



Colorado **Law**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

127<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**COMMENCEMENT  
CEREMONY**

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022  
12 p.m.

MACKY AUDITORIUM  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

<i>Welcome and Remarks</i>	Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss
<i>Spanish Welcome</i>	Professor Violeta Chapin
<i>Honor Song (please stand)</i>	Doug Good Feather
<i>Order of the Coif</i> <i>Introduction of Honorary Order of the Coif Recipient</i> <i>Woon Ki Lau ('72)</i>	Professor Blake E. Reid
<i>Introduction of Class Speaker</i>	Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss
<i>Remarks</i>	Benjamin Tyrel Hepler Class President
<i>Student Awards</i>	Jason Rogers Class Treasurer
<i>Faculty and Staff Awards</i>	John McAllister Baker Class Secretary
<i>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</i>	Mackenzie Seiler Smith Class Vice President
<i>Keynote Speaker</i>	Governor Jared Polis
<i>JD Hooding Professors*</i>	Professor Frederic Bloom Professor Benjamin Levin Professor Scott Skinner- Thompson <i>*Selected by Class of 2022</i>

<i>LLM Hooding Professor</i>	Professor Todd M. Stafford
<i>MSL Hooding Professors</i>	Associate Dean Amy Bauer Professor Melanie Kay
<i>Recognition of Graduates</i>	Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss Whiting Dimock ('96) Senior Assistant Dean Kristine M. Jackson
<i>Alumni Welcome</i>	David W. Stark ('73) Law Alumni Board Chair
<i>Sears Charge</i>	Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss
<i>Recessional</i>	Class of 2022, Deans, and Faculty

## RECESSIONAL

*Please remain seated during the faculty and graduate recessional.*

## POST-CEREMONY

*Please join us for a reception at the Wolf Law Building from 2-4 p.m. Buses will run from Macky Auditorium to the reception until 2 p.m. Graduates will receive their mini-composites and class gifts at the reception following the ceremony.*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER GOVERNOR JARED POLIS



Governor Polis started his first business, American Information Systems, while in college out of his dorm room. By the time he was 30, he'd launched three successful companies, including ProFlowers, one of the world's leading online flower retailers. His pioneering role in the internet economy earned him an "Entrepreneur of the Year" distinction from Ernst and Young.

Following these business successes, Governor Polis committed himself to making sure other Coloradans had the opportunity to pursue their dreams. He co-founded Techstars, a startup accelerator that mentors entrepreneurs from all walks of life, and Patriot Boot Camp, which helps veterans start their own small businesses after coming home from their service. In addition to his career as an entrepreneur, much of Governor Polis' adult life has been focused on improving public education. He served six years on the State Board of Education, where he worked to raise pay for teachers and reduce class size for students. He also founded several public charter schools for at-risk youth, and served as superintendent of one of them, the New America School, which helps immigrants earn their high school diplomas.

Governor Polis is a Colorado native, born in 1975. He, his partner Marlon, and their two children are all avid Rockies fans.

## ORDER OF THE COIF

The English Order of the Coif, an ancient and honored institution of the Common Law, was an association of distinguished lawyers from whose members the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas were appointed and who for centuries had the exclusive right to be barristers in that Court. Later, judges of the King's Bench and the Exchequer were appointed from its members. The Order took its name from the coif, or cap, that all members wore. The American Order was formed in 1911 for the purpose of promoting scholarship among law students. Under the Order's constitution, the top 10 percent of the graduating class of each school is eligible for membership.

## HONORARY ORDER OF THE COIF

We are pleased to honor Woon Ki Lau, Esq., as the 2022 Honorary Order of the Coif Recipient. Woon Ki Lau is originally from Hong Kong, and is fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese. He was one of the first immigration lawyers in Colorado, and practiced for ten years in Northglenn, Colorado before starting Lau & Choi, P.C. in Denver, Colorado in 1984. Woon Ki Lau graduated with a B.S. in Physics from Colorado State University in 1965, and received his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School in 1972.

## CLASS OF 2022 OFFICERS

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## HONOR COUNCIL

*The Honor Council, appointed for three-year terms, advises the faculty and students on matters of academic honesty. When required, it conducts formal hearings, makes legal determinations, submits findings and conclusions, and when appropriate, recommends sanctions.*

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### JURIS DOCTOR (JD) GRADUATES WITH CERTIFICATES

*To qualify for a Certificate, a participating student must earn at least 92 credit hours for graduation (as contrasted with the usual 89 credit hours), and earn a specified number of credit hours in the relevant subject area.*

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## LEGUM MAGISTER (LLM) GRADUATES

*Colorado Law offers an LLM degree that prepares talented lawyers from diverse backgrounds and countries to practice law and serve as intellectual leaders around the globe. Students must complete at least 24 credits in a range of courses to earn this degree, and a JD or equivalent is required for admission to the program.*

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*Colorado Law offers an MSL degree that prepare students to work as ethics and compliance professionals within private, public, and non-profit organizations. Students must complete at least 28 credits in a range of courses to earn this degree.*

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- ⊕ Summer 2021 graduate
- ♦ December 2021 graduate
- € Projected Summer 2022 graduate
- Projected Fall 2022 graduate
- £ JD/Master of Science in Technology, Cybersecurity and Policy
- ⌘ Order of the Coif Candidates
- § Completed the Public Service Pledge by participating in 50 or more hours of law-related public service work not for credit or other compensation

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## SEARS CHARGE

*You have now received the Juris Doctor degree. Please do not take undue pride in this title, for in the final analysis the test of your professional fitness will lie not in your title, but rather in your service to society and in the extent to which you combine professional skills with humane concern, legal learning with intense integrity, great energy with high ideals. What kind of lawyer you will be depends in large part on the kind of person you are. I hope you may continue to grow and that, in the years to come, you will live the most challenging life of all: the life of the mind, the life of service. To you all, we wish great success in your chosen profession.*

