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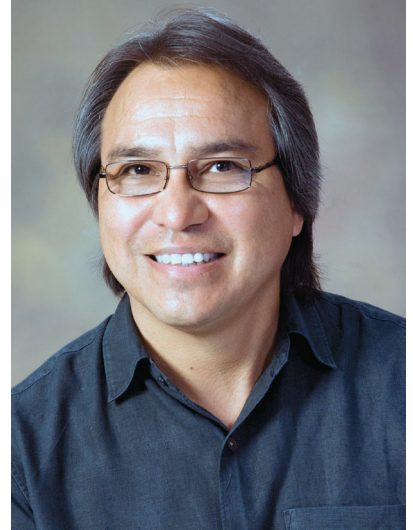
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# WELCOME

from Dean James Anaya

Selecting a law school is an important decision. For those choosing to join us at the University of Colorado Law School, you are entering a school that provides an impressive all-around legal education, unique opportunities for hands-on learning, a strong public service tradition, a supportive community, compelling opportunities for specialization and global interdisciplinary engagement, an outstanding and dedicated faculty with a favorable student-to-faculty ratio, an exemplary career development program, cutting-edge research, and an unparalleled location.



Determining the right law school for you provides the chance to reflect and assess what experiences you want for the next chapters of your life. If you often think of ways that the world can improve, just as I did when I contemplated law school, a legal education can prepare you to thrive and make lasting change. Here at Colorado Law, you will learn legal doctrine, critical thinking, practical skills, and professionalism skills that will help you catalyze change for the future. Our commitment is to help elevate our students, and we offer the opportunity to learn the skills and tools you need to launch your career and to help make the world better.

Colorado Law has shaped legal professionals for more than 120 years. Our 7,000+ alumni, located in every state and around the world, are leaders in the legal profession, politics, and business, and they generously provide assistance to the school and our graduates. Colorado Law is positioned to continue to provide its students with a high-value experience at a reasonable cost.

I welcome your interest in Colorado Law and all that it has to offer for a student seeking an extraordinary legal education among talented colleagues and faculty in an environment conducive to learning and an excellent quality of life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Anaya'.







# ACADEMICS

World-Class Faculty and an Innovative Curriculum

With a 9.9:1 student-to-faculty ratio, you will learn from professors ranked in the top 30 nationwide in scholarly influence through cutting-edge coursework and innovative programs. Our faculty members are passionate about teaching and are committed to providing a well-rounded learning experience that prepares students to thrive as effective legal professionals in a changing environment. Colorado Law's curriculum provides students with an outstanding platform on which to build their careers, offering a solid foundation in the fundamentals of law and legal reasoning, robust theoretical inquiry, a range of practical legal skills developed through hands-on mentoring and real world experience, deep contextual understanding of specific areas of law, and professional skills.

[colorado.edu/law/academics](https://colorado.edu/law/academics)

## FIRST YEAR COURSES

### Fall

Civil Procedure  
Contracts  
Legal Writing I  
Legislation and Regulation  
Torts

### Spring

Constitutional Law  
Criminal Law  
Legal Writing II  
Property  
1L Electives

## 1L ELECTIVES OFFERED

Foundations of Legal Research  
Intensive Introduction to Financial  
Information, Accounting, and Law  
Legal Analysis  
Legal Ethics and Professionalism  
The Philosophy of Entrepreneurship

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

American Indian Law  
Entrepreneurial Law  
Environment, Policy, and Society  
Health Law and Policy  
Juvenile and Family Law  
Natural Resources Law and Policy  
Tax Emphasis Program

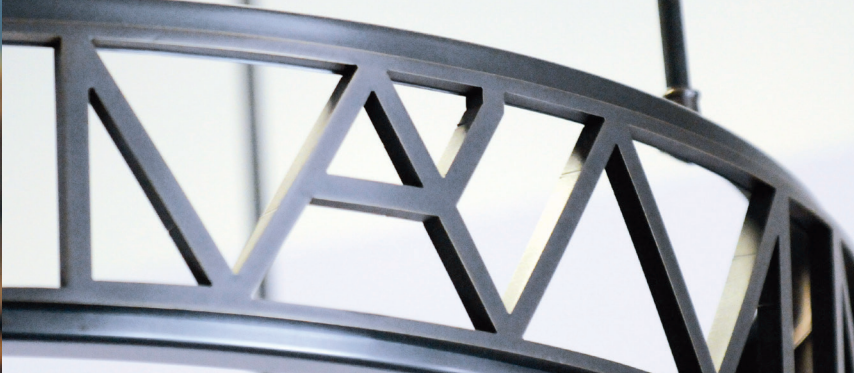
## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

JD/MBA  
JD/Master in Environmental Studies  
JD/PhD in Environmental Studies  
JD/MD (Anschutz Medical Campus)  
JD/Master of Public Administration (CU Denver)  
JD/Master of Science, Telecommunications  
JD/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (CU Denver)

## MASTER OF STUDIES IN LAW (MSL)

Ethics and Compliance  
Patent Law









## STUDENTS

Talented, Hard-Working, Service-Oriented Leaders

Our impressive, diverse, and collaborative students choose Colorado Law over other prestigious schools, bringing their intellectual curiosity and exciting backgrounds to the classroom and our community. They represent a rich blend of geographic and ethnic diversity. Many are distinguished by their leadership experience, career achievement, and community service. Although intense competitiveness among highly qualified students is typical, our students have a proud history of placing collegiality first.

[colorado.edu/law/students](https://colorado.edu/law/students)

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“Colorado Law is a special place that prides itself in public service. When my National Guard unit was mobilized for deployment, I received a call from the dean saying that the law school was behind me. In my 2L year, I was mobilized for two deployments and received the very same support from the dean, faculty, and staff.”

**Karthik Venkatraj** ('17)

President, Student Bar Association  
President, Military Law Society  
Co-Managing Editor, *University of Colorado Law Review*  
Captain, Colorado Army National Guard



“I chose Colorado Law for several reasons, the most important being the sense of community I felt at the school while speaking to current and former students and professors while visiting. Colorado Law has a truly collaborative atmosphere among students, faculty, and staff. Law school can be extremely difficult, but the fact that I am at a school where all members of the law school community support each other both academically and emotionally makes my journey much easier and more enjoyable.”

**Kyriaki Council** ('17)

Vice President, Student Bar Association  
Lead Student Note Editor, *Colorado Technology Law Journal*  
National Mock Trial Team and Black Law Students Association

“When I first visited Colorado Law as an admitted student, I remember thinking how friendly everyone was. Since starting law school, I am constantly reminded how fortunate I am to have the opportunity to learn from such talented professors and alongside such smart and dedicated peers. Colorado Law strikes the perfect balance: a high-quality learning environment with a collegial, collaborative student body.”

**Josh Luna** ('17)

Co-President, Latino Law Students Association  
*University of Colorado Law Review*



“I chose Colorado Law not only for the beautiful location, but also for the health law options and the commitment both students and faculty have to this community. Never have I been in a more welcoming environment where everyone works together and helps each other—from sharing notes from class to learning how to ski. Colorado Law has been personally and academically challenging and rewarding. My favorite experience has been meeting the people inside the school; they have truly made my law school experience.”

**Amanda Miller** ('18)

Law School Senator for the CU Student Government  
Colorado Law Student Ambassador  
Intern at Boulder County Public Defender's Office



# CAREERS

Leader and Innovator in Developing Legal Professionals

Colorado Law's Career Development Office is comprised of four career advisors with JDs and experience helping students and alumni succeed in the current job market. During your time in law school, we 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 at 1L Orientation, where career development is a central theme, and continues with individualized meetings during your first semester of law school to strategize next steps to a 1L summer job. Our focus is for each student to obtain at least four quality work experiences while in law school.

We will connect you with employers during both 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 good fits. 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](https://colorado.edu/law/careers)

"The support I received from the Career Development Office helped me feel confident venturing outside of Colorado to pursue a competitive and prestigious fellowship in Washington, D.C. Between connecting me with previous fellows who were Colorado Law alumni to doing mock interviews, the CDO was there for me every step of the way."

**Misam Ali** ('15)

U.S. Department of Labor



"Your office was very helpful in identifying candidates for our summer intern position. It was great that your office compiled resumes, looked for interested candidates, and organized the interview process. I wouldn't hesitate to hire a CU intern or work directly with your office again."

**Joel Jacobson**

Rubicon Law Group, Ltd.

# CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

## **Todd Rogers, JD**

Assistant Dean for Career Development

“We are here to help students find satisfying, meaningful employment after graduation with individualized career counseling. As an office, we have a real dedication to helping students put together a portfolio of skills that will be marketable to employers by making sure that they have job experiences throughout law school that will help them achieve their professional goals.”



## **Jodie Hoke, JD**

Director for Judicial Clerkships

“Our thriving relationship with the judiciary allows students to build their careers through judicial internships and clerkships after graduation. Throughout the year, students are given opportunities to meet and learn from visiting judges, whether in intimate Wednesday Morning Coffees or actual sittings of the court here at Colorado Law.”



## **Alexia McCaskill, JD**

Director for Government and Public Interest

“In addition to placing about 160 students in externships with government and nonprofits while in school, we also offer loan repayment assistance for those in qualifying public interest jobs after graduation.”



## **Rachel Sheikh, JD**

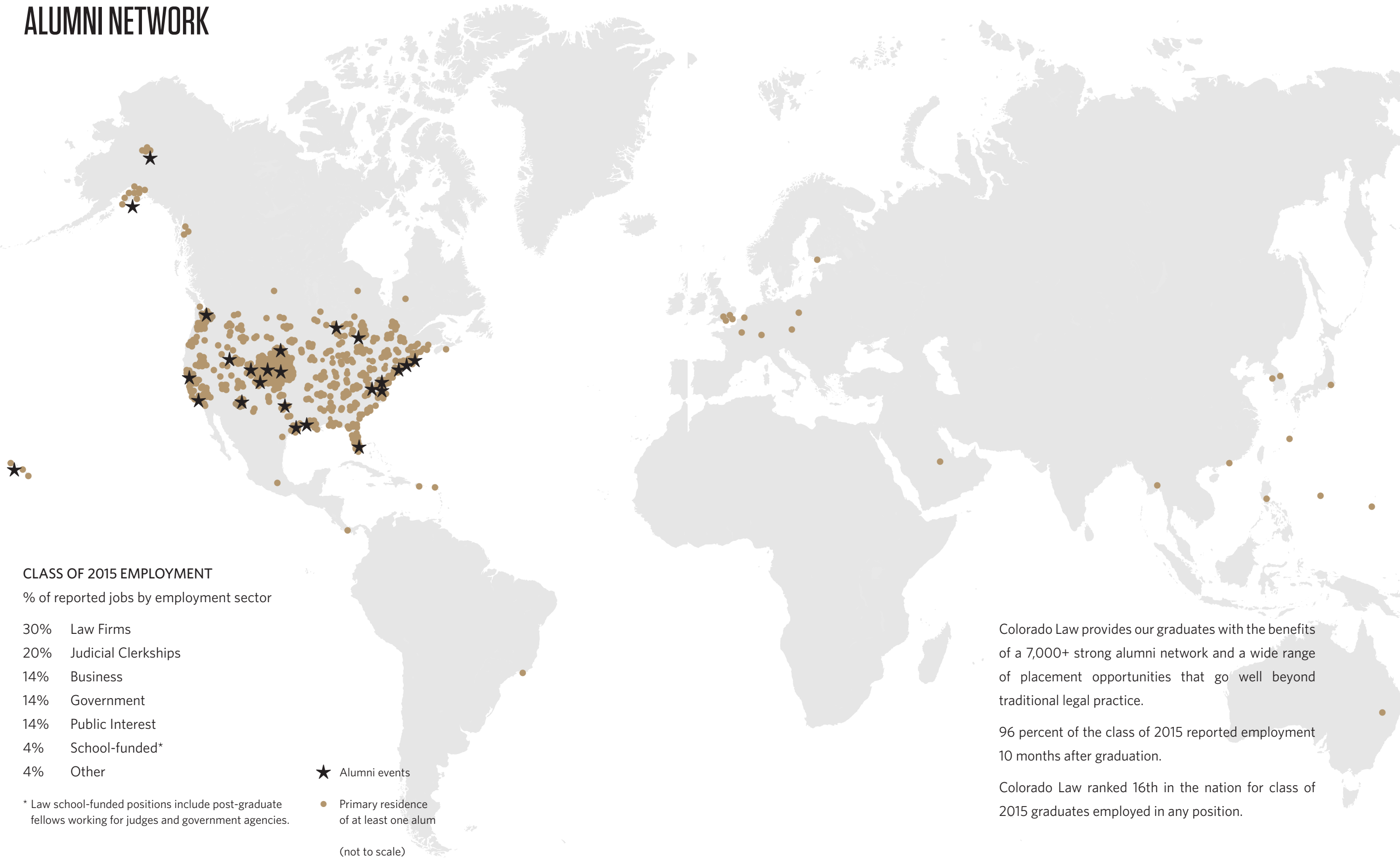
Director for the Private Sector

“Through our Career Perspectives Series, Hot Jobs, Wednesday Morning Coffees, and other programming, we expose students to a variety of practice areas and employers, and introduce them to attorneys with whom they can network and build relationships. Many students find rewarding employment through our On-Campus Interview and Diversity Internship programs, as well as through our online job database.”





# ALUMNI NETWORK



## CLASS OF 2015 EMPLOYMENT

% of reported jobs by employment sector

- 30% Law Firms
- 20% Judicial Clerkships
- 14% Business
- 14% Government
- 14% Public Interest
- 4% School-funded\*
- 4% Other

- ★ Alumni events
- Primary residence of at least one alum

(not to scale)

\* Law school-funded positions include post-graduate fellows working for judges and government agencies.

Colorado Law provides our graduates with the benefits of a 7,000+ strong alumni network and a wide range of placement opportunities that go well beyond traditional legal practice.

96 percent of the class of 2015 reported employment 10 months after graduation.

Colorado Law ranked 16th in the nation for class of 2015 graduates employed in any position.

# BOULDER, DENVER, AND COLORADO

An Unparalleled Location

## ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP METRO AREAS

Metro area population of more than 3.2 million  
(16th largest in the nation)

Extensive cultural offerings (ballet to professional sports)

Boulder ranked:

- #1 Healthiest City in America (2013), *Gallup*
- #1 College Town In America (2015), *City Described*
- #1 Most Educated Metro Area in America (2015),  
*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- #1 Place for Tech Startups (2013), *Kauffman Foundation*
- #1 Midsize City for Jobs (2014), *Forbes*

## WOLF LAW BUILDING AND CAMPUS

CU Boulder ranked #34 in the world as a public research  
institution (2015), *Academic Ranking of World Universities*

#1 student-rated law school (2015), *graduateprograms.com*

CU Boulder enjoys one of the largest student recreation centers  
in the nation

Completed in 2006, the cutting-edge, green Wolf Law Building  
earned a LEED gold certification

William A. Wise Law Library is the most comprehensive law  
library in the 12-state Rocky Mountain region, and one of  
the largest in the country, with over 1,084,075 volumes in all  
formats

## OFF CAMPUS LIFE

300+ days of sunshine annually

Music, theatre, art, festivals, farmers' markets, and boutique  
shopping

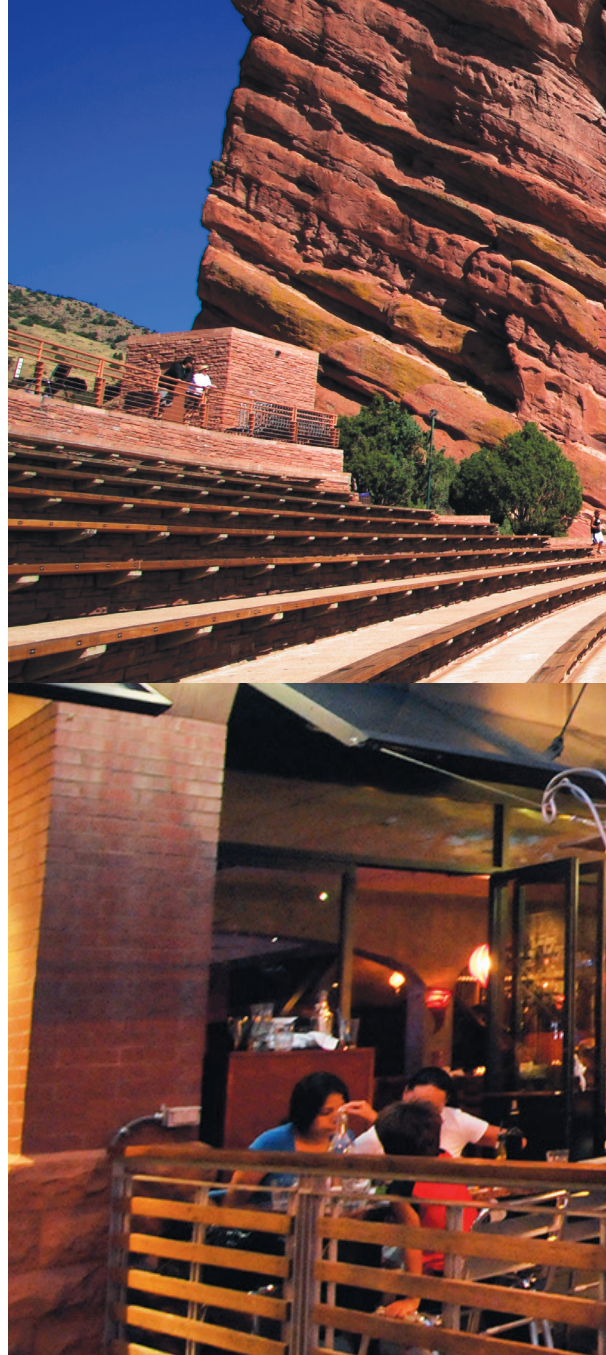
Rock climbing, hiking, running, and biking with 300+ miles of bike  
trails in Boulder

Tubing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and fishing

27 ski resorts in Colorado

Denver (only 30 minutes from Boulder) provides access to ballet,  
opera, theatre, professional sports teams, symphony, etc.

50+ independent coffee shops in Boulder and Denver









# CENTERS

## **GETCHES-WILKINSON CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

The center is the nexus of Colorado Law's efforts to solve the most pressing environmental problems facing the state, region, nation, and the world. As the platform for thought leadership, the center works on diverse and increasingly interwoven topics ranging from environmental justice to climate change, public lands management to energy development, and the governance of the Colorado River to tribal resource management.

[colorado.edu/law/gwc](https://colorado.edu/law/gwc)

## **SILICON FLATIRONS CENTER FOR LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

This interdisciplinary research center provides unique opportunities for students to interact with accomplished and nationally recognized attorneys, policymakers, businesses, and entrepreneurs. Silicon Flatirons annually hosts more than 100 conferences and events, engaging more than 1,000 students, nearly 600 alumni, and more than 8,000 professionals in technology, entrepreneurship, and related fields.

[siliconflatirons.org](https://siliconflatirons.org)

## **BYRON R. WHITE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

The White Center is dedicated to supporting legal scholarship, expanding constitutional literacy, and offering educational programming that serves Colorado's public schools and teachers through community outreach. As Marshall-Brennan Teaching Fellows, law students prepare high school students for an annual moot court competition and a trip to Washington, D.C.

[colorado.edu/law/whitecenter](https://colorado.edu/law/whitecenter)





“On any given day students may be studying the initiatives of Teddy Roosevelt and other giants in the field, meeting with scientists to discuss the impact of oil and gas fracking on rivers and groundwater aquifers, taking a field trip to an American Indian reservation to observe the tribe’s timber harvesting program, debating the merits of a controversial case in front of the Supreme Court, or actually appearing in court themselves as part of the excellent American Indian Law Clinic.”

**CHARLES WILKINSON**

Distinguished Professor

Moses Lasky Professor of Law

Chair of Getches-Wilkinson Center Board

# AREAS OF STUDY

## **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, and will prepare you for all aspects of Indian law practice, whether you are interested in working in tribal governments, federal agencies, or law firms.

[colorado.edu/law/americanindian](https://colorado.edu/law/americanindian)

## **ENTREPRENEURIAL AND BUSINESS LAW**

Boulder is one of the strongest hubs for entrepreneurship in the world today, and Colorado Law is at the heart of this community. Whether you want to counsel start-ups and investors, form your own company, or work in a larger law firm or corporation, coming to Colorado Law opens doors through its many programs, access to job opportunities, scholarships, and student organizations.

[colorado.edu/law/entrepreneurial](https://colorado.edu/law/entrepreneurial)

## **JUVENILE AND FAMILY LAW**

Colorado Law's highly-ranked juvenile and family law program covers a broad range of practice areas that connects 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.

[colorado.edu/law/juvenile](https://colorado.edu/law/juvenile)



## **NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Ranked consistently among the very best in the nation, Colorado Law's natural resources, energy, and the environment program is one of the strongest and most in-depth programs 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. Situated at the base of the Rocky Mountains, you will directly interact with and explore the places, issues, and communities that you will study.

[colorado.edu/law/environmental](https://colorado.edu/law/environmental)

## **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 legal 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.

[colorado.edu/law/publicservice](https://colorado.edu/law/publicservice)

## **TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

Colorado Law is at the forefront of technology and intellectual property law with one of the most comprehensive legal programs in the nation. Whether you are interested in litigation, transactional work, or policy, our program will provide you with the foundation you need to be prepared to practice law in the information age.

[colorado.edu/law/technology](https://colorado.edu/law/technology)

# PUBLIC SERVICE

**A**s a public institution, public service is a central part of our culture. Our courses, extracurricular offerings, committed faculty members, and engaged community provide intellectual, social, and career support that will help you cultivate and maintain a strong commitment to public service, whatever your career path.

[colorado.edu/law/about/public-service](https://colorado.edu/law/about/public-service)

## LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To support our commitment to public service, Colorado Law's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) awards \$6,500 per year to graduates who choose qualifying public service employment. Serving others is an ingredient of a full and satisfying life. As part of the dedication to the profession and local and global communities, Colorado Law supports our graduates who are pursuing careers in the public sector.

[colorado.edu/law/lrap](https://colorado.edu/law/lrap)

## 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. Students volunteered more than 70,478 hours, or 32 years of full-time work, since the program's inception in 2008.

[colorado.edu/law/academics/pledge](https://colorado.edu/law/academics/pledge)

"I came to law school because I was interested in helping the most vulnerable populations in Denver. I was intrigued by how a law degree could help me advance social justice and try to help the community where I live."

**CINQUE MCKINNEY ('12)** [FACING PAGE]

Assistant City Attorney for Human Legal Services  
Denver City Attorney's Office











# PROGRAMS

## **DANIELS FUND ETHICS INITIATIVE**

The Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at Colorado Law is a partnership that allows us to make ethics and professionalism a central part of every law student's education. Through a range of programming including networking events, speaker series, case competitions, and new courses and curriculum, the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at Colorado Law is finding creative ways to build skills in law school to prepare our students to seamlessly enter the working world and add value immediately.

[colorado.edu/law/daniels-fund](https://colorado.edu/law/daniels-fund)

## **D.C. SCHOLARS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

Every year, Silicon Flatirons' Private Sector Scholars Program provides placement assistance for students interested in technology and communications issues to work in Washington, D.C. for the summer. Previous companies have included Verizon, Disney, Comcast, and the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. Prior to beginning the internship, students participate in a four-week training where they learn from some of the biggest names in telecom and technology policy.

[silicon-flatirons.org/students.php?id=padden](https://silicon-flatirons.org/students.php?id=padden)

## **KOREY WISE INNOCENCE PROJECT**

The Korey Wise Innocence Project (KWIP) gives students the unique opportunity to assist people who believe they have been convicted despite being innocent of any offense. When KWIP learns of a case that appears deserving of further investigation, the case is referred to volunteer lawyers and Colorado Law students, who evaluate these claims to see if there are factual and legal grounds to get back into court.

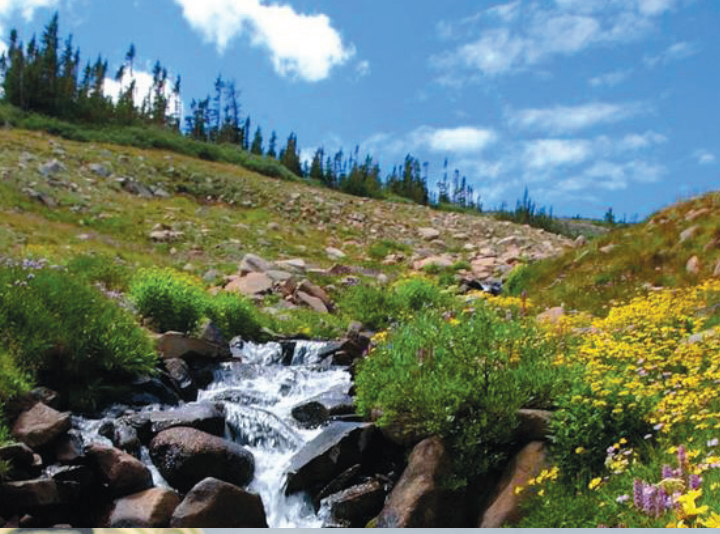
[colorado.edu/law/innocence](https://colorado.edu/law/innocence)

## **SILICON FLATIRONS TECH LAWYER ACCELERATOR**

In its third year, this innovative partnership between Colorado Law and technology companies trains future leaders in the tech law arena by preparing a select group of entrepreneurially-minded law students for paid internships ranging from 10 weeks to seven months at tech companies. Before the internship, the students participate in an intense four-week bootcamp, learning the fundamentals of the technology industry, business, and how to be an effective professional.

[colorado.edu/law/tla](https://colorado.edu/law/tla)







# CLINICS

Firsthand Experience

For more than 65 years, 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.

[colorado.edu/law/clinics](http://colorado.edu/law/clinics)

## CLINICS

American Indian Law

Civil Practice

Criminal Defense

Criminal and Immigration Defense

Entrepreneurial Law

Juvenile and Family Law

Natural Resources and Environment

Sustainable Community Development

Technology Law and Policy

"I love working in the clinics because I am actually helping people instead of sitting in a classroom. The experience of doing real legal work and helping real people is incredibly empowering. I also feel like I am learning much more than I do from most classes. There is no substitute for the hands-on learning experience that comes from doing real legal work with real consequences."

**Paul Garboczi** ('16)

Family Law Clinic

Technology Law and Policy Clinic



"Learning to effectively communicate with clients, the opposing party, and your supervisor are invaluable skills that can translate into any field of law. The clinic is extremely challenging. You have to track down clients, negotiate with district attorneys, interview witnesses, and write motions. I ended up doing a two-day jury trial, which was stressful but an invaluable experience."

**Chanel Sochacki** ('17)

Criminal Defense Clinic

# COMPETITIONS

Learning Through Action

Competitions allow you to develop skills in appellate brief writing and oral argument and to gain valuable trial practice experience. You will be coached by experienced faculty, fellow students, alumni, local judges, and lawyers to prepare you to compete at the regional and national levels.

[colorado.edu/law/competitions](https://colorado.edu/law/competitions)



## JIM R. CARRIGAN CUP STUDENT TRIAL COMPETITION

The Jim R. Carrigan Cup Student Trial Competition is the law school's most prestigious in-house competition for aspiring litigators. Two accomplished upper-class teams perform an entire trial in our own Wittemyer Courtroom before a panel of distinguished trial judges and litigators.

## ROTHGERBER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Rothgerber Moot Court Competition is Colorado Law's premier internal appellate advocacy challenge. Top upper-class Colorado Law students compete for honor and prizes in this traditional capstone event that showcases their oral advocacy talent. Students are judged by state and federal appellate judges and justices.

## RECENT REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

ABA Client Counseling Competition  
American Association for Justice Trial Competition  
Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition  
Hispanic National Bar Association's Annual Moot Court Competition  
IP LawMeets  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Thomas Tang International Moot Court Competition  
National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition  
National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition  
National Ethics Trial Competition  
National Invitational Trial Tournament of Champions  
National Student Trial Advocacy Competition  
National Telecommunications Moot Court Competition  
Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition  
New York Bar Association National Moot Court Competition  
Puerto Rico Invitational Trial Competition  
Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Competition  
Southwest Mock Trial Competition  
Wechsler Criminal Law Competition  
Transactional LawMeets

## OTHER INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

ABA National Client Counseling Selection Competition  
ABA National Negotiation Selection Competition  
Colorado Appellate Advocacy Competition  
Hogan Lovells DU-CU Cup  
LawMeets Selection Competition  
Reilly Pozner Challenge





#### NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS MOOT COURT CHAMPIONS 2016

For the third year in a row, Colorado Law took the top honors. **Cole Woodward** ('16), **Colin Oldberg** ('17), and **Spencer Rubin** ('16) (left to right) won the competition in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Federal Communications Bar Association and Catholic University of America School of Law. The coaches were Bill Levis and Ken Fellman. Colorado Law's team defeated the University of Baltimore in the final round.



#### NATIONAL TRANSACTIONAL LAWMEET CHAMPIONS 2016

**Parker Steel** ('17), **Stephanie Drumm** ('17), and **Josh Kohler** ('17) (left to right) took first place in the finals in New York City, where they were tasked with negotiating a merger of two emerging technology companies. The team also received "Best Draft" honors for their drafting of proposed agreements and marking up their opposing teams' drafts, making Colorado Law the only team to win awards for both written and spoken word. This marks Colorado Law's third consecutive first-place win in this competition.

# EXTERNSHIPS AND JOURNALS

Real-life Experience

## 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 200 placements per year and over 30,000 hours of cumulative work locally and nationwide, students acquire academic credit in addition to invaluable experience for future careers.

[colorado.edu/law/externships](http://colorado.edu/law/externships)

"The externship at the Boulder District Attorney's Office has allowed me to grow my skills in critical thinking, legal research, persuasive writing, and courtroom abilities. I have actually been able to argue motions and try cases in front of both juries and judges. These real-life trial experiences cannot be matched in a law school environment and have given me such an advantage in my future work."

**Jennifer Sisk** ('16)

Korey Wise Innocence Project  
National Moot Court Team  
National Mock Trial Team



## RECENT EXTERNSHIPS

10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals  
Bridge to Justice  
Colorado Attorney General's Office  
Colorado Court of Appeals  
Colorado Legislative Offices – House and Senate  
Colorado Public Broadcasting  
Colorado Public Defender Office  
Colorado Secretary of State  
Colorado Supreme Court  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Deming Center Venture Fund  
District Attorney Offices in the 1st, 2nd, 17th, 18th and  
20th judicial districts

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Federal Mining and Health Safety Commission  
Native American Rights Fund  
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network  
Sierra Club  
University of Colorado Counsel's Office  
U.S. Attorney for District of Colorado  
U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Energy  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

## JOURNALS

Colorado Law is home to three nationally respected, student-run law journals.

[colorado.edu/law/journals](http://colorado.edu/law/journals)

*Colorado Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Review*  
*Colorado Technology Law Journal*  
*University of Colorado Law Review*



# 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**

Advanced Topics in American Indian Law  
American Indian Law I  
American Indian Law II  
American Indian Law Clinic  
Cultural Property

## **BUSINESS LAW**

Accounting Boot Camp  
Accounting Issues for Lawyers  
Advanced Corporation and Securities Law  
Agency, Partnership, and the LLC  
Antitrust  
Bankruptcy  
Business Law Colloquium  
Business Transactions  
Construction Law  
Corporations  
Creditors' Remedies and Debtors' Protection  
Deals  
Deals Lab: Venture Capital  
Deals Lab: Securities  
Deals Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions  
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic  
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Public Policy  
Insurance Law  
Intensive Introduction to Financial Information,  
Accounting, and Law  
Law and Economics of Utility Regulation  
Law Practice Management  
Math for Lawyers  
Mergers, Acquisitions, and Reorganizations  
Principles of Auditing, Compliance, and Risk Management  
Secured Transactions  
Securities Regulation  
Space Law  
Sports Law  
The Philosophy of Entrepreneurship  
Transactional Drafting  
Venture Capital and Private Equity

## **CRIMINAL LAW**

Advanced Evidence: Forensic Science and the  
Criminal Courts  
Appellate Advocacy Clinic  
Capital Punishment  
Computer Crime Law  
Criminal Defense Clinic  
Criminal Defense and Immigration Clinic  
Criminal Law  
Criminal Law in Context  
Criminal Procedure: Adjudicative Process  
Criminal Procedure: Investigative Phase  
Domestic Violence  
Gender and Criminal Justice  
Jury Selection and History  
Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile Justice Clinic  
Post-Conviction Criminal Procedure  
Prosecutor's Role in Criminal Justice  
Theory of Punishment  
White Collar Crime  
White Collar Crime Practicum

## **FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW**

Advanced Topics in Family Law  
Counseling Families in Business  
Domestic Violence  
Elder Law  
Family Law  
Juvenile Justice  
Juvenile and Family Law Clinic  
Parent, Child, and State

## **HEALTH LAW**

Bioethics  
Corporate Transactions in Health Law  
Federal Health Care Fraud and Abuse  
Health Law I: Finance, Administration, and Organization  
Healthcare Litigation

Health Law II: Medical Malpractice Litigation  
Poverty, Health and Law  
Poverty, Health and Law II: Practicum  
Public Health Law and Ethics

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW**

Business Transactions: Technology Agreements  
Computer Crime Law  
Computers and the Law  
Copyright  
Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age  
E-Discovery  
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International Business Transactions  
International Dispute Resolution  
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Critical Law and Economics  
Critical Theory Colloquium  
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Gender Law and Policy  
International Legal Theory  
Jurisprudence  
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Decision Making  
Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion  
Theory of Punishment

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Deposition Skills  
Evidence and Trial Practice  
Federal Litigation: Everything but the Trial  
Litigation Drafting  
Judicial Opinion Writing  
Jury Selection and History  
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Mediation  
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Advanced Natural Resources Law  
Advanced Water Law  
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Climate Change Law and Policy  
Energy Justice  
Energy Law and Regulation  
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Environmental Decision making  
Foundations of Natural Resources Law and Policy  
International Environmental Law  
International Natural Resources Law and Policy  
Land Use  
Mining and Energy Law  
Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic  
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Antidiscrimination Law and the First Amendment  
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Civil Practice Clinic  
Criminal Defense Clinic  
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Juvenile and Family Law Clinic  
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Land Use Planning  
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## **RESEARCH AND WRITING**

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## JD ADMISSION STANDARDS

Above all, Colorado Law values leadership, character, diversity, and commitment to service in its students. The small size of the student body—about 170 in each entering class—and the large number of applicants require a very selective admissions process. Admissions decisions are based on many factors, including undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score, and take into account other indicators of ability, motivation, and achievement. In the faculty's judgment, a diverse student body improves the educational experience of all students.

## JD APPLICATION PROCESS

Find complete application instructions at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org) and on the Colorado Law website. The Admissions Committee considers applications beginning in October. Applicants are notified of decisions on a rolling basis from October until the class is filled, usually in May. Admission from the wait list, which is not ranked, can occur as late as August, and the number of offers varies from year to year.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants have additional requirements as explained on the school's website, including transcripts showing completion of the equivalent of an American bachelor's degree, foreign degree verification, and transcript translation, if applicable. The TOEFL is required of all students whose native language is not English, as a thorough and excellent command of written and spoken English is crucial to success in law school. After admission, international students must submit a financial affidavit stating that they have the financial resources to support themselves while attending school in the United States, since Colorado Law cannot offer loan assistance to international students. All admitted international students are considered for merit-based scholarships.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

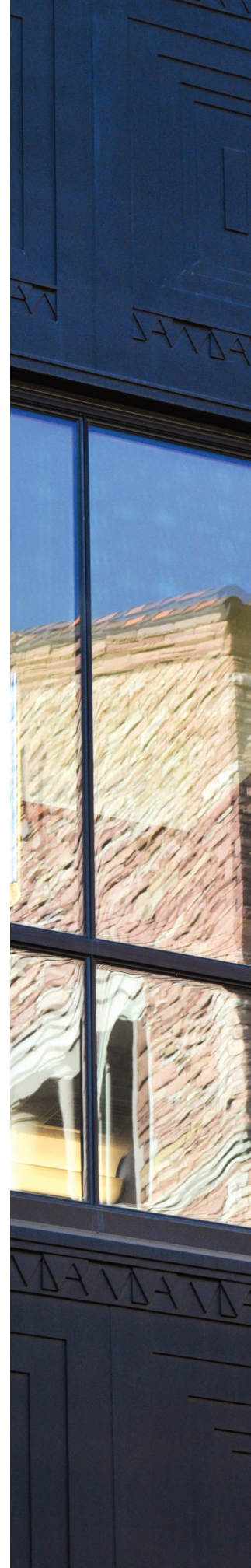
Students who have completed at least one full year of JD study (approximately 30 semester credits) at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association may apply for fall transfer admission to Colorado Law. The number of transfer students admitted varies each year, and only those who have done very well in their law studies elsewhere have a substantial chance of admission.

## 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 IN LAW

Find complete application instructions at [colorado.edu/law/msl](http://colorado.edu/law/msl). 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.







# 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](https://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 in 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 at [lsac.org](https://lsac.org)

MSL application opens at [colorado.edu/law/MSLapplication](https://colorado.edu/law/MSLapplication)

March 1

FAFSA filing priority deadline

March 15

JD application deadline

MSL application deadline

May 1

Transfer (fall) and visitor (fall/spring) JD applications accepted

July 1

Transfer and visitor JD application deadline

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