Your journey starts here.
With our roots in Colorado and a global outlook, we are advancing knowledge about the law.

"Law school is where you discover your passions and learn through critical thinking, constant testing of assumptions, search of knowledge, listening, and the lively exchange of ideas. I invite you to come make a difference with us."

Dean S. James Anaya
University Distinguished Professor

6.2:1 student-to-faculty ratio

9 legal clinics

3 research centers

3 student-led journals

Top 10 natural resources and environmental law program
(U.S. News & World Report, 2021)

Best value law school
(National Jurist, 2019)

100+ undergraduate institutions represented by our diverse student body

32 countries where Colorado Law graduates work

#5 best law school quality of life
(Princeton Review, 2019)

#1 state economy
(U.S. News & World Report, 2019)
An impressive, all-around legal education.

Our relevant and challenging curriculum prepares you to thrive in a variety of sectors and settings.

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**Certificates**

- American Indian Law
- Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law and Policy
- Entrepreneurial Law
- Health Law and Policy
- Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Environment, Policy, and Society (offered through CU’s Environmental Studies program)
- International Law
- Juvenile and Family Law
- Tax Emphasis

**Academic Areas of Excellence**

- American Indian Law
- Entrepreneurial and Business Law
- Juvenile and Family Law
- Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law
- Public Service Law
- Technology and Intellectual Property Law
First-year Courses

Fall
- Civil Procedure
- Conflict of Laws
- Legal Writing I
- Legislation and Regulation
- Torts

Spring
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Legal Writing II
- Property

1L Electives Offered
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Public Policy
- Foundations of Legal Research
- Framing and Legal Narrative
- Legal Analysis
- Legal Research, Professionalism, and Critical Problem Solving

2L/3L Required Courses
- Evidence
- Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- Transactorial Drafting
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Constitutional Law
- Capital Punishment in America
- Computer Crime
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
- Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
- Domestic Violence
- Jury Selection and History
- Juvenile Justice
- Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
- Prosecutor's Role in Criminal Justice

Elective Courses

NOTE: Not all courses are offered each year. This is a composite list of the last three years of course offerings and new course approvals.

- American Indian Law
- American Indian Law I
- American Indian Law II
- American Indian Law Clinic
- Cultural Property

- Business Law
- Accounting and Bankruptcy
- Accounting Issues for Lawyers
- Advanced Transactional Drafting
- Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy
- Business Associations
- Business Planning
- Business and Human Rights
- Compliance
- Construction Law
- Corporations
- Deals
- Deals Law: Mergers and Acquisitions
- Deals Law: Securities
- Deals Lab: Venture Capital
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Ethical Organizations and Professionals
- Ethics Compliance Capitol
- Insurance Law
- Introduction to In-House Practice
- Law and Economics of Utility Regulation
- Law & Mathematics
- Law Practice Management
- Lawyers and Acquisitions
- Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Seminar: Advanced Corporate Law
- Seminar: Counseling Families in Business
- Sports Law

- Transactional Drafting
- Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Criminal Law
- Capital Punishment in America
- Computer Crime
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
- Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process
- Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase
- Domestic Violence
- Jury Selection and History
- Juvenile Justice
- Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure
- Prosecutor's Role in Criminal Justice
- Seminar: Advanced Criminal Justice
- Seminar: Criminal Law in Context
- Seminar: Gender and Criminal Justice
- Seminar: Theory of Punishment
- White Collar Crime
- Wrongful Conviction

- Family and Juvenile Law
- Domestic Violence
- Elder Law
- Family Law
- Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
- Juvenile Justice
- Parent, Child, and State
- Seminar: Comparative Family Law
- Seminar: Counseling Families in Business

- Health Law
- Bioethics and Law
- Corporate Transactions in Health Law
- Health Care Compliance
- Health Law and Policy
- Access, Cost, Quality, Choice
- Health Law II
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Public Health Law and Ethics

- Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications
- Computer Crime

- Copyright
- Cybersecurity
- Information Privacy and Cybersecurity
- Intellectual Property Counseling and Licensing
- Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation
- Seminar: Advanced Information Privacy
- Seminar: Computers and the Law
- Seminar: Law and Economics of the Information Age
- Special Topics in Intellectual Property
- Specialized Legal Research
- Intellectual Property
- Tech Policy Advocacy
- Technical and Engineering Knowledge in Litigation
- Technology Law and Policy
- Technology of Privacy
- Telecommunications Law and Policy
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

- International
- Business and Human Rights
- Conflict of Laws
- Foundations of International Legal Thought
- Human Rights in Regional Systems
- Africa
- Human Rights in Regional Systems: The Inter-American System
- Indigenous Peoples in International Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Dispute Resolution
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- International Trade Law
- International Trade Litigation
- Introduction to Islamic Law
- Seminar: International Human Rights
- Seminar: U.S. National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change
- Seminar: Special Topics in International Law: Racism
- Specialized Legal Research
- International Labor
- Employment, and Immigration Law
- Disability Rights
- Employee Benefits and Compensation Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Immigration and Citizenship Law
- Labor Law
- Refugee and Asylum Law
- Seminar: Citizenship
- Wage and Litigation

- Legal Theory
- Advanced Torts
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Economics of American Legal System
- Jurisprudence
- Problem-Solving, Professional Judgment, and Decision Making
- Problem-Solving and Writing
- Seminar: Class and Law
- Seminar: Constitutional Theory
- Seminar: Criminal Law in Context
- Seminar: Critical Law and Economics
- Seminar: Equality, Speech, and Religion
- Constitutional Values in Tension
- Seminar: Fascism and the Liberal State
- Seminar: Jurisprudence
- Seminar: Law and Feminism
- Seminar: Poverty and Inequality in Comparative Perspective
- Seminar: Problems in Constitutional Law
- Seminar: Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion
- Seminar: Theory of Punishment
- Supreme Court Decision Making

- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Advanced Appellate Advocacy
- Advanced Trial Advocacy
- Appellate Advocacy Practicum
- Arbitration
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Deposition Skills
- Evidence and Trial Practice
- Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial
- Judicial Opinion Writing
- Jury Selection and History
- Legal Negotiation
- Mediation
- Motions Advocacy
- Remedies
- Trial Advocacy

- Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Energy Justice
- Energy Law and Regulation
- Environmental and Climate Justice
- Environmental Decision Making
- Environmental Justice and Law
- Environmental Law
- Foundations of Natural Resources
- Law and Policy
- International Environmental Law
- Mining and Mineral Development Law
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law
- Clinic
- Oil and Gas Law
- Public Land Law
- Renewable Energy Project Finance
- and Development
- Seminar: Advanced Energy Law
- Seminar: Advanced Natural Resources Law
- Seminar: Funding Climate Change
- Seminar: Oil and International Relations
- Seminar: The Law of the Colorado River
- Water Resources Law
- Wildlife and the Law

- Public Law
- Administrative Law
- Civil Rights
- Conflict of Laws
- Education and the Constitution
- Education Law
- Election Law
- Federal Courts
- First Amendment
- Food Law
- Food Law and Practice
- Foreign Corrupt Practices, Anti-Bribery, and Anti-Trafficking

- Local Government
- Poverty Health and Law Practicum
- Poverty Law
- Regulation of Marijuana
- Seminar: Access to Justice?
- The Provision of Legal Services for
- Middle- and Low-Income People
- Seminar: Citizenship
- Seminar: Constitutional Theory
- Seminar: Consumers and the Law
- Seminar: Food Law and Policy
- Seminar: Sexuality, Gender Identity, and Sexual Practice
- Clinical
- American Indian Law Clinic
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Sustainable Community Development Clinic

- Technology Law and Policy Clinic

- Property
- Cultural Property Law
- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Planning
- Real Estate Transactions
- Wills and Trusts

- Research and Writing
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Legal Writing: Fundamentals
- Advanced Legal Writing: Immigration
- Advanced Legal Writing: Persuasion
- Advanced Legal Writing: Torts
- Advanced Transactional Drafting
- Analytical Strategies
- Applied Evidence
- Colorado Legal Research
- Foreign and International Legal Research
- Foundations of Legal Research
- Judicial Opinion Writing
- Legal Imagination
- Legal Research Skills for Practice
- Research and Writing in the Regulatory State
- Seminar: Law and Literature
- Special Topics: Foreign & International
- Legal Research
- Specialized Legal Research: Intellectual
- Property
- Specialized Legal Research: International
- Specialized Legal Research: Selected Topics
- Transactional Drafting

- Taxation
- Civil Tax Controversies
- Corporate Taxation
- Estate and Gift Tax Planning
- Federal Estate and Gift Tax
- Income Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- State and Local Tax
- Tax Policy
Careers are our focus from day one.

You’ll be prepared to serve wisely and with professionalism.

During your time in law school, the career advisors in Colorado Law’s Career Development Office will get to know you and your career goals, encourage you to take an intentional and creative approach to planning your career, and give you the tools to succeed.

Our commitment to helping you excel in your professional endeavors begins with individual meetings during your first semester of law school to get to know you, learn about your career goals, and plan the next steps to your 1L summer job. Our focus is for each student to obtain at least four high-quality work experiences while in law school. In summer 2019, 96% of the Classes of 2020 and 2021 worked in substantive legal or law-related jobs.

We will connect you with employers during the academic year and the summer, and we maintain close ties with a variety of employers and work with them individually to find students and graduates who will be a good fit. Events such as the JD Pathways career conference and career speaker series will help you build a network of contacts and explore practice areas.

colorado.edu/law/careers

Employers recognize the value of a Colorado Law education, and it shows in our employment outcomes.

Class of 2019 employment*

91% of graduates reported employment.

85% of graduates employed in a full-time, long-term, non-school-funded job for which bar passage was required or a JD degree was an advantage.

80% of graduates employed in a full-time, long-term, non-school-funded job for which bar passage was required.

*All statistics reflect employment 10 months after graduation (March 18, 2020).
Your Colorado Law degree opens the door to a vast alumni network.

As a Colorado Law graduate, you will join a global network of 8,000 alumni across all 50 states, 32 countries, and six continents.

121 alumni events held across 19 cities, 2016–2020

Primary residence of at least one Colorado Law graduate
Be your whole self in law school.

When they are not learning the law, Colorado Law students take advantage of our location in one of the most beautiful places in the U.S. From hiking the Flatirons to strolling the historic Pearl Street Mall, visiting the restaurants and craft breweries of “America’s Foodiest Town,” and enjoying 300+ days of sunshine a year, there are plenty of opportunities to create a healthy work-life balance during law school.

#2 best small city in the world
(Monocle, 2019)

#1 brain concentrated area
(Bloomberg, 2018)

#1 college town in America
(Best College Reviews, 2019)

Top 20 tech town
(CompTIA, 2018)

Thriving startup community, with Colorado’s tech ecosystem consistently ranked as one of the strongest between the coasts.
Adventure awaits.

Explore opportunities in nearby Denver . . .

Just 35 minutes from campus, Denver is a top employment market for new lawyers. About **57 percent** of our alumni live and work in the metro area.

and off the beaten path.

Enjoy the best of both worlds: the convenience of the city with world-class outdoor recreation right in your backyard.

- 1-mile walk from the law school to Chautauqua Park, the starting point for dozens of hiking trails.
- 1 hour from Boulder is the stunning Rocky Mountain National Park.
- 27 ski areas in Colorado. Our local ski spot, Eldora Mountain Resort, is just 35 minutes from campus.
- 8 major professional sports teams
- 40+ museums and centers
- 20+ music venues
- 40+ museums and centers
American Indian Law
As one of the nation’s leaders in tribal law and policy, Colorado Law’s American Indian law program is the region’s convening institution for tribal leaders, advocates, scholars, and community members to address the most pressing challenges in American Indian law and policy. Our program will prepare you for all aspects of Indian law practice, whether you are interested in working in tribal governments, federal agencies, or law firms.

Entrepreneurial and Business Law
Boulder is recognized internationally as an entrepreneurial powerhouse, and Colorado Law is at the heart of this community. Whether you want to practice mergers and acquisitions at a traditional large law firm, work at the SEC, counsel a startup through a venture capital transaction, or launch your own venture, Colorado Law provides you the skills and expertise to help you succeed.

Juvenile and Family Law
Colorado Law’s juvenile and family law program covers a broad range of practice areas that connect students to specialized learning opportunities and real-world experiences in this field through in-depth courses, research projects, externships, and clinical services that provide free legal help to low-income Colorado residents.

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law
Ranked consistently among the best in the nation, Colorado Law’s natural resources, energy, and environmental law program is one of the strongest and most in-depth of its kind. Faculty members are national leaders deeply committed to creative teaching with a long-standing reputation for innovative work on water resources, climate change, and energy. Being at the base of the Rocky Mountains, you will directly interact with and explore the places, issues, and communities you will study.

Public Service Law
Public service law is central to our culture and academic offerings. Public service, both during and after law school, can involve any of a broad range of substantive areas, including civil rights law, veterans’ affairs, criminal law, consumer law, education law, environmental law, juvenile and family law, health law and policy, and immigration law, among others.

Technology and Intellectual Property Law
Colorado Law is at the forefront of technology and intellectual property law. Whether you are interested in litigation, transactional work, or policy concerns, Colorado Law has one of the most comprehensive legal programs in the nation for those interested in exploring the frontiers of entrepreneurial law, technology policy, and intellectual property.

colorado.edu/law/academics
Areas of Study Spotlight

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

Tackle today’s most pressing issues in water, climate, and energy law.

For over half a century, Colorado Law has set the gold standard for natural resources, energy, and environmental law. Our commitment to teaching and research in these areas complements the school’s physical location in the Rocky Mountain West—a region defined by its vast natural resources, public lands and parks, and many American Indian reservations.

Our innovative environmental and natural resources curriculum, with broad-based courses, specialized seminars, and hands-on practicum opportunities, provides you with the key range of competencies needed to become a multidisciplinary practitioner. We help prepare you for a successful career, from private practice to public service, and train you to be ready for a world of constant change.

Recent top employers
Colorado Attorney General’s Office, Natural Resources and Environment Section
Conservation Law Foundation
Earthjustice
Environmental Defense Fund
Grand Canyon Trust
Idaho Conservation League
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP
Moses, Wittemeyer, Harrison, and Woodruff, P.C.
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
The Nature Conservancy
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
WilmerHale
Xcel Energy

“Our students learn about the people and visit the places that gave rise to water, energy, and environmental law. They might litigate about these issues in the Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic. They might hike through Canyonlands National Park to study conflicts over road construction on public lands in the Advanced Natural Resources seminar. They might raft the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, meeting Havasupai and Navajo tribal leaders along the way, in the Law of the River course. These experiences and more are what Colorado Law offers our students.”

Sarah Krakoff
Moses Lasky Professor of Law
American Indian Law
Natural Resources and Public Land Law
Environmental Justice
Areas of Study Spotlight

Technology and Intellectual Property Law

The foundation you need to practice law in the information age.

Colorado Law provides one of the leading legal programs for information technology law and policy in the nation. Through comprehensive class offerings; hands-on clinical programs; a prestigious technology law journal; extensive internship opportunities in Colorado, Washington, D.C., and across the nation; and access to our Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, students and alumni interested in technology and IP are supported during law school and throughout their careers.

Our location in the Denver-Boulder metro area is the heart of one of the nation’s premier telecommunications and technology hubs. Colorado Law also benefits from a substantial network of alumni and supporters across the nation—from Silicon Valley to Washington, D.C., and everywhere in between.

Recent top employers
Adobe
Baker Botts LLP
CableLabs
Cisco Systems
Dish Network
Facebook
Fairfield and Woods P.C.
Federal Communications Commission
Medtronic
Merchant & Gould
Sheridan Ross P.C.
Techstars
T-Mobile
Webroot Inc.
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

“Our students develop not only the skills and connections they need to excel in their careers in technology and IP, but also receive the intellectual nourishment and exposure to cutting-edge ideas that can come only from the network of scholars and other thought leaders we provide.”

Harry Surden
Associate Professor

Patent Law
Intellectual Property
Privacy Law
Computer Science and Law
Artificial Intelligence and Law
Areas of Study Spotlight

Entrepreneurial and Business Law

Join an epicenter of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Beginning in your first year at Colorado Law, you will take advantage of a robust set of business offerings within and outside of the classroom. You will participate in transactional law and entrepreneurship competitions, learn to create value for clients in classes like Negotiations and Venture Capital, make investment decisions in early-stage startups through the student-run Deming Center Venture Fund, draft agreements for startup clients in the Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, and join a community of professionals leading the future of law, policy, and technology through our Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. We will help you to be ready on the first day of practice while also giving you the tools to solve problems creatively for clients over the length of your career.

Recent top employers
Boulder Brands
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP
Cooley LLP
Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP
DLA Piper Global Law Firm
Hogan Lovells
Holland & Hart LLP
Holland & Knight LLP
Ibotta
Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
Otter Products
Sage Law Group
Sherman & Howard L.L.C.
SRS Acquiom Inc.

“Colorado Law teaches students about what makes and breaks a business. Our classroom offerings teach students how to become a trusted counselor to companies and entrepreneurs. We have a host of other offerings that get our students directly involved in the world-class startup scene in the Boulder-Denver area. This provides Colorado Law students a powerful advantage as they head into practice and craft their careers.”

Brad Bernthal ('01)
Professor
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Venture Capital
Early Stage Finance
Innovation Policy
Strengthen your student experience through involvement with our research centers.

Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment
Founded in 1983, the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment is the oldest and preeminent law school institute in the country dedicated to natural resources law. The center works on diverse and increasingly interwoven topics, including environmental justice, climate change, public lands management, energy development, the governance of the Colorado River, and tribal resource management.
colorado.edu/law/gwc

Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship
Silicon Flatirons is an interdisciplinary research center that provides unique opportunities for students to interact with high-level attorneys, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals at the intersection of law, policy, and technology.

In addition to hosting more than 100 conferences and events annually, Silicon Flatirons offers specialized internship programs in Colorado, Washington, D.C.; the Bay Area; and elsewhere for students interested in careers in technology or startups. Students accepted into these programs gain a competitive edge with real-world experience.
siliconflatirons.org

Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law
As the cornerstone of our public service program, the White Center supports legal scholarship, expands constitutional literacy, and offers educational programming to Colorado’s public schools and teachers through community outreach. The center serves as a hub for engaging law students, judges, high school students, public school teachers, scholars, and interested citizens in our nation’s constitutional conversation.
colorado.edu/law/whitecenter
Unmatched opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at Colorado Law
Through a range of programming, including networking events, speaker series, case competitions, and new courses and curricula, the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program allows Colorado Law to make ethics and professionalism a central part of every law student’s education. By building these skills in law school, you’ll be able to seamlessly enter the working world and add value immediately.

D.C. Summer Program
Every year, Silicon Flatirons provides placement assistance for students interested in technology and communications issues to work in Washington, D.C., for the summer. Participating organizations include the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, National Emergency Number Association, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Public Knowledge, Common Cause, Verizon, AT&T, and Disney. The Hatfield Scholars Program, which runs parallel to the D.C. Summer Program, provides grants for summer internships in government or public interest positions.

Governmental Entrepreneurial Leadership Accelerator (GELA)
This first-of-its-kind program supports governments to encourage innovative problem solving to public policy challenges. The accelerator brings together employees from the city and county of Denver, city of Boulder, and state of Colorado with Colorado Law students. Following a boot camp that develops basic entrepreneurial approaches to problem solving, Colorado Law students work with government leaders to propose an innovative, yet tangible, solution to the identified challenge facing state and local governments. The accelerator concludes with Pitch Night, where fellows present their solutions to government officials in an engaging community event.

Institute for the Future of Law Practice (IFLP)
As the practice of law increasingly relies on interdisciplinary skills, IFLP provides real-world business and technology experiences that complement traditional law school curricula. The program kicks off in the spring with an intensive three-week boot camp conducted by industry leaders, followed by a paid internship with corporate legal departments, law firms, legal tech companies, and unpaid internships with public service organizations in Colorado, Silicon Valley, and elsewhere.

Korey Wise Innocence Project
The Korey Wise Innocence Project gives students the unique opportunity to assist people who believe they have been convicted despite being innocent of any offense. Colorado Law students evaluate these claims to see if there are factual and legal grounds to return to court and work with volunteer attorneys to further investigate cases.
Serving our community is at our core.

As a public institution, public service is central to our culture.

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**

LRAP provides partial loan repayment awards to graduates who choose qualifying public interest work. The program awarded 50 qualified applicants with $5,500 awards in the 2020 award year to help pay down their student loans.

**Public Service Pledge**

Incoming law students may volunteer to pledge to complete at least 50 hours of law-related public service during their time in law school. The Class of 2020 volunteered a total of 10,667 hours of public service.

**Public Service Fellowships**

Public service fellowship opportunities allow students and recent graduates to gain valuable work experience without the burden of additional financial hardship. Recent fellowship recipients worked at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, the United Nations International Law Commission, the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, public defenders’ offices, and elsewhere.

**Service opportunities**

Begin making an impact your 1L year.

**Acequia Assistance Project**

The Acequia Assistance Project is a joint effort by the Getches-Wilkinson Center, Colorado Open Lands, and the Sangre de Cristo Acequia Association to provide low- or no-cost legal representation and educational materials to acequias, traditional Hispanic irrigation communities, in southern Colorado. Students develop professional skills, receive mentorship from supervising attorneys, and assist an underrepresented Colorado community.

**Maya Land Rights and Development Project**

Law students work with Belizean indigenous organizations to help secure Maya customary land tenure and promote sustainable economic development opportunities for Maya communities.

**Immigration and Citizenship Law Program**

The program connects students interested in immigration law and policy with lawyers in the community who are involved in outreach, litigation, and policy work for externship opportunities and pro bono projects serving immigrants.

**Colorado Law Constitution Day Project**

Law students visit high school classrooms to deliver a one-day, interactive lesson on a current topic in constitutional law in honor of the nationally recognized signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17.

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Elected in November 2018 to represent Colorado’s 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. Congress, Neguse is Colorado’s first African-American congressman, one of only a few first-generation Americans to serve in Congress, and one of the youngest members of Congress in the nation.
Gain hands-on experience.
No matter your area of interest, there’s a legal clinic to help you hone your skills.

Since 1948, Colorado Law’s clinical education program has prepared students with unparalleled opportunities to practice law with actual clients. Each year about 110 students serve 400–500 clients on real cases or projects. Every Colorado Law student may take a clinic.

American Indian Law Clinic
At one of the first American Indian law clinics in the nation, students gain faculty-supervised experience providing legal assistance in a variety of matters, including tribal sovereignty, child welfare, preservation of tribal identity, employment discrimination, public benefits, preservation of Native lands, and more.

Civil Practice Clinic
Students represent low-income clients in family law, Social Security disability, and immigration asylum cases. The clinic also focuses on employment law, with students representing low-income wage workers and employees who have been the victims of discrimination, among others.

Criminal Defense Clinic
In the first criminal defense clinic in the nation, students learn basic criminal practice skills and represent clients in actual cases, from beginning to end, in municipal and county courts in Boulder County.

Criminal/Immigration Defense Clinic
Students represent noncitizen clients in both criminal and immigration court, including applicants for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
Students work with local entrepreneurs, providing transactional legal services for the formation and development of small businesses in Colorado.

Juvenile and Family Law Clinic
Students handle a full range of legal matters related to youth and families, including representing low-income clients in public actions, such as child welfare and juvenile justice cases, or private actions, such as divorce and child custody matters.

Getches-Green Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
Students represent public interest clients in environmental litigation related to federal public land protection. Students learn about expert testimony and witness preparation, analysis of detailed scientific and environmental data, and submission of complex legal briefs.

Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law and Policy Clinic
Students advocate in the public interest concerning technology issues in front of regulatory entities, courts, legislatures, and standard-setting bodies.

Sustainable Community Development Clinic
Students engage in economic development projects, both on behalf of clients and on behalf of the public interest, with a goal of increasing social justice and social enterprise in a range of substantive areas, including land use, housing, local food, and healthy communities.
Learn by doing.

Experiential education includes lawyering activities outside the classroom—clinics, externships, appellate and trial competitions, and voluntary public service work—as well as experientially oriented classroom learning. Colorado Law’s Experiential Learning Program provides students with a well-rounded learning experience.

Competitions
Colorado Law students compete in more than 20 appellate, trial level, and transactional competitions each year across the country and internationally. Recent competitions include the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition, the American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition, The Closer National Transactional Law Competition, and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Externships
The externship program gives students critical experiential learning opportunities by performing substantive legal work for judges, government officials, public interest institutions, and nonprofits. With approximately 160 placements each year and over 25,000 hours of cumulative work locally and nationwide, students acquire academic credit in addition to invaluable experience for future careers.

Student-led Journals
University of Colorado Law Review
The flagship academic journal at Colorado Law since 1929, the University of Colorado Law Review publishes four times per year on general topics of legal importance.

Colorado Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law Review
Published since 1989, the journal provides a forum for the most pressing issues related to natural resources, energy, and environmental law and policy on local, regional, and global scales.

Colorado Technology Law Journal (CTLJ)
Founded in 2001, the CTLJ has since established a position among the elite national technology and telecommunications law journals.

colorado.edu/law/experiential

Recent externship placements
Boulder County Legal Services
Boulder District Attorney’s Office
Centura Health
Colorado Public Defender’s Office
Colorado’s 17th Judicial District
Colorado’s 20th Judicial District
Colorado Supreme Court
Deming Center Venture Fund
Denver District Attorney’s Office
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Visiting Students
Colorado Law admits a very limited number of students who are receiving their law degree from another law school to study here for the fall or spring semester. Admission as a visiting student is available to applicants who have completed one or two years of high-quality work at another law school and have demonstrated a compelling need to attend Colorado Law. Financial aid for visiting students is usually handled by a consortium agreement between Colorado Law and the degree-granting institution.

Master of Studies and LLM
The Admissions Committee will review applications on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified via email of the committee’s decisions. Please submit all materials directly to the Colorado Law Admissions Office. Find complete application instructions at colorado.edu/law/msl and colorado.edu/law/llm.

Financial Aid
All admission decisions are made without regard to students’ financial need. Every attempt is made to provide full financial assistance through federal and private educational loans, grants, work study, and scholarships. Students applying for financial aid, private law scholarships, or grants based on financial need must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, fafsa.ed.gov) as soon as possible after January 1. Eligible students are awarded Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan aid up to a maximum of $20,500 per year. Graduate PLUS loans are available to students when financial need exceeds Stafford loan limits, up to the cost of attendance. Graduate PLUS loans are federally guaranteed, but, unlike Stafford loans, they have good-credit requirements for borrowers. Private alternative law loan programs have interest rates and fees that vary according to the lender, the credit rating of the student, and whether there is a co-signer. Both loan fees and interest rates may be higher than those of the Stafford loans, and there is no cap on interest rates. Additionally, private loan aid is not eligible for any of the federal repayment or forgiveness programs.

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards
All admitted first-year JD students are automatically considered for scholarships, as recipients are selected by the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee after an offer of admission has been made. Scholarships may be awarded through August. Colorado Law also offers scholarship money to second-year and third-year students each spring. More than 100 scholarships, fellowships, and awards are given annually based on academic and financial considerations. These scholarships are awarded based on multiple criteria, such as service to the law school, economic need, and demonstration of assistance in advancing the diversity of the student body.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords certain rights with respect to a student’s education records. Copies of the policy are available in the Wise Law Library and the Rules of the Law School on the website.

Admissions Deadlines
October 1
JD application opens
lsac.org

May 1
MSL application deadline
colorado.edu/law/MSL

LLM application deadline
colorado.edu/law/LLM

July 1
Transfer and visitor JD application deadline

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