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WELCOME FROM DEAN ANAYA



S. James Anaya

Dear Colorado Law community,

Thank you for joining us for the 40th annual Alumni Awards celebration. This evening, we celebrate the achievements of eight individuals who demonstrate the spirit and values of Colorado Law. I always look forward to bringing our community together for this special occasion. Tonight is especially poignant for me as it is the last awards event I will attend as dean of Colorado Law.

Each of tonight's honorees embody the qualities of professionalism and service that we promote at Colorado Law. The honorees are engaged in giving to their communities, improving the legal profession, and supporting Colorado Law and future lawyers. Through their exemplary public service, philanthropy, leadership, serving as role models, and representing high professional standards, they epitomize the best of Colorado Law. It is an honor to recognize these individuals and their many remarkable accomplishments.

We are a successful law school because of the support of our community. Our passionate and creative students, accomplished and dedicated alumni, generous donors and partners, devoted

and visionary faculty, and committed staff all contribute to our success. Over the past five years – and particularly in the last extraordinary 15 months – I have seen how this community unites in the face of adversity. Working together, we can continue to grow and improve Colorado Law as a law school that is rooted in the community it serves, create opportunities for students and faculty, and contribute to a more just and equitable world.

Thank you for your many contributions that enable and enhance our students' education and career development and for the ways you support our faculty and staff. I hope that this year's program inspires you to renew your commitment to the law school.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "Jim", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

S. James Anaya, Dean and University Distinguished Professor

2021 ALUMNI AWARDS SCHEDULE

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Law Alumni Banquet Chair – **David W. Stark** ('73)

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DEAN'S CHOICE AWARDS

Richard Schaden Adopted Alumnus Award

John Echohawk

Sonny Flowers Award

Hon. Gary M. Jackson ('70)

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Public Sector - **Jacki Cooper Melmed** ('03)

Education - **Whiting Dimock** ('96)

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Small/Solo Practitioner - **Tyrone Glover** ('09)

Special Recognition for Outstanding Leadership
in Civil Rights - **Ryan Haygood** ('01)

WILLIAM LEE KNOUS AWARD

Daniel A. Vigil ('82)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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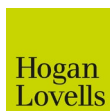
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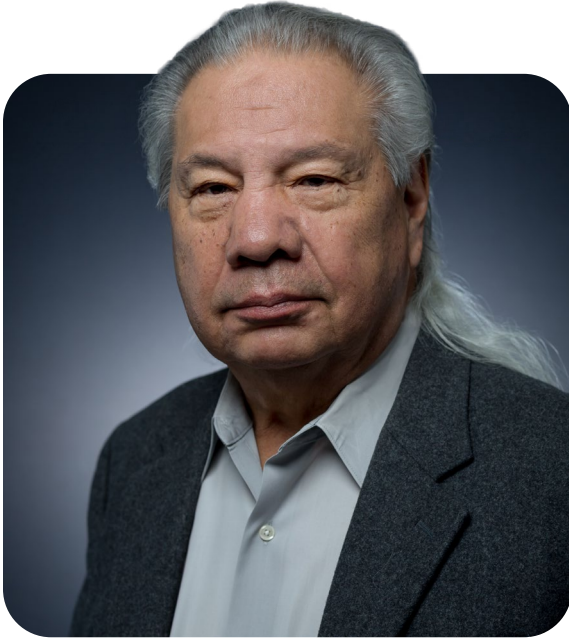
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DEAN'S CHOICE AWARD

Richard Schaden Adopted Alumnus Award

John Echohawk



John Echohawk

John Echohawk, Pawnee, is the executive director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), which is headquartered in Boulder. He was the first graduate of the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers and was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association while in law school. He received both his JD and BA from the University of New Mexico. Echohawk has been with NARF since its inception in 1970, having served continuously as executive director since 1977.

He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal and has received numerous service awards and other recognition for his leadership in the Indian law field.

He serves on the boards of the American Indian Resources Institute, the Association on American Indian Affairs, the Indigenous Language Institute, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

Echohawk has been a strong supporter of Colorado Law's American Indian Law Program and the law school's students and graduates who are interested in and practice Indian law throughout his years as the executive director of NARF.

DEAN'S CHOICE AWARD

Sonny Flowers Award

Hon. Gary M. Jackson ('70)



Hon. Gary M. Jackson

Gary M. Jackson, a native of Colorado, grew up in Denver and graduated with honors from George Washington High School. He received an academic scholarship to the University of Redlands in California and earned his undergraduate degree and Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Boulder.

He began his legal career as a deputy district attorney with the Denver District Attorney's Office in 1970. In 1974, he was assigned to the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office, District

of Colorado, where he received a special commendation from U.S. Attorney Edward Levi and FBI Director Clarence Kelley for his successful representation of the FBI in a multi-million dollar civil suit.

In 1976, Jackson entered private practice and became a partner in the law firm of DiManna, Eklund, Ciano & Jackson. In 1982, Michael DiManna and Jackson formed the law firm of DiManna & Jackson. This partnership continued until Jackson's appointment by Mayor Michael Hancock to the Denver County Court bench in January 2013. Other legal achievements included an appointment to the 18th Judicial District Judicial Performance Commission, the 2nd Judicial Nominating Commission, and the U.S. District Court's Nominating Commission to select U.S. District Court judges and magistrates.

In 1971, Jackson was a founder of the Sam Cary Bar Association, an organization dedicated to promoting professionalism and the exchange of ideas among African-American lawyers and judges. He has had many roles within the organization,

including treasurer and president; in 2006 was honored with the King Trimble Lifetime Achievement Award.

Numerous other community organizations have benefited from Jackson's leadership and involvement, including the Northeast Denver Youth Services, the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, and the Denver Urban League. With his participation in the Sam Cary Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Delta Eta Boule Foundation (former chairman), these organizations have awarded deserving African-American students more than a quarter-million dollars in scholarships.

Jackson has generously shared his legal knowledge and experience through mentoring programs and instruction at colleges and law schools throughout Colorado. His active participation in the legal community has also meant serving on several boards. Jackson is currently one of the Colorado Bar Association/Colorado Judicial Institute Coalition leaders on Judicial Diversity, which has a two-year initiative to address the lack of diversity in the Colorado state judiciary.

Jackson, retired as of Dec. 30, 2020, presided in the Criminal and General Session Divisions of Denver County Court. In 2018 the Colorado Judicial Institute recognized him with its Judicial Excellence Award for County Court Judge of the year. Mayor Hancock presented Jackson with the Monte Pascoe Civic Leadership Award in 2018. In 2019, Law Week Colorado selected Jackson as a trial judge of the year. In 2020, the Center for Legal Inclusiveness awarded Jackson the Hon. Wiley Daniel Lifetime Achievement Award. The Colorado County Court Judges' Association awarded Jackson the Anthony Greco Award for his judicial excellence and leadership. In addition, the Colorado chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates awarded Jackson its Judicial Excellence Award.

Jackson is married to Regina Lee Jackson. They have two children and four grandchildren.



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DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Public Sector

Jacki Cooper Melmed ('03)



Jacki Cooper Melmed

Jacki Cooper Melmed currently serves as chief legal counsel for Gov. Jared Polis. She held the same position for Gov. John Hickenlooper from 2015 through 2019. As a member of the governor's executive management team, she works closely with the governor and other executive staff members to manage state government, plan the strategic direction of the administration, and design key initiatives. She also oversees the governor's legal team, who advise the governor, senior staff, and cabinet on a number of legal issues. Cooper Melmed's key responsibilities include managing litigation and other legal matters in partnership with the attorney general, serving as ethics counsel for the administration, overseeing judicial appointments, and representing the governor on matters ranging from labor relations to criminal justice reform to Indian affairs.

Before working for state government, Cooper Melmed practiced law at Shoemaker Ghiselli + Schwartz in Boulder, Colorado, and Hogan & Hartson

in Denver, Colorado, and served as a law clerk for Colorado Supreme Court Justice Michael Bender. She attended law school at the University of Colorado Boulder, where she was editor-in-chief of the Colorado Law Review.

Cooper Melmed also holds a master's degree in English literature and film from the University of Chicago, and bachelor's degrees in English and French from the University of Michigan. Cooper Melmed is an avid hiker and skier and enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her husband and, when allowed, two adult sons.

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DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Education

Whiting Dimock ('96)



Whiting Dimock

Whiting Dimock graduated from the University of Colorado Law School in 1996, and returned to the school to serve as senior assistant dean of students in 2010. In this role, Dimock has worked with students and colleagues on efforts to maximize student retention and success with a particular focus on traditionally underrepresented student populations. Her work includes service on the admissions committee to ensure that the holistic review of applications reflects current student experiences.

Dimock's previous experience includes practicing law and working in personnel management at large law firms in Washington, D.C., as well as serving as a career transition advisor for lawyers.

Following graduation from Colorado Law, Dimock worked

for seven years as an associate at two major law firms in Washington, D.C. First, for Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, where she focused primarily on corporate and securities matters for clients in the financial services industry, and then at Dow Lohnes PLLC where she specialized in mergers and acquisitions in the communications and high tech industries. Dimock subsequently worked as a vice president at Trammell Crow Company, an international commercial real estate services firm, where she had transactional and personnel management responsibilities, and at Nixon Peabody LLP, where she was responsible for recruiting, integrating, training, coaching, evaluating, mentoring, advising, and facilitating departures of legal personnel.

Immediately prior to her appointment as the senior

assistant dean of students, Dimock worked as a senior career advisor at Shannon & Manch, LLP, a Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm, where she specialized in attorney career development and talent management issues, working intensively with attorneys and law students in career transition and also in a consultative role to law firms, advising members of firm leadership on issues that impact productivity, attorney evaluation processes and compensation systems.

Dimock holds a JD from the University of Colorado Law School, a BA from Williams College, and has completed coursework in the Organizational Counseling MS program at The Johns Hopkins University.



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salutes tonight's honorees for their
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Congratulations to:

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Private Practice

Carolyn Fairless ('98)



Carolyn Fairless

Carolyn Fairless is the co-managing partner of the national civil litigation firm, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP. Fairless has been called “a lawyer’s lawyer,” as she has successfully defended some of the nation’s leading law firms and lawyers in high-stakes legal malpractice matters throughout the country. A frequent presenter on topics involving legal ethics, Fairless has tried more than 20 trials and arbitrations to verdict or award, with outstanding results for her clients.

Rankings organizations and directories such as Chambers USA, Benchmark Litigation, and Colorado Super Lawyers have consistently recognized Fairless at the top of her field, based on input from clients, colleagues, and peers in the industry.

In 2019, Fairless was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers, an elite network of the top trial lawyers in the country.

Fairless earned her JD from the University of Colorado Law School in 1998. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science, with a minor in mathematics, from Tulane University. Prior to entering law, Fairless served as a computer analyst at IBM.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Small/Solo Practitioner

Tyrone Glover ('09)



Tyrone Glover

Tyrone Glover is a seasoned trial lawyer representing clients in civil rights, criminal defense, and employment matters. The son of parents and grandparents who fought hard for equality and justice long before these principles were universally guaranteed, Glover regularly handles high-stakes cases in both state and federal courts, achieving favorable outcomes for his clients.

A born fighter who became an internationally top-ranked Brazilian Jiu Jitsu blackbelt and an undefeated professional mixed martial artist, he has taken his fight to the courts, protecting and defending the rights and interests of his clients. He is a strong advocate with an inherent ability to maintain focus and a sense of calm in chaotic situations.

Glover's legal career began at the Colorado Public Defender's Office, where he was a trial lawyer serving underprivileged people of Denver who were charged with crimes. He earned

the prestigious "Bootcamp Lawyer of the Year" recognition in 2012. In 2015, he was recognized as the Sam Cary Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year. Since then, Glover has been consistently recognized as a top lawyer in Colorado, securing many favorable outcomes for his clients, including a recent \$4.5 million-dollar verdict. Since leaving the public defender's office, Glover worked in private practice handling criminal defense and civil rights litigation. He has tried over 40 jury trials throughout the state. A leader amongst his peers, he is the 2021-22 Denver Bar Association president.



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DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Special Recognition for Outstanding Leadership in Civil Rights

Ryan Haygood ('01)



Ryan Haygood

Ryan P. Haygood is a nationally respected civil rights lawyer. As president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, he leads a majority-women of color team of racial justice advocates whose cutting-edge work – powered by grassroots organizing, research, writing, policy and legislative advocacy, and litigation – seeks to build reparative systems that create wealth, justice and power for Black, Latina/Latino, and other people of color in New Jersey.

Under Haygood's leadership, the institute's advocacy led to the historic restoration of the vote to 83,000 people on parole and probation, a right New Jersey previously denied since 1844; automatic and online voter registration; ending prison-based gerrymandering for state legislative redistricting; a \$15 minimum wage; the reporting of COVID-19 racial data; and New Jersey becoming the first state to test all of its incarcerated youth for COVID-19.

The institute's advocacy also led to the historic announcement that two of New Jersey's youth prisons would close; community engagement in the development of 15 policing reforms in Newark; an independent state prosecutor for cases involving police misconduct; and the introduction of the first-of-its-kind bill for a reparations task force in New Jersey.

Prior to leading the institute, Haygood served as deputy director of litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), where he worked for more than a decade.

At LDF, Haygood litigated some of the most important civil rights cases of our time. In two of those cases, he defended a core provision of the Voting Rights Act, widely regarded as one of the nation's greatest pieces of civil rights legislation, before the United States Supreme Court. Haygood also led a successful challenge to

Texas' racially discriminatory photo ID law, under which a voter could present a concealed-handgun license as a form of identification to vote at the polls but not a student ID. In the first ruling of its kind, a federal district court struck down Texas' photo ID law as intentionally racially discriminatory, a violation of the Voting Rights Act and an unconstitutional poll tax.

A passionate advocate, Haygood speaks and writes regularly on issues concerning race, law, social justice, democracy, and power. He received his JD from the University of Colorado Law School and BA in American history and political science cum laude from Colorado College, where he was nominated for the Rhodes scholarship and earned academic and athletic All-American and hall of fame honors as a football player.

WILLIAM LEE KNOUS AWARD

Daniel A. Vigil ('82)



Daniel A. Vigil

Daniel A. Vigil graduated from the University of Colorado Law School in 1982. He clerked for a Denver District Court judge and then went into private practice. In 1984, he began teaching at the University of Colorado Law School. He later became an associate dean at the law school. Vigil has taught Criminal Law, Legal Method, Legal Writing, Appellate Advocacy, and Professional Responsibility at Colorado Law and Water Law and Legal Profession at DU Law. In 1998, he received the University of Colorado Law School's Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement in Education. In 2003, Vigil left the University of Colorado Law School and began teaching at the Sturm College of Law, where he currently holds the title of assistant dean emeritus.

Vigil is a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Advisory Committee, a former

commissioner of the Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Commission on the Legal Profession, and a former trustee for the Colorado Supreme Court Attorney Fund for Client Protection. He was also a member of the Colorado Supreme Court Judicial Advisory Council.

He is a past president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association and a former chairman of the Colorado Lottery Commission. He served many years as a member of the board of directors of Colorado Legal Services, 10 of those years as chairman. Vigil is a past president of the Boulder County Bar Foundation and a former chairman of the Legal Education and Admissions Committee of the Colorado Bar Association. Vigil has served two terms on the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, and one term on its executive committee. In 2007, Vigil was

recognized by the Colorado Supreme Court for outstanding contribution and service to the citizens of Colorado, the legal profession, and the Colorado Supreme Court. In 2008 the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award, the association's highest honor. Vigil was voted Outstanding Administrator of the Year in 2012 by DU Denver Law Students.

Vigil has presented numerous lectures, speeches, and continuing legal education programs throughout the state and nation.

Vigil served in the U.S. Army in 1970-1971. He was honorably discharged and awarded the National Defense Medal.

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2017 Hugh Q. Gottschalk
2018 Niki Frangos Tuttle
2019 Todd A. Fredrickson
2020 Mindy Sooter

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1983 Gordon L. Allott, Sr.
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1986 Brooke V. Wunnicke
1987 Ruth M. Wright
1988 David F. Vela
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1990 H. H. Arnold
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1992 Charles E. Berry
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1996 Manuel A. Ramos
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1999 Karen S. Steinhäuser
2000 John Martinez
2001 David W. Wymore
2002 J. Wallace Wortham, Jr.
2003 Edwin G. Perlmutter
2004 John W. Suthers
2005 Alice D. Madden
2006 Bryan Shaha
2008 Bill Ritter, Jr.
2009 Bernie A. Buescher
2011 Anne J. Castle
2012 Joe Blake
2015 Michael L. Connor
2016 Cory Gardner
2017 Pat Steadman
2018 Timothy Monahan
2019 James Coyle
2020 Steven Zwick

RECENT ALUMNUS

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2000 Paula D. Greisen
2001 Richard V. Lopez
2002 Charles E. Bedford
2003 Elisabeth D. Arenales
2004 Kristin F. Rozansky
2010 Brandon C. Shaffer
2012 Joseph Neguse
2018 Javed M. Abbas

SOLO/SMALL FIRM PRACTITIONER

1982 Robert E. Sabin
1983 Frank D. Allen, Sr.
1984 Sidney E. Pleasant
1985 George McLachlan, Jr.
1986 Christopher R. Brauchli
1987 Donald E. Cordova
1988 Guy A. Hollenbeck
1989 Wesley C. Kettelkamp, Jr.
1990 Lee R. Wills
1991 L. Richard Bratton
1991 Penfield W. Tate II
1992 Natalie S. Ellwood
1992 Frank "Sam" Maynes
1994 Gary M. Jackson
1994 Stow L. Witwer, Jr.
1995 Morio Omori
1995 Macon Cowles
1996 Walker D. Miller
1996 Gordon H. Rowe, Jr.
1997 John A. Purvis
1998 David Wood
1999 Frank G. Cooley

2000 Bart Mendenhall
2001 Victor Quinn
2004 Rebecca Koppes Conway
2008 Neil C. King
2009 Peter C. Dietze
2017 Gary B. Blum
2020 W. Harold "Sonny" Flowers

DEAN EDWARD C. KING MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

2012 Bill Mooz
2013 John Schultz
2014 Douglas J. Friednash
2014 D. Scott Martinez
2015 Roxanne Jensen
2016 Fiona Arnold
2018 Mekela Goehring
2019 Meshach Y. Rhoades
2020 Kristin Bronson

RICHARD SCHADEN ADOPTED ALUMNUS AWARD

2012 Richard Schaden
2013 Jason Mendelson
2014 Ann Marks Getches
2015 R. Stanton Dodge
2016 The Barash Family
2017 Christine M. Arguello
2018 Nancy E. Rice
2019 Korey Wise
2020 Gordon Gamm



TOGETHER YOU RAISED OVER \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT COLORADO LAW

For 40 years you have celebrated with us as we recognized our distinguished alumni and friends.

Thank you to our sponsors, alumni, and friends who have contributed year after year to the success of Colorado Law's signature alumni event.

380

Total Awards

\$1MM+

Total Event Proceeds Raised
to Support Colorado Law
(2005-2021)

\$730K

Raised for the
Dean's Fund for Excellence
(2005-2021)

\$215K

Raised for the
Law Alumni Scholarship Fund
(2005-2021)

51

Law Alumni
Scholarships Awarded
(2005-2020)

● **1982**

First Alumni Awards Celebration

● **May 7, 1988**

Alumni Awards Banquet

Program included awards and dancing.

● **April 29, 1989**

Eighth Annual Alumni Awards and Reunion Banquet

Celebrated 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 50-year reunions.

● **April 4, 1998**

17th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Focus returned to awards program.

● **May 5, 2001**

20th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

West Group is first sponsor recognized in program.

● **March 8, 2003**

22nd Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

5 sponsors recognized in program: Mark Levy ('72); Christopher Miranda ('82); Berenbaum, Weinshienk & Eason, PC; Friends of Ed Perlmutter; Ed Perlmutter ('78) & Family.

● **April 22, 2004**

Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Sponsorship increased to 14. First Presenting Sponsor: Otten Johnson Robinson Neff & Ragonetti.

● **March 9, 2011**

Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Sponsors total over 40. Proceeds supported Law Alumni Scholarship.

● **March 15, 2017**

36th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet

Dean Anaya's first banquet as dean.

● **September 23, 2020**

39th Annual Alumni Awards

First virtual event with 400+ attendees.

● **June 17, 2021**

40th Annual Alumni Awards Celebration

Sponsors total 50. Twenty have sponsored event 10 or more years. Proceeds support Dean's Fund and Law Alumni Scholarship.

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING THE ALUMNI WE LOST IN 2020

Robert Charles Abelman ('75)

Jack Kent Anderson ('54)

Valerie Kay Arnold ('00)

Roland E. Camfield, Jr. ('61)

Howard D. Cline, Jr. ('57)

Forrest E. Cook ('59)

Arthur Conrad Daily ('68)

Douglas Allen Donofrio ('86)

Kent Reed Douglas ('72)

Mary Yeager Duvall ('45)

John W. Easley, Jr. ('70)

Steven W. Farber ('68)

Bernard G. Fehringer ('69)

Cyndi Fleming ('92)

W. Harold Flowers Jr. ('71)

Jackson S. Francis ('68)

Joseph Clyde French ('61)

Jane Ellen Frey ('83)

Alexander Brooks Gibson ('19)

Donald J. Horst ('56)

James Mathews King ('76)

James Ian Keith Knapp ('67)

Walter Kowalchik ('67)

Thomas M. Ledingham ('59)

Ruth B. Lurie ('74)

Carol Sue Matoush, JD 1967

Leonard H. McCain, Esq. 1956

Edward McCarthy Jr. ('56)

William H. McEwan ('73)

John C. Ohrenschall ('64)

James Booth F Oliphant ('66)

Victor Ray Palmer ('73)

Edwin E. Piper ('57)

James Thomas Reed ('74)

Donald G. Roper ('55)

Morris W. Sandstead, Jr. ('67)

Carol A. Schmid ('86)

John H. Schultz ('53)

Thomas Davis Smart, Jr. ('68)

John Clifton Todd ('49)

John R. Waggoner ('74)

Karen Marie Wardzinski ('80)

Merritt C. Warren ('49)

Marvin E. Wolf ('54)

GET INVOLVED AT COLORADO LAW

Alumni and friends, here's how you can join us.

NOMINATE NEXT YEAR'S HONOREES

The Law Alumni Board accepts nominations year-round and are considered in August/September to be awarded in March of the following year at the Law Alumni Awards Banquet. Award descriptions and an online nomination form are available at colorado.edu/law/award-nomination.

ESTABLISH YOUR LEGACY WITH A PLANNED GIFT

Make a planned gift to Colorado Law and create a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime. To become a Heritage Society member, or if you have already included Colorado Law in your estate, please contact law.advancement@colorado.edu.

BECOME A LAW ALUMNI AMBASSADOR

Colorado Law Alumni Ambassadors represent the law school within their firms and businesses and are responsible for coordinating efforts and exchanging information regarding events and opportunities at Colorado Law. We are thankful for the time and efforts of our ambassadors. Contact lawalumni@colorado.edu for more information.

HOST A COLORADO LAW TALK OR ALUMNI EVENT

Colorado Law alumni and area firms serve as event hosts for Colorado Law Talks and other alumni events throughout the year. If you are interested, please email georgette.vigil@colorado.edu.

ENGAGE AT AN UPCOMING LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Please visit colorado.edu/law/events to see to register for upcoming events.



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NOMINATE FOR NEXT
YEAR'S AWARDS**

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The University of Colorado Law Alumni Board members act as representatives of Colorado Law alumni and promote the best interests of the law school by stimulating interest in, building loyalty for, and increasing support for the law school in the community and among its alumni and students.

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SAVE THE DATE

For the
**41st Annual
Alumni Awards
Banquet**

Thursday, March 10, 2022



Colorado Law

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

NEW DEAN'S CHOICE AWARDS

New Awards to Recognize Alumni for Mentorship, Diversity, and Inclusion

Two new Dean's Choice Awards established by the University of Colorado Law School's Law Alumni Board will recognize alumni for their mentorship of other attorneys and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The new awards, each named for a distinguished Colorado Law alumnus, are the Brooke Wunnicke Outstanding Mentor Award and the Sonny Flowers Award.

The Brooke Wunnicke Outstanding Mentor Award recognizes alumni who are honored attorneys at law for ethical trial, appellate, or business practice and who have maintained an extraordinary ability to mentor and convey this dedication to other lawyers.

The Sonny Flowers Award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion among the law school and legal profession, specifically including the advancement of individuals from underrepresented groups.



Brooke Wunnicke ('45)

Brooke Wunnicke, a 1945 graduate of Colorado Law, was a legal legend. She resided in Wyoming for many years and conducted jury trials when women were not legally allowed to sit on juries. She was the first woman to serve in Colorado as the Chief Appellate Deputy in the Denver District Attorney's Office. Through her many years of dedicated service to the legal profession as a trial and appellate attorney, business advisor, mentor, adjunct professor, consultant, and published author, Wunnicke earned

the distinction as one of Colorado's most honored legal professionals.

During her 12 years as Chief Appellate Deputy and her many years in private practice, Wunnicke mentored many young lawyers and law students to educate them on how to address the everyday challenges in the practice of law. Her "graduates" included one former Colorado governor, six district attorneys, and four recipients of Colorado Law distinguished alumnus awards.

"Brooke was the most extraordinary lawyer I ever knew. The depth and breadth in which she practiced our profession with great skill emanated from her deep love of the law and an understanding of its profound importance in our society. One of her most remarkable skills was the ability to pass that deep love and understanding on to newer lawyers through her selfless mentoring. Many of us would not have the careers we enjoy if it had not been for Brooke," said Law Alumni Board member and immediate past chair of the nominating committee Mark Fogg ('79).

NEW DEAN'S CHOICE AWARDS



**W. Harold "Sonny"
Flowers Jr. ('71)**

Sonny Flowers, who graduated from Colorado Law in 1971, was a litigator with Hurth, Sisk & Blakemore LLP in Boulder. An integral part of the University of Colorado Law School and CU Boulder communities for the last 50 years, Flowers served as a champion for diversity at Colorado Law. He traveled the state to recruit students of color, helped to establish CU Boulder's Black Alumni Association, and created an endowed scholarship for students of color at both Colorado Law and the University of Denver. Flowers died in July 2020.

Flowers' service to the Colorado legal community included the presidencies of the Sam Cary Bar Association, the Boulder County Bar Association, and the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association's executive committee. He was a past president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, an invitation-only membership group of trial lawyers who

represent both civil defendants and plaintiffs, and the American Association for Justice, where he served on its executive committee and board of governors. He also served as vice president of the Colorado Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

Over the decades he served the University of Colorado as president of the Alumni Association's board of directors, chair of the Colorado Law Alumni Board, member of the CU Foundation board, and mentor of Black student-athletes. In 2016, he was recognized with the Alumni Association's George Norlin Award. In 2020, he received Colorado Law's Distinguished Achievement Award—Solo/Small Firm Practitioner.

"Sonny had the character that lawyers should aspire to. We tried an extremely difficult, emotional case against each other in the early 1990s with a lot of media attention.

I emerged from that case with a deep respect for, and friendship with, Sonny. You intuitively trusted him and he always interacted with warmth and compassion. We need more lawyers like him," Fogg said.

The inaugural Sonny Flowers Award will be awarded at the 2021 Alumni Awards Celebration to the Hon. Gary Jackson ('70).

These new awards join two existing Dean's Choice Awards, the Dean Edward C. King Making a Difference Award and the Richard Schaden Adopted Alumnus Award. Each award is given at the annual Alumni Awards Celebration at the dean's discretion.

JOIN THE COLORADO LAW GIVING SOCIETY

Consider a leadership-level gift to the Colorado Law Dean's Fund for Excellence* this fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and be recognized as a member of the Colorado Law Giving Societies at one of the following levels:

\$1,500 DEAN'S CLUB

Annual recognition at annual
Alumni Awards Banquet
Dean's insider newsletter

\$2,500 DEAN'S CIRCLE

All of the above, plus
Invitations to special events
Complimentary CLEs

\$5,000 DEAN'S CABINET

All of the above, plus
Dinner with the dean

\$10,000+ ROTHGERBER SOCIETY

All of the above, plus
1:1 meeting with the dean
Exclusive opportunities to meet with
students, faculty, and special guests

*To act with necessary immediacy, **Dean Anaya has pledged to allocate all funds raised through the Dean's Fund for Excellence through June 2021 to support the Anti-Racism and Representation Initiative** and aligned student scholarships, teaching, research, and pro bono and public service programs.

GIVING SOCIETY HONOR ROLL

COLORADO LAW 2020-2021 GIVING SOCIETIES*

Colorado Law's Giving Societies recognize alumni and friends who have given \$1,500 or more in one fiscal year (July 1-June 30) to the Colorado Law Dean's Fund for Excellence.

We are deeply grateful and honored to have the support of our Giving Society members at such significant levels. Their gifts, along with gifts from all of our generous donors, make a significant difference in helping Colorado Law sustain its foundation of excellence and build support for future success.

**as of June 3, 2021*

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Michelle Flores ('01)
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Elizabeth Wald and Wayne Forman ('84)
Beverly and Dick ('81) Gast
Jeffery Grimes ('89)
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Allan Singer ('84)
Anthony Spikes ('90)
Lori and Keith ('86) Tooley
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2021 REUNIONS AND HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 5-6, 2021

CALLING ALL 2020 & 2021 REUNION CLASSES TO CELEBRATE

This year, we celebrate 20 class reunion groups. Classes ending in “0”, “5”, “1”, and “6” will share memories and mark their milestone.

New this year is the **Digital Reunion Memory Book** to connect with classmates and learn more about what they have been up to since graduation. You can search for hobbies and interests you share with classmates and view a map highlighting the cities. If you would like to be among the first to contribute to your class Digital Reunion Memory Book, please contact lawalumni@colorado.edu.

WE NEED REUNION CLASS ORGANIZERS

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We look forward to helping you and your classmates connect this fall.

REUNION CLASSES

5th 2015 and 2016

10th 2010 and 2011

15th 2005 and 2006

20th 2000 and 2001

25th 1995 and 1996

30th 1990 and 1991

35th 1985 and 1986

40th 1980 and 1981

45th 1975 and 1976

50th 1970 and 1971

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