our newly constructed, state-of-the-art, green Wolf Law Building.

To continue to thrive, Colorado Law must generate funds for scholarships, loan repayment assistance, professorships, and core programs. This will allow us to **continue to attract high-quality applicants, offer a high-value and affordable education to our students, and place students into satisfying jobs after graduation.**



## Colorado Law Vision

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

## Colorado Law Goals

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



**We need your help to  
make our goals a reality.**

**Support the Campaign for  
Colorado Law's Future.**

# The Changing Legal Landscape

The world of legal education faces a series of disruptive changes. Challenges to law schools include increasing higher tuition, student debt, lower state support, reduced numbers of applicants, and, in recent years and likely for the near future, a more difficult employment environment for newly minted law school graduates.



## Challenges

### Colorado Law

- \$30,000+ tuition for in-state students
- \$100,000+ average debt for graduates who took out loans
- About 4 percent of Colorado Law's operating budget comes from Colorado state funding

### Nationwide

- 38 percent decline in nationwide law school applications since 2010
- Challenging employment market for recent graduates

### Additional Challenges

- Attracting top applicants by providing sufficient scholarship funding.
- Our graduates often have too much debt.
- Some law schools pay entry-level faculty more than we can pay tenured professors.
- To continue and develop our innovative programs, we need additional support to continue to develop our core programs.



*“Colorado Law continues to build an engaged, diverse, and inclusive community of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alums, and friends who help one another—and you are a key part of that community. With your support, we can bring our goals to fruition. To that end, we invite you today to help us thrive and prepare our students for success by investing in Colorado Law’s human capital needs.”*

**Phil Weiser**  
Dean, Colorado Law



# Scholarships

We lose top applicants to other schools because we do not have enough scholarship funding. Our students are graduating with high levels of debt—often above \$100,000—that can be ameliorated by additional scholarship support.

## Imagine bringing the best and brightest students to Colorado Law

With a \$10 million scholarship endowment, each year we could...

Fund 40 students with \$10,000 annual scholarships, which would reduce annual debt for those students by one-third.



Larry Martinez ('74) and Xakema Henderson ('14)



Before applying to law school, **Surbhi Garg** (left) had never even been to the state of Colorado, but now she is part of Colorado Law's class of 2013, thanks to a scholarship that has helped her afford it.

With her financial burden lightened, Surbhi realized great opportunities at Colorado Law. "I have been much more involved in the law school than I might have otherwise been," she says, "from being a class officer, to president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, to participating in multiple moot court competitions."

Surbhi is representative of Colorado Law's outstanding talent and initiative. These qualities are evident in the class of 2015, which upon admission boasted median LSAT scores of 164 and a median GPA of 3.65 (90th percentile among law schools).

## Support scholarships to bring the best and the brightest students to Colorado Law.

# Loan Repayment Assistance Program

With an average of \$100,000 in debt, Colorado Law graduates often cannot afford to take jobs in the public sector.

With \$100,000 in debt, graduates are up to 60 percent less likely to pursue public service careers.

(Study by the National Bureau of Economic Research)

## Imagine supporting public service careers for our graduates

With a \$10 million LRAP endowment, each year we could...

Give approximately 12 graduates, working in the public sector, \$6,500 a year for five years to help pay down their loans.



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

**John Schultz** ('53) (right) and his late wife Cynthia have had a deep connection to Colorado Law and to the entire University of Colorado. Because of his strong connection to Colorado Law, John is well aware of the growing difficulty students face in paying back loans. He acknowledges he would not have been able to pay off debt with his initial salary.

In addition to his support for the building and Colorado Law lecture series, John began donating to the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), seeing it as a natural extension of the scholarships he already had supported.

John decided recently he was in a position to do more. To help spearhead this larger fundraising effort, he contributed \$2 million to make the LRAP sustainable for the long term. "I wanted to make the fund large enough," he says, "so it would have a significant impact as soon as possible."



**Donate to LRAP to help the next generation of public servants and those working in underserved areas.**

# Professorships

Some law schools pay entry-level faculty more than we pay tenured professors.

Dean Phil Weiser has explained that “the core product we offer our students is a learning environment shaped by our professors.” Our culture of student engagement benefits from a faculty that ranks in the top 30 nationwide and enjoys a student-to-faculty ratio below 10:1—below that of many of our peers. To keep our top faculty, we need to raise funds for endowed professorships. Without a strong faculty, we cannot continue to deliver the outstanding Colorado Law experience we all expect.

## Imagine attracting and maintaining our top faculty

With a \$10 million professorship endowment, each year we could...

Fund six professorships to maintain our top faculty.

Jason Mendelson (left) secured \$1 million for the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Professorship, now held by Brad Bernthal ('01) (right).



**Laurence (Larry) W. DeMuth, Jr.** ('51) and his brothers, **Lael** ('53) and **Alan** ('58), wanted to honor their father, a beloved professor at Colorado Law, and his legacy as a champion of education. Their establishment of the Laurence W. DeMuth Chair of Business Law was announced at the Wolf Law Building dedication, and today is held by **Peter Huang** (left), who holds degrees from Stanford, Harvard and Princeton.

Huang says of the gift's impact, “The generosity of the DeMuth family allowed me to join Colorado Law’s vibrant academic community in their pursuit of scholarship, teaching, and service. Being the inaugural DeMuth Chair is an honor and a privilege.”

**Establish a chair, professorship, or fellowship to support Colorado Law faculty.**

# Core Programs

We need additional support to continue to develop our core programs.

Our three centers (the Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law; the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment; and the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship) and our American Indian Law and Juvenile and Family Law programs provide our students with tremendous opportunities to develop expertise, build relationships, and make an impact in our community. Moreover, students are able to hone their practical skills in legal clinics, fellowships, externships, and other experiential learning opportunities, helping them stand out for jobs in exciting and competitive fields.

**Imagine** accelerating  
the impact of our  
core programs

With a \$10 million endowment, each  
year we could...

Fund 10 new or existing programs  
with \$40,000 annually.

Professor Marianne "Mimi" Wesson, inaugural Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning, helps students prepare for the Carrigan Cup Mock Trial.

Colorado Law continues to be a leader in hands-on legal education. Indeed, the school was one of the nation's first to establish its legal aid and defender clinic 65 years ago. Today, students can get academic credit working on cases in one of nine clinics, in areas ranging from civil and criminal cases to entrepreneurial law to American Indian law.

"I believe that experiential education is essential," says **Richard F. Schaden** (right). "This concept gives lawyers in training an opportunity to deal with real people with real problems." Schaden believes so strongly in experiential education that he and his son, **Rick E. Schaden**, made a landmark gift to Colorado Law to enhance the school's clinical programs, externships, appellate and moot-court competitions, and voluntary pro bono work. It also has established the Schaden Chair in Experiential Learning, held by a senior faculty member who demonstrates leadership in this area.



**Support our core programs.**





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

*Please join us in investing in our state's future by supporting Colorado Law. There are many opportunities and many ways to help—and many reasons to do so. You can start by thinking about what gift you can make to bring you into this important project of preparing for Colorado Law's future."*

**Bill Ritter, Colorado Law ('81)**  
Former Colorado Governor

**Hank Brown, Colorado Law ('69)**  
Former U.S. Senator

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# Imagine what we could do with the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future

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

**Invest in Colorado Law's Future with a planned gift or donation to help make our goals a reality.**

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