

Roger Klein Scholarship

Description: Roger Klein ('67) served for many years as the Judge of Water Court Division One. The Roger Klein Scholarship, established on November 4, 2011, at the Weld Community Foundation by his friends and colleagues, is awarded to current law students who demonstrate an interest and aptitude in water law and whose course work supports that interest. First year students may apply if they have demonstrated a commitment to studying water law after the required first year courses have been completed. Third year students must be enrolled in the upcoming term to be eligible for the award.

Students must submit a cover letter indicating they are applying for the Roger Klein Scholarship, enclosing a resume, current transcript and essay indicating why they are deserving of the scholarship and send via mail or email directly to:

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Weld Community Foundation
2425 35th Ave., Ste. 201
Greeley, CO 80634
OR Email: Info@weldcommunityfoundation.org

Materials must be received by April 15, 2024.

Short bio of Roger Klein:

Friends and colleagues of Judge Roger A. Klein recently established a charitable fund to honor his long-time career.

Roger Klein was born and raised in Ohio, graduated from the Allegheny College in Pennsylvania in 1964, and then moved to Colorado to attend the University of Colorado Law School. After graduating from law school in 1967, he joined the Peace Corps. Roger worked as a public defender in Sterling and Greeley until the mid 1970s. He was the first public defender in Sterling and helped pave the way for the defender program. After leaving the Public Defender office, Roger actively engaged in the private practice of law in Greeley for approximately 20 years. His law partners included such notables as Andy Borg and Bryan Shaha. In 1994 Roger was appointed to the Weld County District Court bench where he served with distinction. He later became not only the Chief Judge of the Weld County District Court but also the Judge of Water Court Division One until his retirement in 2008.

He and his wife, Emi, have two children, Anne and Christopher. Roger has a wide circle of friends and admirers. He has been an enthusiastic runner and participated in both the New York and Boston Marathons.