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**190**

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**125**

Undergraduate colleges

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Colorado residents

**29%**

Diverse students

**36**

States (including D.C.)

**51%**

Women

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## CONNECTING GLOBALLY

DEAN S. JAMES ANAYA

At the University of Colorado Law School, we take seriously our mission of educating and training future lawyers through cutting-edge curriculum, research centers, and practical learning opportunities. As the only public law school in Colorado, we believe it is important to recruit and develop students from all backgrounds, including those who are underrepresented in law schools and in the legal profession. It is our duty to prepare the next generation of lawyers to practice law in an increasingly globalized world, to have a high level of cross-cultural and diversity competence, and to contribute to society locally as well as on a global scale. We pride ourselves on providing legal education that, while grounded in Colorado, connects students globally, through both classroom and on-the-ground training.

To that end, the theme of this issue of *Amicus* is Connecting Globally, a theme that is near to my heart and that has defined my career. Before joining Colorado Law, I served for six years as the United Nations Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. In that position, I visited with and reported on the human rights conditions of indigenous peoples worldwide. Additionally, I have advised governments and organizations from several countries on matters of human rights, lectured across the globe, and litigated cases in international forums. Through these experiences and others, I have seen the immense value in understanding the global dimensions of the study and practice of law. Witnessing other legal systems in practice and interacting with people and entities from around the world can shape our worldview in ways that help us think more critically and enhance our ability to serve as legal professionals in today's increasingly globalized economy and society.

While our legacy is rooted in Colorado, our impact extends well beyond the state's borders. Our physical reach stretches across the globe: our 7,000+ alumni span all 50 states, four United States territories, and 18 countries. Our intellectual reach extends even further and is not limited to Colorado, the American West, or even the U.S. Throughout this issue you will see examples of the far-reaching global impact of Colorado Law students, faculty, and alumni. Whether it leads to learning about the legal systems in Ecuador, India, and Morocco; rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon while learning about water law; or presenting at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, a Colorado Law education is inextricably linked to getting outside of our bubble and connecting with people and institutions across international borders.

I hope to see many of you at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, October 27–28, 2017, an excellent opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends in Boulder. As always, I welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas, as well as your questions and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 303.492.3084 or [lawdean@colorado.edu](mailto:lawdean@colorado.edu).







## HUMAN RIGHTS THE FOCUS OF NEW TRACK IN MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW

In fall 2018, the University of Colorado Law School will build on its Master of Studies in Law degree with a new, unique program in human rights.

The two-year program will be open to lawyers and those who hold a degree in the social sciences from universities throughout the world. It especially seeks to identify and support people from historically underprivileged groups in the Americas, including indigenous peoples and Afro-Latinos.

After completing one year of coursework at Colorado Law, students in the program will spend a second year working at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C., fully engaged in the work of that agency. The Inter-American Commission, an agency of the Organization of American States, is the primary international mechanism overseeing compliance with basic rights in the Americas.

“This combination of rigorous academic study and a full-year placement at the commission will be one of the most intensive and innovative training programs in human rights in the hemisphere, and will position Colorado Law as the leading institution in the field of practical and academic training in the Americas,” said Dean **S. James Anaya**.

During their year in Boulder, students will take required courses taught in the typical semester system, as well as seminars featuring a series of visiting scholars and practitioners, combined with an individualized course of study comprised of classes selected from a range of disciplines. The seminars will be open to JD students, as well, providing them access to highly regarded scholars invited to teach in the seminars.

Associate Professor **Anna Spain Bradley** will serve as the first program director for the human rights track. Spain Bradley is a legal scholar specializing in international law and human rights whose publications address the resolution of international disputes and the promotion of peace and security.

Stanford Professor James L. Cavallaro, a current commissioner and immediate past chair of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, will work with Spain Bradley in directing the program and will be a visiting professor during the 2017–18 academic year, teaching one of the required special topics seminars.


The new program furthers both Anaya’s vision of a globally connected law school as well as the chancellor’s strategic goals of shaping tomorrow’s leaders, being a top university for innovation, and making a positive impact on humanity. “An influx of international students and world-renowned human-rights scholars will enrich Colorado Law’s classes and other extracurricular activities,” Anaya said.

Additionally, the MSL degree will enhance Colorado Law’s reputation in the fields of international law and human rights, broaden the educational experience of JD students, and serve a humanitarian purpose in equipping underrepresented students from developing countries for careers in human rights.

Learn more at [colorado.edu/law/msl](https://colorado.edu/law/msl).



# FORGING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS



In August 2017, students in the Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Law class taught by Clinical Professors Ann England and Colene Robinson met with children, parents, staff, and youth leaders of the Sidi Moumen Cultural Center in Casablanca, Morocco. The center provides at-risk children and vulnerable youth in Casablanca's disadvantaged neighborhoods with resources and opportunities to stay in school and avoid delinquency, drug addiction, and extremism. Pictured: Boubker Mazoz, the center's founder and director.

When **Will McNamara** ('18) signed up for the American Indian Law Clinic (AILC) during his second year in law school, he had no idea that would be the catalyst for law-related travels to the United Nations in New York; to North Dakota to assist the Standing Rock Sioux tribe; to New Mexico and Arizona with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples to visit representatives of tribal nations; and to India and Jamaica—all before his 3L year.

First as a student attorney in the AILC, then as a recipient of the Bussian Fellowship for International Dispute Resolution, and finally, through a connection made during his fellowship, McNamara's example illustrates the ripple effect that can occur when academic programming meets international connections, a key goal of Dean **S. James Anaya**.

In May 2017, Anaya announced his strategic priorities for Colorado Law, which include broadening access and inclusiveness, strengthening academic excellence, and connecting globally. Recognizing that the interconnectedness of the world affects all lawyers, even those who will never practice outside the United States—Anaya's vision is to animate learning with an international scope to prepare students to practice in a global society.

This work aligns with the University of Colorado Boulder's Flagship 2030 vision, which positions the university as a leader in addressing the humanitarian, social, and technological challenges of the 21st century by shaping tomorrow's leaders, being the top university for innovation, and positively impacting humanity.

"It's exciting that the dean has prioritized connecting globally at this particular moment in history," said **Mekela Goehring** ('02), executive director of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network. "Regardless of what type of work you end up doing—public sector, government, private sector, technology, business—global connections are such an integral part of who we are as a country that it's absolutely essential that students have access to those opportunities."

Associate Professor **Anna Spain Bradley**, an expert in international law and assistant vice provost for faculty development and diversity at the campus level, coaches and mentors law students who are both interested in pursuing careers abroad and extending their professional networks globally. In 2016–17 alone, Colorado Law became an academic partner of the American Society of International Law, had a student team participate in the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, and reactivated its chapter of the Doman Society of International Law.

"The world is growing, and it is more interconnected. We must be, too," Spain Bradley said. "There is something very unique and special about CU Boulder. By going global, we can amplify the things that make us unique. We can hold on to what we have and globalize in a way that maximizes our strengths."

Beyond its international law curriculum, Colorado Law is building programs and supporting student involvement around various points of global connections for all students.

For example, in May 2017, Professor **Norm Aaronson**'s Criminal Defense Clinic won asylum for a client from Djibouti who was tortured for his political stance. Professors **Ming Chen** and **Violeta Chapin**, recipients of the 2017 Calhoun Public Service Award, frequently involve students in their work with immigrants from around the world. Students had opportunities to meet with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, who affects human rights work happening across the globe.

Spain Bradley emphasizes this range of opportunities when coaching students. "There are numerous opportunities out there for students to engage with the broader world," she said. "I tell students that it's less about 'Can you?' and more about 'How do you?'"





Many law students have the opportunity to travel to different countries as part of their coursework. With a desire to pursue public interest law and foreign/domestic civil litigation, **Patrick Lee** ('18) applied for and received an international public interest fellowship from Colorado Law, which allowed him to work on ongoing litigation and international advocacy in Belize last summer. For two months, he supported a local lawyer with several cases going to court related to Maya customary land rights and tenure. He also helped with another case being reviewed by the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Through these experiences, Lee was able to get a firsthand view of another legal system and compare it to what he had learned of the U.S. legal system.

"Being exposed to [a legal system and different cultures] that are entirely different and unfamiliar is the best way to break down prejudices that you may have built up," Lee said. "This summer, especially, I found myself constantly challenging my perspective—most importantly, around how I analyze the law with regard to litigation and international advocacy."

Critical to extending our influence globally is embracing our local roots. Colorado Law's strong legacy in the American West is essential to our future and global influence, and while we will always have a permanent home in Boulder, we will provide a high-quality legal education that is both locally rooted and globally engaged.

One of the ways Colorado Law is extending its influence globally is through its alumni network. With more than 7,000 alumni on six continents, Colorado Law's global presence has never been stronger. The Career Development Office helps students secure internships and jobs all over the world and coaches students to pick the right fit for them and how to stand out.

A flourishing alumni base worldwide helps facilitate connections between current students and job markets abroad. With increasing interconnectedness among countries, and growing volumes of cross-border transactions and relationships, it is more likely that

lawyers graduating from Colorado Law and other U.S. law schools will be required to understand and deal with legal situations involving parties from multiple jurisdictions and backgrounds, said **Mark Rolfson** ('93), a legal consultant at Lee & Ko in Korea. Additionally, in the increasingly competitive legal profession, the possibility of pursuing career opportunities not only in different states but also in other countries should not be ignored.

"A law school that emphasizes global connections in teaching, programming, and research will better prepare graduates for the inevitable challenges of dealing with issues that have multijurisdictional dimensions, and opening students' eyes to a whole, wider world of potential opportunities of which they may not otherwise be aware," Rolfson added.

As a law student, **Heather Strack** ('11) took a summer position clerking for the supreme court of Ghana. Today, she is an attorney at Gutterman Griffiths PC in Denver. "Colorado Law provided an excellent analytical foundation, which transferred to my work that summer [in Ghana]," she said. "While I was researching a totally different set of laws in a totally different country, I had the analytical foundations necessary to quickly analyze problems and develop legal arguments for draft opinions."

She added: "A law school's emphasis on global connections in its teaching, programming, and research is crucial to developing attorneys who can think critically in a variety of legal situations and work with any type of client."

For McNamara, the opportunities provided at Colorado Law, coupled with Dean Anaya's background, make Colorado Law a unique place to connect globally.

"I'm really happy with all the opportunities that Colorado Law has provided me to get involved with international advocacy. These experiences have been far and away beyond what I could have expected in law school," he said.



# ALUMNI REFLECT ON GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

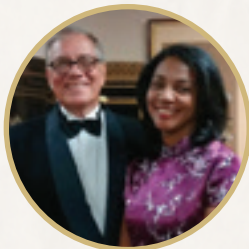


## NORTH AMERICA

"I witnessed the impact of global connections in Professor **Norm Aaronson's** Civil Clinic, where I worked on two asylum cases for women from two countries in Africa. Both cases were heard before Denver Immigration Court, and my student partner and I were exposed to the full immigration court hearing. I went to law school because I wanted to be an attorney working for social justice, and working on those cases further affirmed my commitment. I saw the life-changing nature of an attorney's work in these kinds of cases and what those outcomes can mean for individuals and families. In my job now, I have the incredible opportunity to see the resiliency, strength, and stories of immigrants, and the power of the law and the ways in which the legal community in Denver comes together to help people globally."

### **Mekela Goehring ('02)**

Executive Director, Rocky Mountain  
Immigrant Advocacy Network  
Westminster, Colorado



## SOUTH AMERICA

"In 1987, I established a unique pro hac vice civil litigation practice in Virginia and the Republic of Colombia. After I argued and won *Martinez v. Lamagno and DEA*, 515 U.S. 417 (1995), the clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed to the media that it was 'the only instance in recent memory that a lawyer with an address outside the United States has argued a case before the Court.' The reality is that, as Associate Justice Marshall observed, the U.S. exports everything, including its laws and jurisdiction to hold nonresidents accountable. . . . Therefore, there is both a great deal of business opportunity and excitement in addressing new legal issues [abroad]."

### **Isidoro Rodriguez ('76)**

Isidoro Rodriguez and Associates  
(U.S./International Business Consultants)  
Colombia





## EUROPE

“My time at Colorado Law was a great preparation for moving to England midcareer and requalifying as an English solicitor. The classroom environment was very stimulating, and we were constantly being challenged to think for ourselves and challenge each other, as well. The world has become so much more global that, even if you are practicing law in the U.S., there is an increased chance that you will encounter issues involving people, property, or other assets from foreign jurisdictions.”

**Martha Rolle ('77)**

Partner, Bryan Cave  
London



## ASIA

“At a very basic level, the legal education at Colorado Law provided me with the foundation necessary to work in the area I’m in now, which involves working together with Korean lawyers in connection with various types of international business transactions. Virtually all of the things I studied in the courses I took at Colorado Law (whether Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Civil Procedure, Torts, International Business Law, etc.) come into play at some point or another, to varying degrees, when it comes to analyzing, communicating, and facilitating understanding about the broad range of legal issues that arise and impact the various parties involved in international transactions.”

**Mark Rolfson ('93)**

Foreign Legal Consultant, Lee & Ko  
Korea



## AFRICA

“As an attorney, you must be ready to quickly adapt to your client’s unique communication style, which is often influenced by his or her own unique cultural background. Part of an attorney’s job is to communicate with your client in a way that the client can understand. The law school can train attorneys who can meet a client’s needs, regardless of the client’s nationality, race, religious background, etc., by emphasizing global connections.”

**Heather Strack ('11)**

Attorney, Gutterman Griffiths PC  
Denver, Colorado

Clerked for the supreme court of Ghana  
as a law student



## AUSTRALIA

“I never thought about moving abroad when I was in law school, but when I decided to relocate to Australia, I was confident in the fact that I had received a broad and detailed enough legal education that could be applied in any common law country. Meeting law professors and students from all walks of life and career trajectories helped me realize that I could choose my own path, which ultimately led to my making the move from the U.S. to Australia. The world is not as big—and things are not as different—as they may appear from afar. A degree from Colorado Law opens doors to all kinds of opportunities.”

**Stephen Young ('96)**

APAC Legal Lead—Alliances and  
Technology Ecosystems, Accenture  
Australia



## COLORADO LAW WELCOMES FOUR NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



**Margot Kaminski** joins Colorado Law from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where she served as an assistant professor since 2014. Kaminski teaches, researches, and writes on law and technology. Her work has focused on privacy, speech, and online civil liberties, in addition to international intellectual property law and legal issues raised by artificial intelligence and robotics. She graduated from Harvard University and Yale Law School, where she co-founded Yale's Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, a law school clinic dedicated to increasing government transparency, protecting freedom of expression, and defending the work of news gatherers. From 2011 to 2014, Kaminski served as the executive director of the Information Society Project at Yale Law School, an intellectual center addressing the implications of new information technologies for law and society, where she remains an affiliated fellow.

Kaminski is currently completing her Fulbright-Schuman Innovation Grant, which she was awarded to research "Trans-Atlantic Approaches to Governing Sensor Privacy" in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and Pisa, Italy. Upon her return, she will teach Privacy, Internet Law, Intellectual Property, and Property at Colorado Law.



**Craig Konnoth** comes to Colorado Law from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Sharswood Fellow and lecturer in law and senior fellow for the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. Konnoth's work focuses on sexuality and health law, health information law, and privacy law. He also explores how medicalization discourse plays out in various social and legal contexts, including in religion and biblical counseling, consumer rights, FDA regulation, and collection of individual data. He is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he supervised the LGBT Litigation Project and received the Parker Prize for his history on early gay rights litigation strategies, and of the University of Cambridge (M.Phil, 2007) and Fordham University (BA, 2005). As a board member of the National LGBT Bar Association while in law school, Konnoth created the first system of regional representation for LGBT law students across the nation.

Konnoth will teach Property and Law & Sexuality this year.





**Benjamin Levin** studies criminal law and its collateral consequences. His research focuses on the ways in which the criminal justice system interacts with tort, civil rights, and labor and employment law. Before joining the Colorado Law faculty, Levin served as a Climenko Fellow and law lecturer at Harvard Law School. At Harvard, he designed and taught an upper-level elective, *Overcriminalization and the Limits of Criminal Law*, in addition to teaching first-year Legal Research and Writing. In 2016, he was an inaugural recipient of the Harvard Law School Student Government Teaching and Advising Award, nominated and voted on by the student body. He earned his BA, with distinction, from Yale University and his JD, cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he received the Irving Oberman Memorial Award for law and social change and served as an executive editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights–Civil Liberties Law Review*.

Levin will teach Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law this year.

**Scott Skinner-Thompson** focuses his research and teaching on constitutional law, civil rights, and privacy law, with a particular focus on LGBTQ and HIV issues. Before joining Colorado Law, he was an acting assistant professor of lawyering at New York University School of Law. Skinner-Thompson is also editor and contributing author of *AIDS and the Law* (Wolters Kluwer, 5th ed., 2015), one of the leading resources in the field. His shorter work has appeared in *Slate*, *Salon*, *The New Republic*, and elsewhere. In 2014, he was selected as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association. Scott clerked on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge Dolores Sloviter and for Judge Robert Chatigny of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. He graduated from Duke Law School, magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, in 2008, receiving both a JD and LLM in international and comparative law. He received his BA, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from Whitman College in 2005.

Skinner-Thompson will teach Civil Rights and Constitutional Law this year.





Law students, faculty, and staff with U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (center).

## UN SPECIAL RAPPOREUR HOLDS VIRTUAL CONSULTATION AT COLORADO LAW

During a 10-day visit to the United States last spring, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples (UNSR) held a virtual consultation at Colorado Law, assisted by the American Indian Law Clinic. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, whose role as UNSR involves gathering information on the situation of indigenous peoples worldwide, spoke via webinar with members of Native American tribes and representatives from indigenous rights organizations to learn about the state of indigenous peoples in the U.S. as it relates to energy development and natural resource extraction. By hosting a virtual consultation, Tauli-Corpuz was able to generate greater participation by tribal members who otherwise would not have been able to meet with her and to increase the scope of information gathered. Tauli-Corpuz presented her observations and recommendations to the U.N. Human Rights Council in September.



A Denver area Native American youth performing a traditional dance for participants.

## AMERICAN INDIAN LAW PROGRAM HOSTS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On Sept. 13 and 14, 2017, human rights experts, diplomats, and indigenous representatives from around the world met in Boulder to mark the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in a conference co-hosted by the Secretariat of the U.N. Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and by Colorado Law. The celebration included workshops aimed at identifying forward-looking strategies and priorities to strengthen the implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at regional and countrywide levels over the next 10 years.



L-R: Dean Anaya, General Assembly President Peter Thomson of Fiji, Ambassador Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee of Ghana, and Ambassador Kai Sauer of Finland.

## ANAYA APPOINTED TO ADVISE ON REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT UN

Dean **S. James Anaya** was appointed by the president of the U.N. General Assembly, Peter Thomson of Fiji, as one of four advisors to facilitate negotiations on a General Assembly resolution aimed at enhancing representation of indigenous peoples at the U.N. He joins Ambassador Kai Sauer of Finland, Ambassador Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee of Ghana, and Claire Charters from the University of Auckland, New Zealand, to work toward developing a new observer status for indigenous peoples at the U.N. Indigenous peoples around the world have sought to increase their participation at the U.N. since the adoption of the 2007 U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.





### INDIGENOUS RIGHTS EXPERTS CONVENE AT COLORADO LAW

Colorado Law hosted a two-day Expert Seminar on Opportunities and Challenges for Indigenous Peoples' Entrepreneurship on March 6 and 7, 2017. The event brought together the U.N. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, a group of independent experts appointed by the U.N. Human Rights Council, as well as staff from the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and experts on indigenous entrepreneurship. The seminar concluded with a public lecture by Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild (pictured), an honorary chief of the Maskwacis Cree First Nation, former senator in the Canadian Parliament, and decorated advocate for the advancement of indigenous peoples' rights around the world. In addressing the Colorado Law community, Littlechild drew on his three decades of service with the U.N., sharing his experiences as an indigenous leader and lawyer.



### CARPENTER NAMED TO SEVEN-MEMBER UN COMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS

The U.N. Human Rights Council appointed Professor **Kristen Carpenter** as the North American member of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As one of seven regional members, Carpenter will join human rights experts from Africa, the Arctic, Asia, Europe, the Pacific, and South America, to advise the Geneva-based Human Rights Council and U.N. member states in accomplishing the objectives of the 2007 U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In her new position, Carpenter aims to accentuate the experiences and needs of traditional cultural practitioners and to help guarantee a place for indigenous lifeways in a swiftly changing world.



### BOYD LAUNCHES ENERGY INNOVATION LABORATORY

Professor **William Boyd** launched the Laboratory for Energy and Environmental Policy innovation (LEEP), which works with partners around the world to develop and support real-time policy experiments; establish robust networks for learning and exchange; and contribute to effective and durable policy outcomes. In January, LEEP hosted a delegation from the Brazilian state of Acre and is working with the Acre government and the Federal University of Acre to develop a formal exchange program with the University of Colorado. Boyd also continued his work leading the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force, a unique subnational collaboration of 35 states and provinces from nine countries working to reduce the effects of deforestation and land use. In connection with this work, he traveled to Norway, Peru, Brazil, and Indonesia during 2017. Learn more at [leepinnovationlab.org](http://leepinnovationlab.org).



# AMERICAN INDIAN LAW CLINIC REPRESENTS STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE AT DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

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AMERICAN INDIAN LAW PROGRAM FELLOW

JESSE HEIBEL ('16)

GETCHES-WILKINSON CENTER FELLOW



**Associate Clinical Professor Carla Fredericks (far right) with American Indian Law Clinic students at the Oceti Sakowin Camp in North Dakota.**

The Standing Rock Sioux tribe's fight against the Dakota Access pipeline precipitated one of the largest indigenous rights movements in recent American history. What started as a prayer camp established by a couple dozen tribal members to advocate against placement of the pipeline on ancestral territory culminated in thousands of supporters from around the globe traveling to the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri rivers in rural North Dakota. While grateful for the support, the tribe's resources were quickly overwhelmed. Thus, in September 2016, the American Indian Law Clinic (AILC) at Colorado Law entered into an agreement with the tribe to provide legal support for the tribe's opposition to the Dakota Access pipeline.

First, the AILC established Standing Rock Legal Connect, a hotline for those looking to receive or contribute legal assistance. Legal Connect was run by AILC students and received more than 400 emails and phone calls from supporters. Those arrested during the direct actions were put in contact with the Water Protector Legal Collective, a legal team composed of criminal defense and civil rights attorneys located at the Oceti Sakowin Camp. For those looking to donate their time, the AILC compiled a volunteer database so the tribe could quickly access qualified legal professionals.

In September 2016, members of the AILC traveled to North Dakota to visit the reservation and witness the effects of the AILC's work on the tribe's efforts to protect its land and resources. Students held working meetings with the tribe's legal department and the lawyers based at the camp. The visit provided students with an invaluable opportunity to observe the extraordinary gathering of indigenous peoples, and provided students with a truer sense of the people and values their work was supporting.

As a direct result of meetings with the tribe, the AILC partnered with Colorado Law's Entrepreneurial Law Clinic to ensure that the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's flag and logo were properly protected as the tribe's intellectual property.

Next, the AILC worked with the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, and Yankton Sioux tribes to access international remedies. The AILC and the tribes first brought a unified request for relief to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). Working with Earthjustice's international office, the AILC requested a "thematic hearing" focusing on the impact of extractive energy and infrastructure projects on indigenous rights. The AILC provided briefing materials to tribal council members from all three tribes, who then testified about how the planning and construction of the pipeline circumvented their rights and threatened their cultural and natural resources.

The AILC also worked with the three tribes to submit a request to the IACHR for precautionary measures. The 25-page request asks the commission to call upon the U.S. to stop construction of the pipeline, pending a full environmental and cultural review in conjunction with the tribes, and to adopt immediate measures to prevent irreparable harm to the tribes, their members, and others who would be affected by ongoing construction of the pipeline. Finally, the AILC facilitated a visit from the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples to better understand the controversy and the effects of development that occurs without the free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous peoples in the U.S.

Overall, the AILC's representation of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe provided students with a holistic understanding of the intersection of federal Indian law, environmental law, and intellectual property law. Consistent with the American Indian Law Program's mission, the AILC will continue to represent the tribe, and many others, to advance the sovereignty and self-determination of native nations while training the next generation of indigenous rights advocates.

*Kate Finn (third from left) and Jesse Heibel (seventh from left) worked alongside the American Indian Law Clinic at Colorado Law to represent the Standing Rock Sioux tribe in its fight against the Dakota Access pipeline.*



# GENEVA PRESENTATION A TURNING POINT FOR LAW STUDENTS

CLINICS

BY GABRIELLE DALEY ('18)



**L-R: Lindsey Knapton, Caroline Ncube, Gabrielle Daley, Luke Ewing, and Assistant Clinical Professor Blake Reid in front of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.**

In May 2017, I had the privilege of presenting at the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, Switzerland, on the role of copyright law in facilitating access to media by people with disabilities. This was the culmination of my work in the Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law and Policy Clinic. As I took my seat on the floor of the WIPO building next to my colleagues and teachers, I was overwhelmed with a sense of awe at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I was fortunate enough to experience as a 2L.

The previous fall, I took the Ethics and Professional Responsibility class offered at the law school. During one class session, our professor asked us to close our eyes and imagine for a moment that we were 20 years into our career, sitting on the porch of our cabin in the woods, and pausing for a moment to reflect on our life. What did those careers look like? What did we hope to have achieved at that point in our lives? My classmates spoke of their aspirations to help others, to retain their integrity, to earn the respect of their communities and families. As I listened I was moved by the goals of my colleagues and was reminded that one of the many reasons I chose to attend this law school was the character of the people here.

When my turn came to speak, I shared a thought that I'd been reflecting on since coming to law school: I want to find work that I'm excited about. Work that, even when I'm tired because the hours are long and the work is hard, I remain excited to take on because it matters to me.

The spring 2017 semester has been my most challenging since coming to law school. I've slept the least and worked the hardest. But on May 4, 2017, presenting to an international governing body on a public policy issue, I felt only excitement at the opportunity to share our team's hard work with the WIPO member states.

Our team was composed of myself, my fellow students **Luke Ewing** ('18) and **Lindsey Knapton** ('18), and Assistant Clinical Professor **Blake Reid** ('10). Our co-author on the project is Professor Caroline Ncube of the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Professor Ncube had been to Geneva before, and it was exciting to watch her greeting people around WIPO as friends. Her good humor, intelligence, and grace were greatly appreciated as we navigated our time at WIPO. I am honored to be able to count myself among this remarkable group of individuals, whose high standards and hard work challenged me to do my best.

I am grateful to Professor Reid and Colorado Law for facilitating this experience. Professor Reid's mentorship has been invaluable to me as a law student, and this opportunity is an example of the kind of inspiring work that I am excited to see Colorado Law encouraging its students to undertake.

"It was truly an honor to work with the Colorado team. Their work ethic is impressive and they were warm and easy to get along with. Our presentation was well received, and all the feedback I received was high praise for Luke, Gabby, and Lindsey's presentation!"

—**Caroline Ncube, University of Cape Town**



# CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS ABROAD

From the mountains near Marrakesh to the streets of Casablanca, the 16 Colorado Law students in Clinical Professors **Colene Robinson** and **Ann England**'s Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Law course are broadening their knowledge of the legal system through field study in Morocco.

The semester-long class, which follows previous comparative law courses offered abroad in 2011 and 2012, begins and ends in Boulder, with eight days of field research in Morocco in the middle. It provides a unique collaborative immersion approach to understanding both criminal and family law in a global context.

During the trip, students met with Moroccan judges, advocates, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law professors, and nongovernmental agencies in Casablanca and Rabat; attended court and lectures on Islamic law and society; read original sources and interviewed criminal- and juvenile-rights activists; toured prison facilities and youth rehabilitation centers; and spent the weekend trekking in the Atlas Mountains above Marrakesh.

"This class is all about taking yourself out of this bubble that we live in. We live and breathe the United States and the laws here, and it's important to see how other people do things, to broaden our horizons, and to learn how systems work," said **April Connally** ('18).

Leading up to the trip, students selected a research topic, which guided their field study in Morocco. Then, once they returned to the U.S., students identified a comparable experience to observe or visit in Colorado. They will present on their impressions about both systems to the Colorado Law community at the end of the semester and submit an in-depth final report on their findings.

For those with limited knowledge about another country's justice system, this class allows students to challenge their assumptions about the way things "should" be done, Robinson said.

"Many students [in previous classes] leave the U.S. thinking that we have the ideal justice system in this country," she said. "When they return home, however, they question those assumptions and ask themselves, 'How can we do something better?' or conversely, 'What are we doing that's really good and makes a lot of sense?'"

In 2011, Robinson (and Professor **Clare Huntington**) launched Colorado Law's first international comparative law class, where students compared areas of family law in the U.S. and India, including women's rights, child abuse, sex trafficking, and domestic violence. While in India, they also volunteered at an anti-human-trafficking organization and met with law students in Bangalore. The following year, Robinson and England combined their respective expertise in juvenile law and criminal law into a comparative law class in Ecuador, where students researched criminal justice and child protection law. Notably, they visited a women's prison where women were allowed to live with their children; sat in on trials; and interviewed litigants, attorneys, public defenders, district attorneys, and children in local schools.

"For law students, who are still in the process of building and shaping their thoughts about our justice system and the law, trips like these allow them to start with a more open framework," England said. "The more ideas you have on the table, the better you will be at what you do. I think these kinds of classes, where students can be involved and meet people from all over the world and get new ideas, will help them be able to come back and shape the future of our legal system throughout their careers."

**Ashlee Arcilla** ('12) participated in the Ecuador trip and now serves as deputy director of the Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel, which provides legal representation for indigent parents in dependency and neglect proceedings. "Our community of lawyers has a real obligation to explore other cultures and understand differences in our legal systems," she said. "We can't just assume that the way we have our legal system set up in the U.S. is the best way or the right way to do things. This class exposes young, budding lawyers to these types of diverse perspectives and speaks to the higher calling of our legal profession."

"One of Colorado Law's values is to have globally connected, compassionate attorneys, and that's what a class like this helps develop. Not only do you get an international experience from which you can better understand individuals from different backgrounds and various parts of the world, but it's nice to give back through volunteer and charity work at organizations in the host country," said **Halleh Tabrizi Omid** ('11), a shareholder at McGuane and Hogan, P.C. who attended the trip to India.

For those whose law school days are past—and thus no longer have the opportunity to participate in such a comparative law class—heed the advice of retired Professor **Bill Pizzi** (as told to, and practiced by, Robinson): Whenever and wherever you travel, visit the local courthouse to get a feel for the rule of law in that place.

"Any lawyer can go into a courthouse. You don't need to be in a special class to do that," Robinson said.



Matt Neal ('13), Joel Hungerford ('13), Aidan Robinson, Fiona Robinson, Lauren Butler ('13), and a guide on a hike in the Ecuadorian cloud forest.





The group inside Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca



Kasbah main gate, Rabat



Megan Deaton ('18) inside the Hassan II Mosque



Walking around the Kasbah in Rabat.



Hiking trail from Imlil village in the Atlas mountains to Toubkal, the highest peak in North Africa at 13,671 feet.



# 'AN UNKNOWN DISTANCE YET TO RUN' COLORADO LAW'S LAW OF THE RIVER SEMINAR

CURRICULUM

BY GUNNAR PAULSEN ('18)

From the depths of the Grand Canyon in 1869, John Wesley Powell, a one-armed Army veteran who led the first successful expedition of the Colorado River, wrote, "[W]e have an unknown distance yet to run, an unknown river to explore." Powell was in dire straits; he had lost his scientific instruments and most of his food, and unknown perils lay downstream. Nonetheless, Powell's crew completed the journey and returned with invaluable observations. Today, the river's geography is mapped to the minutest detail. Yet Powell's words apply as much in 2017 as they did the day they were penned.

From its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park to its now-sandy delta in Mexico, the Colorado River is dotted with dams and diversions, supplying water to upwards of 40 million people across two countries, seven states, and 28 tribal nations. The Colorado River is also the cultural heart of the Southwest, serving as a jaw-dropping recreational paradise and home to many tribes' sacred sites. That complex background convinced Professor **Sarah Krakoff** that the legal framework governing the Colorado River could only truly be understood by getting our feet wet. Two years ago, she started planning a class that would culminate in a two-week rafting journey through the heart of the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon.

Last spring, that class became a reality. Seventeen students, including myself, studied the legal and policy issues of the Colorado River region with Professor Krakoff. As we read about the interstate compacts, international agreements, tribal water rights, endangered species issues, and mineral development controversies, we understood that there is an "unknown distance yet to run" to achieve sustainability in the region. Powell's prophetic words became our unofficial motto.

In addition to studying the river in depth, we fundraised for months. Dean **S. James Anaya** made a generous matching grant, and we spearheaded an online crowdfunding campaign. We hosted events, wrote letters, and shared our passion for the Colorado River with everyone who would listen. **Alice Madden** ('89), **Zach Miller** ('80), and **Peter Nichols** ('01) joined the trip as alumni sponsors.

On May 15, after a semester of study, we launched at Lee's Ferry, leaving all cell phones and digital connections behind. During our 14 days in the Grand Canyon, we went to sleep watching shooting stars and woke to bats circling above us at dawn. After breakfast, we geared up for the day's fearsome rapids. Between epic splash fights, we experienced the places we had read about: the proposed dam site in Marble Canyon; the confluence with the Little Colorado River, a sacred site to several tribal nations; Havasu Creek, the lifeblood of the Havasupai Reservation; side canyons where endangered humpback chub are reintroduced; and countless more. Along the way, Professor Krakoff gave mini-lectures about the places we passed, and our amazing guides from Arizona Raft Adventures taught us geology and river lore. At night, as the sunset danced across the canyon's towering walls, we took turns sharing our research papers and answering questions. And after surviving the canyon's last huge rapid at Lava Falls, we let loose at Tequila Beach.

Reflecting on the experience, **Stephen Tarnowski** ('17) said, "I have never felt this type of connection with a place. This sensation is something I am trying to appreciate, cherish, and carry forward with me in my life."

For **Rachel Dingman** ('17), it reminded her that the river is more than the sum of its delivery obligations, but rather a place "with significant historic, ecological, and spiritual value. These qualities are easy for lawyers to forget; being able to experience them firsthand will forever influence my career."

Voicing another shared sentiment, **Emily Ferrel** ('17) said, "I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity I had to connect with classmates on a close level, and I'm excited to see what everyone goes on to achieve in their legal careers."

Our class revealed that the laws and policies governing the Colorado River still have "an unknown distance yet to run." But just as Powell emerged from the canyon triumphant, so did the 17 of us, and we are eager to carry our experiences forward as the next generation of leaders in natural resources law and policy.



Alumni sponsors and students in Professor Sarah Krakoff's Law of the River seminar.

# SILICON FLATIRONS' INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP BUILDS GLOBAL CONNECTIONS IN PARIS

CENTERS

A group of 26 academics, policymakers, and industry experts convened in Paris, France, to identify key research challenges and opportunities in the regulation of radio communications. The International Spectrum Workshop, held June 28, 2017, was organized by the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado and the Governance and Regulation Chair at the Université Paris–Dauphine. The event was held in the historic Raymond Aron conference room, which served as the command room of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from 1959 to 1966.

The objective of the workshop was to bring together experts from different fields and different geographic regions to map the changing landscape in the regulation of radio operation.

“This event was the first in a series of international activities to strengthen our presence as a globally recognized and influential center for innovation,” said Professor **Phil Weiser**, executive director of Silicon Flatirons. “Today, technology policy issues are increasingly global, and Silicon Flatirons is well positioned to engage in these dialogues. Through our international engagements, like this event, we will continue developing our reputation as a trusted convener and thought leader,” Weiser said.

During the International Spectrum Workshop, U.S. and European experts discussed new and revised approaches to enable more flexible and efficient access to the wireless spectrum, with the goal of investigating best practices on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Wireless spectrum enables how, where, and when wireless services can be delivered to devices. Workshop participants explored allocation, assignment, and management issues of both licensed and license-exempt approaches. In each of four sessions, invited speakers presented their recent work followed by a group discussion. The first session reviewed how to use risk-informed interference assessment rather than worst-case analysis to make spectrum allocation decisions, and discussed new metrics that reflect spectrum use and spectrum-sharing efficiency for equipment compliance. The second examined how auction designs could maximize social values instead of maximizing the revenue from the spectrum sale, and examined various scenarios where the management of unlicensed spectrum might be beneficial for the users. The third reviewed how to manage and address radio system interference resolution issues. The last session investigated how to address public policy goals, such as disability access, lawful intercept, or cybersecurity, through the standard-setting process, using the development of 5G standards as a case study.

The event provided a platform for the attendees from 22 institutions across eight countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and the U.S.) to share their views on new scientific and academic research that shapes public

policy decisions about wireless products and services. “The policy challenges of the digital age transcend geographical borders,” said Eric Brousseau, scientific director of the Governance and Regulation Chair. “Interdisciplinary research and international collaboration are essential to addressing open challenges in the regulation of radio operation. We were happy to co-organize this workshop with Silicon Flatirons. Events like this facilitate trans-Atlantic dialogues, stimulate new research activities, and help build valuable professional relationships.”

The spectrum workshop was organized with support from the multinational law firm Hogan Lovells, the GSM Association, and the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Recognizing the power of the global perspective in law, technology, and entrepreneurship, Silicon Flatirons is executing its strategic plan for broader international outreach, working with interested parties to connect Colorado Law with other continents.



A presentation in the Raymond Aron conference room.



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### MARTZ SPRING SYMPOSIUM ADDRESSES EMERGING REGIONAL ISSUES AND PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

On April 10, 2017, the GWC kicked off its Martz Spring Symposium with a lively Oxford-style debate about whether the U.S. should remain a party to the Paris climate agreement. In addition to in-depth discussions on federal public lands, mining, regulation of the oil and gas industry, and challenges and opportunities in our energy and electric systems, Professor **Charles Wilkinson** and former U.S. Sen. Mark Udall engaged in a thoughtful conversation with GWC Executive Director **Alice Madden** ('89) about conservation.

Professor **Mark Squillace** discussed the historic use of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to eliminate agency rules made by an outgoing administration. Before 2017, the CRA had been used only once before, but, as of August 2017, Congress had invoked the CRA on 14 occasions. Access recordings of the full debate and symposium at [bit.ly/Martz2017](http://bit.ly/Martz2017).

**Pictured: Karen Florini, former deputy special envoy for climate change at the State Department, and Steven Hayward, senior resident scholar at the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley.**



### JACOBS EARNS ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AWARD

Associate Professor **Sharon Jacobs** is the 2017-18 winner of Pace University's Haub Environmental Law Distinguished Junior Scholar Award. This award is presented annually to an emerging junior environmental law professor who exhibits scholarly excellence and promise at an early stage in his/her career. Since joining Colorado Law in 2014, Jacobs has organized a first-of-its-kind workshop for new energy law scholars and will also host the first Women in Energy Law and Regulation symposium on October 20. Jacobs will present a paper she authored on energy pluralism and democratic substitution at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in spring 2018.



### CAN A PRESIDENT ABOLISH A NATIONAL MONUMENT?

Sixteen presidents have proclaimed 157 national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906, protecting historic, cultural, archaeological, and geologic resources. Many of these monuments, including such iconic places as the Grand Canyon, Zion, Olympic, and Acadia, have been redesignated by Congress as national parks. While the designation of national monuments is often celebrated, on occasion there are calls for a president to abolish or shrink a national monument. Professor Mark Squillace co-wrote an article titled "Presidents Lack the Authority to Abolish or Diminish National Monuments," published in the *Virginia Law Review*. Squillace concludes that these powers are reserved to Congress. The full paper can be viewed at [bit.ly/Squillace](http://bit.ly/Squillace).

**Pictured: Canyon of the Ancients is one of four national monuments in Colorado under review by the Trump administration.**



### 38TH ANNUAL MARTZ SUMMER CONFERENCE EXAMINES THE COLORADO RIVER

On June 8 and 9, 2017, the GWC hosted the Martz Summer Conference, which focused on the Colorado River system. Since the turn of the 21st century, water storage on the Colorado River has declined while stress over the region's water future has intensified. The combined impacts of overconsumption, drought, and climate change have exposed longstanding problems with the regional water budget, and have focused national attention on the urgency of improving management. Water managers, river advocates, and other concerned stakeholders are responding, increasingly through basin-wide initiatives that go beyond specifying how looming shortages will be distributed. Instead, they will try to head off the most painful potential effects. In this public event, regional experts reviewed recent and emerging innovations and evaluated their likely impact on the river system. The full conference video can be found at [bit.ly/MartzSummer](http://bit.ly/MartzSummer).

**Pictured: GWC Senior Fellow Anne Castle ('81) speaking at the 2017 Martz Summer Conference.**



### A ROLLING STONE GATHERS NO MOSS

Professor Charles Wilkinson spent much of the past year and a half working on the Bears Ears National Monument as special adviser to the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, in addition to co-writing *Red Rock Testimony: Three Generations of Writers Speak on Behalf of Utah's Public Lands*, published by Torrey House Press. He also:

- addressed Department of Justice attorneys at a symposium on the future of environmental law,
- spoke about salmon restoration to a gathering of U.S. attorneys and staff of the Department of Justice office in the Western District of Washington,
- held a roundtable discussion in Rifle, Colorado, with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado about federal public lands issues,
- received the 2016 Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association, and
- delivered numerous lectures, including one at Hokkaido University in Japan titled "The Fundamental, Universally-Recognized Sovereignty of the Ainu and Other Indigenous Peoples."



### GWC OCTOBER EVENTS

Tenth Annual Schultz Lecture in Energy  
Colette Honorable, former FERC  
Commissioner; Partner, Reed Smith LLP  
Thursday, October 19, 5:30 p.m.

Women in Energy Law & Regulation  
Friday, October 20, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

This symposium will bring together national experts to discuss some of the most pressing challenges in electricity regulation today, including participatory energy decision-making, integrated resource planning, organized wholesale market participation, and siting transmission lines. Friday will also feature a conversation among energy journalists and will provide an opportunity for a conversation with other panelists and the audience about ways to support the work of independent journalism in chronicling energy developments.

More information about both events can be found at [colorado.edu/law/research/gwc/events](http://colorado.edu/law/research/gwc/events).

**Pictured: Colette Honorable.**



# PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN LAW AND COMMUNITY



(L-R) Riley Gonya, Ciera Gonzalez, Rodrigo Lugo, Danielle S. Johnson, Leanna Gavin, and Chase Johnson.

The Leaders in Law and Community (LILAC) fellowship program kicks off this year with its inaugural class of students who aspire to be not only lawyers but leaders in society. The program's goal is to address diversity in the legal profession by recruiting and developing students from backgrounds underrepresented in law schools and the legal profession.

LILAC is a comprehensive three-year program that educates fellows and cultivates their leadership potential by assisting them with tools such as full scholarships, intensive 1L seminars, public service projects, and mentors.

Students chosen to be LILAC fellows are from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, have diverse cultural identities, or have overcome significant obstacles. With their experiences, backgrounds, and accomplishments, these students have the potential to use their law degrees to be transformational leaders in law and the community.

In recruiting LILAC fellows, Colorado Law looked beyond commonly used criteria—LSAT scores and GPAs—to indicators of success such as community leadership, perseverance, and demonstrated ability to problem-solve and think critically.

In addition to financial support, LILAC fellows will have opportunities for community engagement that connects fellows to Colorado Law alumni and friends. They will also have travel opportunities associated with externships, conferences, and other programming that complement the classroom experience and broaden the fellows' horizons.

To donate to support this transformational program, visit [giving.cu.edu/lilac](https://giving.cu.edu/lilac). If you have additional questions or comments about LILAC or would like to volunteer as a mentor, please email [lawdean@colorado.edu](mailto:lawdean@colorado.edu).

## MEET OUR INAUGURAL LILAC FELLOWS

### Leanna Gavin

Hometown: Cumberland, Rhode Island

Leanna feels strongly that her “life’s purpose is to help underprivileged children find loving homes like the one I was given.” She intends to pursue a career in child welfare law, and she chose Colorado Law because of its exceptional reputation in the areas of family and juvenile law and public service, and because of its overall ranking among law schools. These were important factors in Leanna’s decision because she wants to be well prepared to use her law degree to protect the rights of children. She is happy and relieved to be a LILAC fellowship recipient because, as the first in her family to graduate college, the LILAC scholarship will help her to pursue her passion.

### Riley Gonya

Hometown: New Castle, Indiana

Riley believes in being more than a bystander in life; he wants “to serve and lead.” That means pursuing opportunities to gain more interdisciplinary knowledge, becoming more culturally competent, valuing his own culture as well as those of others, serving in leadership roles in community organizations, and developing a strong sense of self-awareness. These reflect the pillars he has embraced along the path that led him to choose to become a lawyer. He believes that the LILAC fellowship program will provide “an environment and community in which I can grow not only academically, but also in character.”

### Ciera Gonzalez

Hometown: Tampa, Florida

Ciera believes that “the only weapon you need [to overcome fear and shame] is the desire to be true to yourself.” As a young Cuban Catholic girl, Ciera wanted to fit in and “to be a ‘normal’ teenager.” She feared risking letting others know that she is gay and leaving the security of her family in Florida. Ciera finally decided that it is “more exhausting to fear what people will say than to stand up and speak for myself.” She decided she wants to make a difference by speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. She looks forward to meeting the challenge of being so far from home and figuring out law school as a first-generation college graduate. Ciera said that she will “tread boldly into the unknown territories and be better because of it. I’ve done it before.”

### Chase Johnson

Hometown: Norman, Oklahoma

Chase intends to make a difference. He is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and understands the devastating effect that exploitation, oppression, poverty, alcoholism, drug addiction, poor education, and hopelessness have had on Native Americans. Defying the statistics, he has been sober for more than two years and maintained above a 3.9 GPA at the University of Oklahoma. Chase values education and wants to use his education to create a better life for himself and for others. The scholarship funds associated with the LILAC fellowship will allow Chase to avoid taking out loans and help him “to reach my full potential in contributing to society.” He wants to “fight injustices” and “make our community a better place for everyone.”

### Danielle S. Johnson

Hometown: Long Beach, California

Danielle had a dream of becoming a lawyer and refused to let challenges deter her. She juggled classes while working two part-time jobs in order to pursue higher education. She earned her Bachelor of Arts at the University of California, Berkeley. Following graduation, she took an entry-level position as a records clerk in a law firm and was later promoted to legal secretary. As she contemplated enrolling in law school, she was concerned about having to take large student loans. She also worried about whether, as a nontraditional student and African-American woman, she would be treated fairly in the legal employment market. As the recipient of a LILAC fellowship, Danielle is relieved that she will not have to settle for “a lesser-ranked, more affordable school” but will be able to pursue a rigorous legal education from a reputable institution.

### Rodrigo Lugo

Hometown: El Paso, Texas

Rodrigo had to learn to adapt quickly to change at an early age. His father’s employment took his family from El Paso, Texas, where Rodrigo was born, to Mexico, then to Indiana, Ohio, China, and back to Mexico. When his parents had marital problems, the arguing took a toll on his mental health, and he resorted to self-injury for relief. Through talking with good friends and a counselor, he found better ways to cope, and went on to graduate second in his high school class. His hard work earned him two college scholarships, which allowed him to focus on succeeding academically and becoming engaged with other professional and community service events. As Rodrigo looks toward his life in the legal field, he wants to use his experiences with mental health issues and adapting to different cultures to benefit others.



# COLORADO LAW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: HOW CAN I HELP?



When Dean **S. James Anaya** came to Colorado Law last summer, he was often asked by alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends: “What is your vision for Colorado Law?” From the start, Dean Anaya has said, “This is already a great law school, and I would like to help make it even better.”

Earlier this year, Dean Anaya introduced his first strategic priorities for Colorado Law, which were guided and shaped by this overarching goal:

To build on Colorado Law’s tradition of excellence and innovation in legal education, research, and professional engagement, while making a positive impact on humanity both locally and globally. We want to be leaders and train leaders in the law. We will lead in Colorado, the country, and the world.

Specifically, Dean Anaya, along with the faculty and staff of Colorado Law, are working to:

- Broaden access and inclusiveness by ensuring that a Colorado Law education is financially accessible for and inclusive of qualified students from the full spectrum of economic, social, and cultural backgrounds;
- Strengthen academic excellence by promoting academic programs that address the challenges of the 21st century and ensure student success, and by retaining and recruiting faculty from a diverse range of backgrounds who have earned, or have the potential to earn, national or international reputations for excellence; and
- Connect globally by exploring transnational connections and animating learning with an international scope to promote a cross-cultural understanding of societies and legal systems, and by preparing our students to practice in the increasingly globalized society.

In early conversations, these strategic priorities have been enthusiastically embraced by Colorado Law alumni and friends, who are now asking: “How can I help?”

## BROADENING ACCESS AND INCLUSIVENESS

This semester, Colorado Law launched the Leaders in Law and Community (LILAC) fellowship program, which focuses on students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in law schools and in the legal profession. (Read more about LILAC on p. 20). In addition to supporting LILAC, Colorado Law alumni can help ensure that a legal education is broadly accessible regardless of social or economic backgrounds by donating funds for student scholarships, public service fellowships, loan repayment assistance, and emergency needs.

Scholarships are vital now that state support is minimal, tuition is more than \$31,000, and average student debt—just from law school—is around \$100,000. We encourage supporters to donate to existing scholarships or to establish new ones.

Public service fellowships provide stipends to enable students to gain valuable experience while working in unpaid public-sector jobs. A donation of \$3,500 can provide one international summer public service fellowship.

Loan repayment assistance funds help recent graduates working in the public sector pay down their educational loans. Colorado Law’s robust Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) allows students to consider a much broader field of careers.

Student emergency needs funds provide modest grants to law students who find themselves in financial binds during law school or while transitioning into careers.

Alumni and friends who want to help ensure that a Colorado Law legal education is broadly accessible can read more about donation options at [colorado.edu/law/donate](https://colorado.edu/law/donate).



### STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Colorado Law is already a top law school, recently ranked 36th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Key to its strengths and reputation are the quality of the education provided and the quality of the research and programming advanced. To maintain and elevate its strengths, Colorado Law must retain and attract faculty members who have, or have the potential to earn, national or international reputations for excellence. Colorado Law must provide these faculty and associated staff with the means to build academic programming geared toward student success, maximizing career opportunities, and addressing the challenges of the 21st century.

Endowed faculty professorships and chairs provide Colorado Law with funding and prestige to help retain faculty who are being actively recruited by other law schools and to attract top faculty from across the country and world. Alumni and friends with the resources to endow a chair, professorship, or faculty fellowship focusing on a specific area of law or policy can make a significant impact on Colorado Law's future and on the continued excellence of its faculty. Our world-class research centers and programs, which are platforms for the exchange of ideas, experiential learning, and legal innovation, also depend on the generous support of our alumni and friends. More information is available at [colorado.edu/law/faculty-endowments](http://colorado.edu/law/faculty-endowments) and [colorado.edu/law/research](http://colorado.edu/law/research).

### CONNECTING GLOBALLY

In order to continue as a nationally recognized innovator and leader in the changing legal landscape, Colorado Law will advance academic programming that draws on international connections and prepares its students to practice in a global society. (See Dean Anaya's letter, p. 2). We are relaunching our LLM program with a focus on international students and anticipate the first class in August 2018. We are also launching a new Master of Studies in Law degree with a concentration in human rights.

One way alumni and friends can support global interconnectedness is by supporting public service fellowships for students working internationally or for international institutions in unpaid or low-paying public service jobs. Alumni and friends can also assist in this area by supporting global initiatives involving international law, comparative law, or other programs aimed at connecting legal studies at Colorado Law to a global society. These initiatives include, for example, clinical programming that involves students advocating for Maya communities in Belize, U.N. human rights work, and international legal reforms advanced by the World Intellectual Property Organization. Visit [colorado.edu/law/donate](http://colorado.edu/law/donate) for more information.

If you are interested in making a donation to help Colorado Law broaden access and inclusiveness, strengthen academic excellence, and connect globally, please contact **Ellen Goldberg**, senior director of development, at **303.735.3689** or [ellen.goldberg@colorado.edu](mailto:ellen.goldberg@colorado.edu).



# GIVING SOCIETY

Colorado Law gratefully acknowledges gifts and pledge payments given from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at the Giving Society levels (\$1,500+) below. We thank these alumni and friends of the law school who made leadership-level gifts last fiscal year. We strive to provide a complete and accurate list. Please contact us at [lawgiving@colorado.edu](mailto:lawgiving@colorado.edu) should you notice an omission.

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# ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

Each month, Colorado Law profiles a prestigious alumnus or alumna. These alumni share fulfilling aspects of their law careers.

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## JANUARY 2017

“The work that’s the most meaningful for me is the work that has a direct influence on people. I’m more interested in working on a human-trafficking case than a drug-trafficking case. I remember cases that have people as victims because I’m helping individuals.”

### Janet Drake (’96)

Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Special Prosecutions Unit of the Colorado  
Attorney General’s Office



## FEBRUARY 2017

“Cold cases may be harder to try, but they let victims—and criminals—know that we will pursue justice for everyone, even after the trail has gone cold.”

### John Kellner (’06)

Operational Law Attorney  
North American Aerospace Defense  
Command and U.S. Northern Command,  
Marine Corps Reserves



## MARCH 2017

“Employment was the one area of law I felt like I understood—I’d had several jobs and grew up hearing about the union. It turned out to be a perfect fit.”

### Laurie Rust (’06)

Partner  
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP



## APRIL 2017

“One of the most rewarding things for me—in light of all the turmoil and changes at the federal level—is seeing the greater impact that Denver can have on the day-to-day lives of people living in the city. If we stay true to our values, we can really make a difference.”

### Kristin Bronson (’97)

City Attorney  
City and County of Denver



## MAY 2017

“The train of life is going to take you to really strange and interesting places, and all of it is because you’ve gotten your ticket punched as a lawyer.”

### Jeffery Grimes (’90)

In-house Counsel  
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## JUNE 2017

“What really excited me about commercial litigation is just the complexity of the cases and the law because intellectual stimulation is definitely something that drives me.”

### Sarah Wallace (’99)

Partner  
Ballard Spahr LLP

# RECENT ALUMNI ON THE IMPACT OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

ALUMNI

Recent alumni from the Colorado Law Promising Start series answer the question: “How has your professional network made a difference in your career?”

Read more in the Promising Start series at [colorado.edu/law/promising-starts](https://colorado.edu/law/promising-starts).



“When I moved back East from Colorado, it was critical to start building a professional network immediately. I was astounded by how many connections I had through friends from law school and before who were thrilled to help put me in touch with people who could offer guidance.”

**Meg Panzer ('11)**  
Claims Representative  
New York Presbyterian Hospital's Office of  
Legal Affairs and Risk Management



“I have always been good at connecting with people one-on-one, so that is how I most frequently network. As a law student, I had some very special mentors who helped me create these networking opportunities by connecting me with other lawyers in the community they knew personally and thought I might enjoy. The lawyers I met through these referrals had a huge impact on the decisions I made both during and after law school.”

**Laura McNabb ('12)**  
Associate Attorney, Commercial Litigation  
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, LLP



“Every space I occupy is an opportunity to foster new relationships and nurture old ones, to be a servant and a leader, to meaningfully contribute to that space, and to just be kind. These are the people skills that I believe ultimately make a difference in your career in the form of reputation and likability, two factors that can lead to opportunity.”

**Xakema Henderson ('14)**  
Associate Attorney, Complex  
Commercial Litigation  
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“While I've learned not to be afraid to utilize my network when I need to, I also consider helping others to be an important part of networking. Even at my vintage, I can connect people, describe my experiences, or proofread a friend's job application. Recognizing that paying it forward is more important than receiving advice or introductions makes networking much more comfortable.”

**Abigail Wallach ('15)**  
Associate Attorney, Civil Litigation  
Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, LLP



“I think your professional network is inseparable from your career. What are careers if not successive and expanding networks of professional relations? Networking is critically important for developing a career, but I don't think it works if you're doing it solely to get your first job (or the next one). I think of networking more as building relationships—friendships—with people who have similar professional interests or perspectives.”

**John H. Cook IV ('15)**  
In-house Counsel  
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“Networking literally got me my job. I remember all the networking sessions at Colorado Law. The message was often: ‘Put yourself out there and keep trying and you will be amazed at what happens.’ I'm not afraid to admit I didn't believe that when I was in school. Now, I am a networking evangelist. I preach networking to everyone. Even if you have a job, there is simply no better way to learn about the field than just meeting people and picking their brain.”

**Tyler Thompson ('15)**  
In-house Counsel  
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# LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI BOARD CHAIR

DARLA DANIEL ('01)

## Dear Colorado Law Alumni,

It is an honor to chair the Law Alumni Board during the University of Colorado Law School's 125th year. I joined the Law Alumni Board in 2013, and it has been a fantastic learning experience to serve alongside such committed alumni, helping Dean Anaya and Dean Weiser bring their visions for Colorado Law to life.



**L-R: Immediate Past Chair Lucy Stark ('98), Chair-Elect Siddhartha Rathod ('07), and Chair Darla Daniel ('01).**

I am very excited about Dean Anaya's commitments for Colorado Law—increasing diversity, promoting our outstanding faculty and their cutting-edge scholarship, and growing the law school's reputation both nationally and internationally—all while preserving Colorado Law's existing dedication to public service and access to justice. It is a tall order, particularly when state support comes in at just over 4 percent of the law school's funding.

The students at Colorado Law are truly remarkable—and they seem to grow more so each year. This year, board members had several opportunities to “talk up” the law school and help recruit admitted students. We were all blown away by the backgrounds, caliber, and character of these students. They inspired us with great optimism for our future.

Significantly, at a time when law schools across the country are experiencing decreases in applications, Colorado Law saw a 38 percent increase in applications for the 2016–17 academic year and held strong for 2017–18. The word is out that Colorado Law is a special place.

Colorado Law's low student-to-faculty ratio allows students to develop personal interactions with faculty members, enhancing their learning experiences while engaging with them on research projects. This is one of the things I loved most about law school (and I know that I am a better lawyer, more careful listener, and more diligent researcher because of it). Did you know that members of the Colorado Law faculty have published 22 major books since 2015? Did you know that you can follow a favorite faculty member's research projects and papers online at [colorado.edu/law/facultypubs](http://colorado.edu/law/facultypubs) and [colorado.edu/law/ssrn](http://colorado.edu/law/ssrn)?

As Deans Anaya and Weiser have shared with us many times, recruiting the best students and retaining the best faculty requires funding. There is so much good being done at Colorado Law. We as alumni all have a responsibility to “pay it forward” to ensure this good work continues. I encourage each of you to look through a recent *Amicus* (past issues available at [colorado.edu/law/alumni-magazine](http://colorado.edu/law/alumni-magazine)) and let yourself be inspired. Find something you can do to give back. Have coffee with a prospective student, mentor a 3L, work on a class reunion, help fund a scholarship or endowed chair, give to Dean Anaya's new LILAC program, put Colorado Law in your estate plan, judge a mock trial, serve on a panel, or if you can, hire a Colorado Law graduate! Find ways to get involved at [colorado.edu/law/volunteer](http://colorado.edu/law/volunteer) or reach out to Alumni Relations at [lawalum@colorado.edu](mailto:lawalum@colorado.edu).

Sincerely,

**Darla Daniel**  
*Law Alumni Board Chair*

## Law Alumni Board Members

The Law Alumni Board is made up of 27 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 2017–18 board chair is Darla Daniel, and the chair-elect is Siddhartha Rathod.

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**Andrea Wang** ('01), U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Colorado  
**Maureen Weston** ('92), Pepperdine University School of Law

The Honorable **John J. Tobin ('49)** died at age 93 on June 24, 2016, after a long illness. Tobin was appointed to the bench in 1951 and served as a municipal judge in Fort Collins for 38 years before retiring. Prior to his career as a judge, Tobin flew as a P-47 pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years. He joined the Fort Collins firm of Fancher Sarchet in 1949. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Edie; children John Jr., Bob, and Mary; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

The Honorable **Merle R. Knous ('51)** died at the age of 92 on April 9, 2017. Knous was the son of William Lee Knous (1911), former Colorado governor, state supreme court justice, state legislator, and U.S. district judge. Merle Knous was a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 until 1946. Following his service, he received his law degree and went on to work for the Denver Tramway, Sun Oil, and the U.S. Attorney's Office before being appointed a Denver district court judge, where he served for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Burdette; and children Douglas, James, and Nancy.

**Dale M. Harlan ('52)** died at age 92 on March 21, 2017. Harlan served in the U.S. Army and Parachute Infantry during World War II. He practiced law in Oregon for over 40 years, serving two terms in the Oregon legislature and as Clackamas County commissioner for two terms. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Estle; children Janice Harlan-Raisl, David, James (Lise), and Nancy Harlan Crean (Chris); stepchildren Randy Butler (Joan) and Cindy Bieker (Jeff); siblings Grace Maguire and Ron; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

**Gerald Webb "Jerry" Bennett Jr. ('53)** died peacefully surrounded by his wife and two of his daughters on January 29, 2017, at the age of 89. Before attending Colorado Law, Bennett served in the U.S. Navy toward the end of World War II. After graduation, he practiced law in Colorado Springs for 56 years, focusing on plaintiffs' cases. Bennett is survived by his wife, Edwina Fawsett Bennett; children Kate, Jeb, Molly Mohseni, Fred, Jodie, and Gena Deegan; stepchildren Susan Biggs, David Shapard, and Elizabeth Feil; brother Charles Bennett; 10 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

On May 13, 2017, **Cyril Francis "Frank" Damon Jr. ('53)** passed away at the age of 90. Damon was a founding partner of Damon Shigekane, Hawaii's first interracial law firm. Following his service in the U.S. Navy, Damon earned his degree and returned to Hawaii. Beginning in private practice, Damon transitioned briefly to public service before opening his own firm in 1963, where his practice focused on estate planning, wills, and trusts. Damon is survived by his wife, Katherine; sons Allen (Delphine), Hugh, Thomas, and Andrew (Vanessa); stepchildren Sidney Wiecking, David Baker, and James Baker; and eight grandchildren.

**William E. "Bill" Russell ('53)** passed away November 14, 2016. Russell grew up in Denver, where he later practiced law and made many lifelong friends. Russell is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jane; daughters Rebecca, Kathryn, and Diane; and four grandchildren.

**Frederick J. Pattridge ('55)** died at the age of 86 on January 3, 2017. Pattridge was born in Denver and grew up in Lakewood. Before attending Colorado Law, he studied at Loyola Marymount and Regis universities. Pattridge began his law career in Golden, where he practiced as an attorney for 37 years. He is survived by his children Mark (Cathy), Nancy Waring (Bruce), Kent (Laura), and Blake (Michelle); sister Joann Andrews; and four grandchildren.

**William E. "Bill" Clark ('59)** died peacefully in his sleep on April 19, 2017, at the age of 86. Clark served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War before attending Colorado Law. After graduating, he practiced law for 40 years in Aspen. For eight years Clark served on the Aspen School Board, and he was a member of the Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees for six years. He also acted as a founding member of the Aspen Pitkin Employee Housing Board, participated in the Pitkin County Airport Authority, and served on the board of directors of the Aspen Snowmass Council of the Arts. Clark is survived by his wife, Lois; son Tim; brother Paul; and four grandchildren.

**Arnold C. Wegher ('61)** died at age 85 on January 6, 2017. Wegher served in the military for over 43 years, participating in the Michigan National Guard, Naval Reserve, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, and U.S. Navy. His legal career spanned more than 50 years and included serving 28 years as the Honorary Consul General for the Federal Republic of Austria. His community involvement included serving on the Colorado Law Alumni Board, as well as many other legal organizations. Wegher is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children Anna (Larry), Jannette (Paul), Mary (Frank), Gary (Celeste), Vincent (Heather Hartung), and Katherine (Haney); nine grandchildren; and other extended family.

**Donald Alfred Houlehan ('64)** passed away at age 82 on January 7, 2017. After graduating with his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, Houlehan served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant, battery commander, and battalion staff officer, and he remained in the active reserve until 1956. At Colorado Law, he earned both LLB and JD degrees and served as editor of the *University of Colorado Law Review*. After graduation, he co-coordinated Colorado Law Alumni Class of 1964 reunions and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Bar Association for 50 years of notable law practice and engagement. Houlehan is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Courtad-Houlehan; children Michael, Mary, Megan (Richard), and Kathleen; brother-in-law Dr. Charles Courtad (Jeanette); niece and nephew Finn and Brigid Courtad; and two grandchildren.



## IN MEMORIAM, CONT.

**Charles F. “Chuck” Murray (’64)** passed away February 14, 2017, at the age of 81. Murray obtained an undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado as a member of Delta Upsilon and served in the U.S. Navy before returning to Boulder to graduate with a law degree. During his career, Murray clerked for Colorado Supreme Court Justice Robert McWilliam, served as the chief trial deputy in the Denver District Attorney’s Office, and practiced privately. Murray is survived by his wife, Carole; daughter, Melissa Kruse (Rich); brothers-in-law John Sarconi and Tony Sarconi (Gerry); a granddaughter; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The Honorable **Sheldon Lynn Shepherd (’64)** passed away at age 83 on September 24, 2016. Shepherd served in the U.S. Air Force Intelligence for four years after graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University. Following his time in the service, Shepherd began studying for a law degree at Kansas University, where he met his wife, Gail. The couple shared 56 years of marriage, and Shepherd completed his degree at Colorado Law. For 12 years, Shepherd practiced law as an attorney at Faricy, Tursi, Phelps, Shepherd and Ballas in Pueblo. He later became an administrative judge for the federal government. Shepherd is survived by his wife; sons Kirk and Spencer (Debbie); and two grandchildren.

**Jack Hyatt (’68)** died surrounded by family and friends on March 11, 2017, at age 75. Together with his childhood friends and Colorado Law classmates Norm Brownstein (’68) and Steve Farber (’68), Hyatt founded one of Colorado’s largest law firms, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP. Hyatt retired as a partner in the firm in 1991, but the firm kept his name in the title because of his continued leadership and integrity. He was a devoted family man, colleague, and friend. Hyatt is survived by his wife, Andrea; daughters Holly, Hope, and Alyson; a nephew; and three grandchildren.

**Burt L. Snyder (’70)** passed away from heart failure on August 8, 2016. Snyder attended the University of Hawaii for his undergraduate studies before coming to Colorado Law. After graduation, he returned to Hawaii where he co-founded the law firm Kelso, Spencer, Snyder & Stirling. He and his wife retired to Texas in 2015. Snyder is survived by his wife of 32 years, Polly Uhl Snyder; children Nathan and Austin;

brothers Bob and Chip; and extended family members.

The Honorable **John Coughlin (’72)** passed away at age 70 on February 9, 2017. Coughlin served as a Denver County Court judge for five years and on the Denver District Court for 20 years. After retirement, he remained active in law through the Judicial Arbitrator Group, where he worked until he died. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Riede Coughlin; daughter Courtney Cochrane (Thomas); sons Sean and Matthew (Sarah); brother Dennis (Sharon); sister-in-law Mary Helen; and six grandchildren.

**Mark Patrick Shuman (’80)** died of prostate cancer at age 64 on January 6, 2017. After a 25-year career in the Division of Corporation Finance at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, he retired in 2016 from his position as legal branch chief in the division’s Office of Information Technologies & Services. Throughout his career, Shuman devoted himself to ensuring public disclosures and compliance with federal securities laws, and was a trusted friend and mentor to numerous SEC attorneys. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jay; daughters Rachel and Molly; brother Todd (Debbie); as well as cherished cousins and extended family.

**Jacqueline E. Bell (’95)** died of cardiac arrest on February 24, 2017, at the age of 47. Following graduation from law school, Bell practiced environmental law in Seattle. Later, she moved back to her hometown of Spokane, Washington, where she worked at the Coeur d’Alene Humane Society, the Spokane County Animal Shelter, St. Joseph’s Family Center, and, most recently, the Spokane YMCA, where she used her law experience to work with disadvantaged adults and families. Bell is survived by her parents, Mike and Linda; siblings Karen Crumb (Patrick), Tony, Ed (Erin), Brad DePew (Kristin), and Brett DePew (Sue); and nine nieces and nephews.

## CLASS ACTIONS

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Hapner ('17) and Venkatraj ('17)

#### 1962

The Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce presented **David Wood** ('62) with its prestigious Collins Award, recognizing long-standing contribution to the community. Wood, who grew up in Fort Collins, served as general counsel of Poudre Valley Health System and University of Colorado Health, from which he retired in 2010. He also served as outside counsel for the CSU Foundation and CSU Research Foundation.

#### 1970

The Honorable **Gary Jackson** ('70) received the 2017 Judicial Excellence Award—County Court from the Colorado Judicial Institute. Jackson is a judge on the Denver County Court, a position to which he was appointed in 2013. He will be honored at the Judicial Excellence for Colorado Dinner in October.

#### 1971

**W. Harold "Sonny" Flowers** ('71) received the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association's Outstanding Service to CTLA Award in May 2017. Flowers is a litigator with Boulder's Hurth, Sisk & Blake-more LLC, and is a member of the Colorado Law Alumni Board.

The Colorado Judicial Institute selected the Honorable **John Popovich Jr.** ('71) as the recipient of its 2017 Judicial Excellence Award—District Court. Popovich served as a judge in the 17th Judicial District from 1986 until his retirement in May 2017. He will be honored at the Judicial Excellence for Colorado Dinner in October.

#### 1973

The Colorado Lawyers Committee honored **David Stark** ('73) with its Outstanding Sustained Contribution Award at its 2017 Awards Luncheon in May. The award recognizes his longstanding support and extensive involvement with the organization. A partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, Stark has more than 43 years of trial experience in the areas of professional responsibility, natural resources, securities fraud, intellectual property, banking, and energy. Stark is a member of the Colorado Law Alumni Board.

#### 1975

**Stephen Cook** ('75) has partnered with Brian Bradford and Jason Levy to launch Cook, Bradford & Levy, LLC, a personal injury law firm handling catastrophic injury and nursing home negligence litigation.

#### 1976

*Knoll*, the latest book by **Stephen H. Hillard** ('76), was published in June 2017. The story is loosely based on a real series of people, circumstances, and events that occurred in north Louisiana in 1963. Its fictional setting, Junction City, is based on Grand Junction, Colorado, where Hillard spent much of his upbringing and currently resides.

The Colorado Bar Association recognized **Rich Krohn** ('76) with its 2016 Richard N. Doyle CLE Award of Excellence for his dedication and extraordinary contributions to the CBA's CLE programs and publications. Krohn is a partner at Dufford, Waldeck, Milburn & Krohn, LLP.

The Honorable **Fred Skillern** ('76) joined JAMS Dispute Resolution Systems, the largest private provider of mediation and arbitration services worldwide. Based out of the Denver Resolution Center, Skillern specializes in real estate settlement disputes.

#### 1977

The Colorado Judicial Institute recognized The Honorable **Gilbert Martinez** ('77) with its 2016 Colorado Judicial Excellence Award for Distinguished Service. Martinez, who retired from the bench over the summer, served as chief judge of the 4th Judicial District for more than two decades.

#### 1981

The Denver-based firm Buechler & Garber LLC welcomed **Michael J. Guyerson** ('81) as senior counsel. Guyerson's practice emphasizes insolvency and commercial loan restructuring; the overall representation of debtors, creditors' committees, trustees, and creditors in bankruptcy matters; commercial and bankruptcy litigation; and agricultural law.



Wood ('62)



Flowers ('71)



*Knoll* by Hillard ('76)



Guyerson ('81)



Piccone ('85)



## 1982

Boulder District Attorney **Stan Garnett** ('82) was selected to join a group of prosecutors from across the country to advise the Trump administration on marijuana policies. Created by the National District Attorneys Association, the policy group of 14 district attorneys will issue advisements on possible law or policy changes regarding marijuana.

At a meeting at the Colorado Bar Association offices, **Ron Sandgrund** ('82) was recognized for his years of service to The Colorado Lawyer Advisory Board.

## 1983

**Madeline Meacham** ('83) began a new job as county attorney of Washington County, Colorado. Meacham worked for 30 years as a deputy county attorney for Boulder County, a position from which she retired about three years ago.

## 1984

The Colorado Water Trust appointed **Wayne Forman** ('84) to its board of directors. He will serve a three-year term. A shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP in Denver, Forman has practiced water law in Colorado for more than 30 years.

## 1985

ON Semiconductor, where **Sonny Cave** ('85) serves as executive VP, general counsel, chief risk officer, and chief compliance and ethics officer, received Ethisphere's "Most Ethical Company" distinction for the second consecutive year. Cave has lent his expertise in legal ethics to Colorado Law by speaking to students as part of our participation in the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative. Cave and his wife, Stefanie Workman, established a fund to support ethics programming at Colorado Law in 2015 and recently doubled their financial commitment to the fund.

The Honorable **Marsha M. Piccone** ('85) is now a partner at the Denver office of Rollin Braswell Fisher LLC. Piccone is a former trial lawyer and Colorado Court of Appeals judge. Her practice focuses on appellate law, complex commercial litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and product liability litigation.

## 1986

After 30 years as a trial lawyer and 23 years running his own practice, **Darren Cantor** ('86) stepped into a new role as deputy director of Colorado's Alternate Defense Counsel in March 2017.

## 1987

Four years into retirement from the Colorado Law faculty, **Al Canner** ('87) has stepped into a new persona as a fiber artist. In the past year, his knotted cord sculptures were selected to appear in two international, contemporary fine craft exhibits, CraftForms 2016 in Philadelphia and the Handweavers Guild of America's Small

Expressions in Houston, at which his work won third place. Three of his landscapes, honoring Professor Charles Wilkinson, are on long-term display on the fourth floor of the Wolf Law Building.

## 1991

**Christine Craigmile** ('91) joined Nixon Shefrin Hensen Ogburn, P.C. as a shareholder. She will continue to focus her practice on medical and hospital malpractice defense, health law, correctional health care defense, and nursing home and long-term care liability defense.

The National Judicial College honored the multinational firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP in April with its Advancement of Justice Award. Six Greenberg Traurig lawyers, including CEO **Brian Duffy** ('91), were honored on the firm's behalf. Duffy served as co-president and chair of the firm's Global Litigation Department from 2009 to 2013. His practice focuses on trial and appellate work, primarily in the areas of class action, employment, energy, commercial contract, and product liability.

The partners of Spencer Fane LLP elected **Ron Fano** ('91), managing partner of the Denver office, to the firm's executive committee, which is responsible for determining the strategic future of the firm. Fano's practice areas include labor and employment, litigation and dispute resolution, employment litigation, and corporate law.

## 1992

The city council of Missoula, Montana, made history when it became the first female-majority city council in Missoula's history. **Gwen Jones** ('92) serves as a council member.

## 1994

**Vance Knapp** ('94) joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as a partner. He has more than 20 years of experience representing employers in internal investigations, employee terminations, and ADA accommodation issues, in addition to responding to discrimination and harassment claims. A former prosecutor in the Denver City Attorney's Office, Knapp has tried more than 300 cases.

Gov. Hickenlooper appointed the Honorable **John Scipione** ('94) to the Arapahoe County Court bench in the 18th Judicial District. He previously served as a magistrate judge in the 18th Judicial District, where he handled a felony intake docket.

## 1995

Denver District Attorney **George Brauchler** ('95) was promoted from lieutenant colonel to colonel in the Colorado Army National Guard on March 5, 2017.



Cantor ('86)



Fiber art of Canner ('87)



Craigmile ('91)



Duffy ('91)



Jones ('92)

Higgins, Hopkins, McLain & Roswell, LLC announced that **Mark Honhart** ('95) joined the firm as special counsel. He represents companies and individuals on a wide array of construction and general civil litigation matters.

#### 1996

**David Johnson**, PhD ('96), joined Lathrop & Gage LLP's Boston office as of counsel, where he will practice in the firm's intellectual property group. Johnson will focus his practice primarily on biotechnology and life sciences-related matters, an area in which he brings more than 20 years of experience.

Assistant U.S. Attorney **Judy Smith** ('96) is heading up the new Cyber and National Security Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado. Formerly known as the Special Prosecutions Section, this new unit focuses on investigating and prosecuting complex crimes carried out online.

Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC Managing Director **Erica Tarpey** ('96) was named to the board of directors of the Rocky Mountain MS Center, where she will serve as a member at large. Tarpey is a business attorney who focuses her practice on corporate governance, business formation, SEC compliance, and corporate finance.

#### 1997

**Evan Husney** ('97) was promoted to partner at Foster Graham Milstein & Calisher, LLP. He focuses his practice on general corporate legal matters including mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financing transactions, contract drafting, negotiation and review, entity formation, corporate governance, joint ventures, and licensing.

#### 1998

**Carin M. Cutler** ('98) joined Ballard Spahr LLP as a partner, where she will head up the firm's expansion to a new office in Boulder. She handles corporate and securities matters, mergers and acquisitions, licensing, and strategic transactions for startups and venture capital clients. She joins the firm from Gross Cutler Seiler Dupont LLC, which she co-founded with Nathan Seiler and Steven Dupont.

Iredale and Yoo, APC congratulates **Julia Yoo** ('98) for her inclusion on Super Lawyers' lists of top 50 lawyers in San Diego and top 25 women lawyers in San Diego, as well as for her recognition by *The Best Lawyers in America*, and on the publication of her article regarding the First Amendment in the "Women in the Law" Spring Business Edition.

#### 1999

**Sean McAllister** ('99) and Daniel Garfield are pleased to announce that McAllister Law Office, P.C. is now McAllister Garfield, P.C. The firm will continue to focus on all aspects of marijuana law,

including business transactions, entity creation and governance, administrative and regulatory compliance law, real estate, and civil litigation.

#### 2000

**Erika Birch** ('00) was honored with the Walter H. Bithell Professionalism Award at the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association's 45th annual meeting and convention in Sun Valley on June 16, 2017. Named after Idaho plaintiff's lawyer Walter H. Bithell of Boise, the award recognizes commitment to integrity, excellence, and professionalism as a lawyer in interactions with clients, colleagues, judges, and staff.

The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association recognized **Morgan Carroll** ('00) with its Access to Justice Award in May 2017. Carroll was elected as state party chair for the Democratic Party in March and is currently serving a two-year term in that role.

**Keith Fuicelli** ('00) received the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association's Consumer Protection Award in May 2017. He is co-founder of the criminal defense and personal injury law firm Fuicelli & Lee, P.C.

**Tara A. Ohler** ('00) and Suzanne Epstein-Lang opened Epstein-Lang & Ohler, LLC in Richmond Heights, Missouri. Prior to opening the firm, Ohler worked with the St. Louis Circuit Court Family Drug Court, representing mothers. The firm provides holistic legal assistance and counsel to families impacted by an addicted loved one.

**Dianne Van Voorhees** ('00) joined The Harris Law Firm, P.C. as an associate, where her practice will focus on family law cases. She is also an advocate for Native American community members with domestic relations matters.

#### 2001

**Darla Daniel** ('01) began a new job as special counsel at Balson & Faix, LLP. Her practice emphasizes estate planning, tax planning, and estate and tax administration.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center honored **Ryan Haygood** ('01) with its Visionary of the Future award at the organization's annual Keeping the Dream Celebration in January 2017. The award recognizes a community member whose work and deeds reflect the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream and pursuit of racial justice. Haygood is president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice.

Gov. Hickenlooper appointed the Honorable **Craig Welling** ('01) to serve as a judge for the Colorado Court of Appeals. Welling previously served as a district court judge for the 17th Judicial District, where he presided over a criminal docket. Welling had been on the 17th District bench since 2010.



**Husney ('97)**



**Yoo ('98)**



**Birch ('00)**



**Carroll ('00)**



**Haygood ('01)**



## 2003

Gov. Hickenlooper appointed **Jacki Cooper Melmed** ('03) to serve as chair of the Governor's Board of Ethics. She is chief legal counsel for Hickenlooper.

Husch Blackwell LLP announced that **Joseph E. Lubinski** ('03) joined the firm as a partner in its real estate, development, and construction industry group. Lubinski specializes in the area of complex real estate financing.

**David Pacheco** ('03) was named affirmative action officer for the University of Colorado Boulder Department of Human Resources. Pacheco has been a member of the CU Boulder community for over 16 years. He spent two years as a research attorney in the Office of University Counsel and served as acting affirmative action officer in HR from 2011 to 2013.

## 2004

**Benjamin Fernandez** ('04) was named to the *Denver Business Journal's* 2017 40 under 40 list, which recognizes people who represent the next generation of promising Denver leaders. Fernandez is a partner at WilmerHale, where he helped build the firm's intellectual property practice in Colorado. He handles complex intellectual property issues.

**Zachary P. Mugge** ('04) and **Jared A. Seidenberg** ('04) are pleased to announce the launch of Antero Law, LLC, a full-service civil law firm that handles a wide variety of matters specializing in business and corporate matters, litigation and dispute resolution, real estate, general and in-house counsel, and estate planning.

The Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce honored **Meshach Rhoades** ('04) as one of its 2017 Top 25 Most Powerful Women. In its fifth year, this annual celebration and event recognizes the achievements of 25 women from the Denver metro community who serve as role models for other business women based on their accomplishments as leaders in business, visionaries, and ground-breakers who inspire others. Rhoades is a partner in the litigation practice group at Armstrong Teasdale LLP.

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP announced that shareholder **Evan M. Rothstein** ('04) has been elected to the Special Olympics Colorado Board of Directors. Rothstein practices intellectual property law, handling challenging patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret matters.

## 2005

BizWest named **Eli Feldman** ('05) to its Boulder Valley 40 under 40 class of 2017. The annual awards ceremony, which was held in March, recognizes the best and brightest of emerging leaders in Boulder and Broomfield counties. Feldman is founder and president of the private equity firm Conscience Bay Company.

**Jeffrey M. Lipppa** ('05) was named of counsel at Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Lipppa is a trial attorney focusing on complex commercial litigation and appeals.

## 2006

Faegre Baker Daniels LLP elevated **Sarah Kellner** ('06) to partner. Her practice focuses on complex real estate litigation and eminent domain matters, as well as class action disputes.

Senn Visciano Canges P.C. announced that **Julia W. Koren** ('06) became a director of the firm. Her practice will continue to focus on commercial real estate transactions.

**Rita P. Sanzgiri** ('06) was named shareholder at Sheridan Ross P.C. Sanzgiri, who joined the firm in 2008, is a registered patent attorney whose practice includes all aspects of domestic and foreign patent preparation and prosecution, re-examination proceedings, patentability and freedom-to-operate opinions, due diligence reviews, and patent litigation support.

## 2007

**Adam Kendall** ('07) joined the firm Jones & Keller as special counsel. He specializes in commercial litigation as well as white-collar crime and government investigations.

## 2008

Childs McCune attorney **Margrit Lent Parker** ('08) and her husband, Scott Parker, welcomed son Logan Parker to their family on September 18, 2016.

The Nebraska Attorney General's Office named **Meghan Stoppel** ('08) chief of its Consumer Protection Bureau. Stoppel served for eight years as an assistant attorney general in the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the Kansas Attorney General's Office and has experience in a variety of consumer protection, data privacy, and antitrust matters.

**Doug Vilsack** ('08) stepped down from his position as executive director of the Posner Center for International Development at the end of 2016 to become legislative liaison at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. In this new role, he manages the department's communications with members of the General Assembly and is charged with influencing statutory changes that impact the state's management of natural resources.

## 2009

**Tiffany Todd** ('09) began a new job as associate counsel at Arrow Electronics. She previously worked at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, where she focused her practice on employment law.



Lubinski ('03)



Pacheco ('03)



Seidenberg ('04) and Mugge ('04)



Kellner ('06)



Parker ('08)

**Matthew J. Weeber** ('09) joined the Denver firm Markussen, Green & Jarvis as an associate. His practice is focused on civil litigation, with emphasis on defending personal injury, construction defect, and business dispute matters throughout Colorado.

## 2010

**Craig Campos** ('10) joined the Fort Collins office of Ritsema & Lyon, P.C., as an associate. He practices exclusively in the area of workers' compensation defense.

## 2011

**Halleh Tabrizi Omid** ('11) was promoted to shareholder at McGuane and Hogan, P.C. She focuses her practice on family law.

**Louis B. Savage** ('11) joined the corporate department of Proskauer Rose LLP as registered foreign lawyer. Based in Hong Kong, his practice focuses on Asian private equity, mergers and acquisitions, private investment funds, and general corporate matters.

## 2012

After two and a half years as deputy state director for Americans for Prosperity, **Michael Fields** ('12) began a new role as senior director of issue education for the Americans for Prosperity Foundation. Fields previously worked as a policy aide at the Colorado State House and as a press aide for the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions under U.S. Sen. Mike Enzi.

**Tacy Hass** ('12) joined the Seattle office of Foster Pepper PLLC. As an associate in the firm's environmental practice, she focuses on federal and state environmental law, with a particular emphasis on water law and natural resources matters.

**Jason Obold** ('12) and **Caitlin Stafford** ('15) welcomed their daughter, Eleanor Medora Obold, on December 27, 2016, in Boulder.

## 2013

Otis, Bedingfield & Peters, LLC attorney **Nate Wallshein** ('13) was appointed to the board of The Matthews House. Wallshein's practice at the firm focuses on complex commercial litigation, probate litigation, and appeals.

On November 1, 2016, **Myles S. Johnson** ('13) and **Genet T. Johnson** ('14) welcomed the arrival of Graham Maynard Johnson, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, 21.5 inches.

## 2014

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP associate **Kevin Duffy** ('14) was appointed to the Family HomeStead Board of Directors. In this position, Duffy will aid the board in providing general and strategic oversight to the organization. Duffy practices in the firm's intellectual property group with a focus on patent law.

**Julie Jacobs** ('14) announced the establishment of Julie A. Jacobs, P.C., a small legal practice serving the needs of mental health providers in Colorado whose services include mental health practice setup, mental health practice forms, risk management and ethics consultations, and mental health practice maintenance.

**Alison Lipman** ('14) joined the firm Johnson & Repucci, LLP as an associate, where she will practice primarily in the areas of real estate, land use and environmental, and business law.

## 2015

**Laurence I. Gendelman** ('15) is pleased to announce the opening of the Gendelman Law Group, LLC. The firm provides counsel in probate, trusts, estates, digital assets, and family law.

Working on behalf of the Colorado Prairie Initiative, **Trevor Pellerite** ('15) and **Harmon Zuckerman** ('15) helped bring a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture and its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for unlawfully killing prairie dogs. The group claimed that the Department of Agriculture has poisoned 123,000 prairie dogs in Colorado and shot another 39,000 without doing a proper environmental assessment. Founded in 2014, the Colorado Prairie Initiative advocates for the conservation and restoration of prairie ecosystems throughout eastern Colorado.

**Zach Siegel** ('15), an associate at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, was appointed to the No Kid Hungry Colorado Impact Council. In this role, Siegel will help build the visibility of the organization, assist with fundraising, and help individuals, children, and families facing hunger and food insecurity. Siegel focuses his law practice on retail and development.

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP announced that associate **Kathleen C. Snow** ('15) has joined the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management Rocky Mountain Chapter Board of Directors. Snow will advise the organization on sponsorship, membership, programs, webinars, and other events. She focuses her law practice on corporate, business, and health care matters.

Stahly LLC announced that **Chelsea Vonu** ('15) joined the firm as an associate. She practices family law.



**Omid** ('11)



**Hass** ('12)



**Child of Obold** ('12) and **Stafford** ('15)



**Duffy** ('14)



**Gendelman** ('15)

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# GROWING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

ALUMNI

BY CHARLES BEDFORD ('92)

REGIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR-ASIA PACIFIC  
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY  
HONG KONG

My 13-year-old daughter, Carter, a sixth-generation Coloradan, has grown up between Beijing, Hong Kong, and Leadville, Colorado. Her classmates come from 58 countries, and she has been speaking Mandarin with a Beijing accent since she was 6 years old. Her friends are of “mixed” nationalities: Canadian-Hong Kong, British-Jamaican, Welsh-Mexican. Vacations for us mean trekking in nature with her friends and our families in Nepal or Japan where they connect with local kids—they’ve walked the Barkhor Circuit with pilgrims in Lhasa and played volleyball with Sherpa kids on the Annapurna Circuit. It’s an unusual upbringing, yet it all seems normal to Carter—she’s as global as it comes in this globalized world.

Living away from home and family in the U.S. has its downsides, but we’re privileged to have this opportunity. We hope that the ability to move seamlessly between cultures and languages, to appreciate the differences between West and East rather than bemoan them, and to navigate across unfamiliar landscapes will serve Carter well in a world that has become both decentralized and inextricably connected. We may want to return to Rockwell’s culturally monolithic and insulated America, but this nostalgia will impede our progress as a nation and as a species.

Globalization and technology have a momentum that is unstoppable—on the one hand, they’ve raised nearly 400 million people in China from rural poverty into the middle class; but it’s also caused the deforestation of Indonesia, Brazil, and Africa; the depletion of ocean fisheries like tuna and cod; and climate change—complex problems that already affect all of us. How we respond to that as individuals, companies, nations, and as a global community will determine whether the world that our children inherit can sustain Carter and her friends. It’s going to require a global mindset, global skills, and a nimbleness of character to forge solutions to these problems.

My own realization of the importance of global connections and sense of place in the larger world started young, my curiosity encouraged by my parents and teachers. I learned French, then Latin, attended Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, traveled around Europe, North Africa, and Latin America, and ended up back in Colorado (Chief Niwot’s curse?) to study law. In law, I could see that great mashup of culture and values, a common thread to history that connects to individuals and reflects trends and global progress.

In law school, Professor **Rick Collins** told us that all international law was really local—paraphrasing former U.S. Speaker of the House Tip O’Neill—in the sense that all nations had to agree to it. That’s especially true with the Law of the Sea, an international law that grew out of the gradual expansion, country by country, of their assertions of jurisdiction over territorial waters. The treaty was designed to tackle one of mankind’s great tragedy-of-the-commons issues—unregulated open-ocean fishing. We’ve become so efficient at fishing that we are eating tomorrow’s dinner today. That law, which took 20 years to negotiate, is now almost 25 years old. The advance of fishing methods and scale, as well as technological progress, now offer hope to solve this problem, but only with amendments that allow for better management and more efficient enforcement of the law by countries working together.

For Carter, and all our children and their families, to have a chance to thrive, we must have a more globally aware and literate society as well as political and business leaders who can operate in complex environments and solve complex problems. We won’t survive by turning inward, by cynicism or ignorance. The conversations I had over Professor **Charles Wilkinson**’s natural resources, Professor **Gene Nichol**’s federal courts, and Professor **Emily Calhoun**’s civil liberties are my global building blocks: critical thinking, an appreciation for the strength of diversity, and a sensitivity to how law affects people. Colorado Law built a foundation for my professional life with The Nature Conservancy, working across Asia and the Pacific to help people find solutions to the complicated environmental problems that impact us all.



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March 8, 2018

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