

# UNIVERSITY OF **COLORADO LAW** SCHOOL

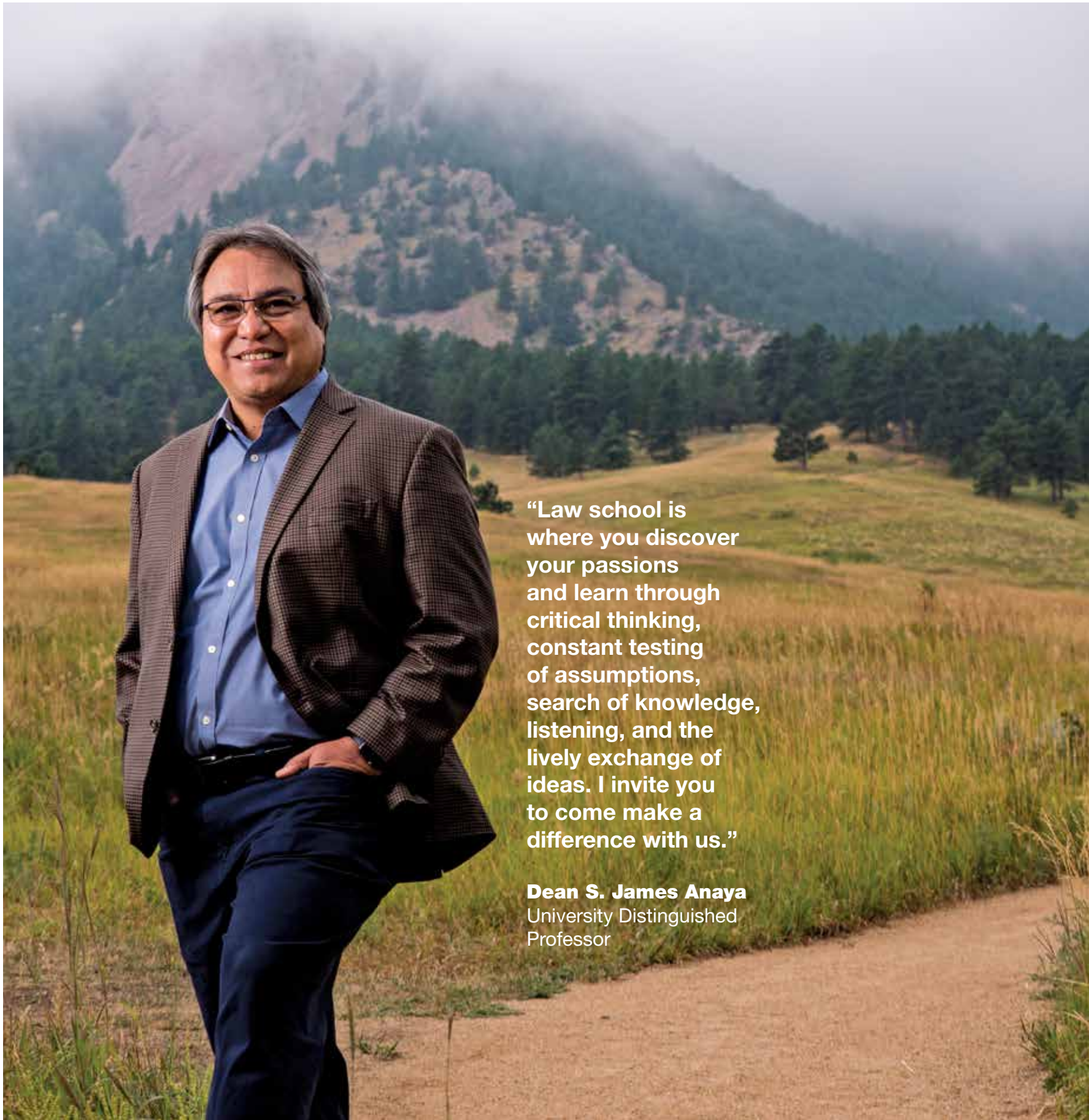


Colorado **Law**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

A man in a grey suit and glasses is speaking to a group of students outdoors. The students are sitting on a stone ledge, and the background features a large mountain with a peak under a clear blue sky. The scene is set in a park-like area with trees and a paved walkway. The man is gesturing with his right hand as he speaks. The students are dressed in casual attire, including jackets and hoodies. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

Your journey  
**starts here.**



“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

**With our roots in Colorado and a global outlook, we are advancing knowledge about the law.**

**6.2:1**  
**student-to-faculty ratio**  
*Calculated using U.S. News & World Report methodology.*

**Best value**  
**law school**  
*(National Jurist, 2019)*

**9**  
**legal clinics**

**100+**  
**undergraduate institutions represented by our diverse student body**

**3**  
**research centers**

**32**  
**countries where Colorado Law graduates work**

**3**  
**student-led journals**

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

**#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.

## Degrees

### JD

Juris Doctor

### LLM

Master of Laws

### MSL

Master of Studies in Law in Ethics and Compliance

## Dual Degrees

### JD/ENVS

Juris Doctor/Master's in Environmental Studies

### JD/MBA

Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration

### JD/MD

Juris Doctor/Doctor of Medicine  
(Anschutz Medical Campus)

### JD/MPA

Juris Doctor/Master of Public Administration  
(CU Denver)

### JD/MS

Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Technology, Cybersecurity, and Policy

### JD/MURP

Juris Doctor/Master of Urban and Regional Planning (CU Denver)

### JD/PhD

Juris Doctor/Doctorate in Environmental Studies

## 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  
Contracts  
Legal Writing I  
Legislation and Regulation  
Torts

### Spring

Constitutional Law  
Criminal Law  
Legal Writing II  
Property

## 1L Electives Offered

Entrepreneurship Innovation and Public Policy  
Foundations of Legal Research  
Framing and Legal Narrative  
Legal Analysis  
Legal Ethics, Professionalism, and Creative Problem Solving

## 2L/3L Required Courses

Evidence  
Legal Ethics and Professionalism

## 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 Boot Camp  
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 Lab: Mergers and Acquisitions  
Deals Lab: Securities  
Deals Lab: Venture Capital  
Entrepreneurial Law Clinic  
Ethical Organizations and Professionals  
Ethics Compliance Capstone  
Insurance Law  
Introduction to In-House Practice  
Law and Economics of Utility Regulation  
Law & Mathematics  
Law Practice Management  
Mergers 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 Clinic  
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 People in International Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Dispute Resolution  
International Environmental Law  
International Human Rights Law  
International Law  
International Trade Law  
International Trade Litigation Lab  
Introduction to Islamic Law  
Seminar: International Human Rights  
Seminar: U.S. National Security and Foreign Relations in a Time of Change  
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 Law 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 Law  
Sexuality and the Law

### 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](https://colorado.edu/law/careers)

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

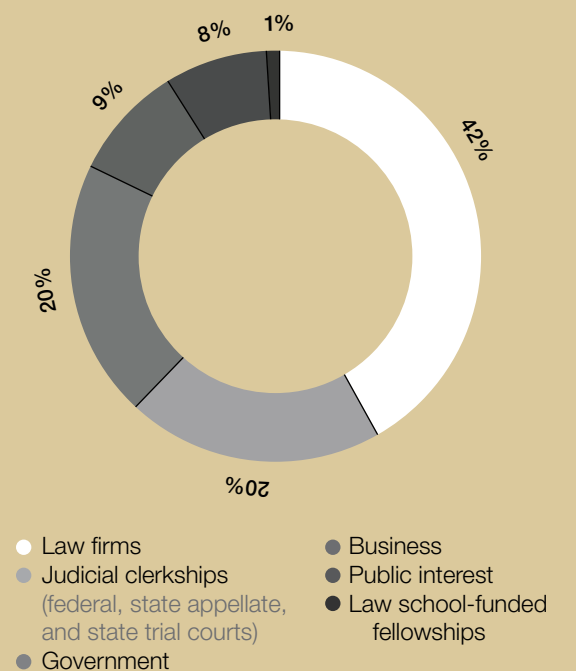
### Class of 2019 employment\*

**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.

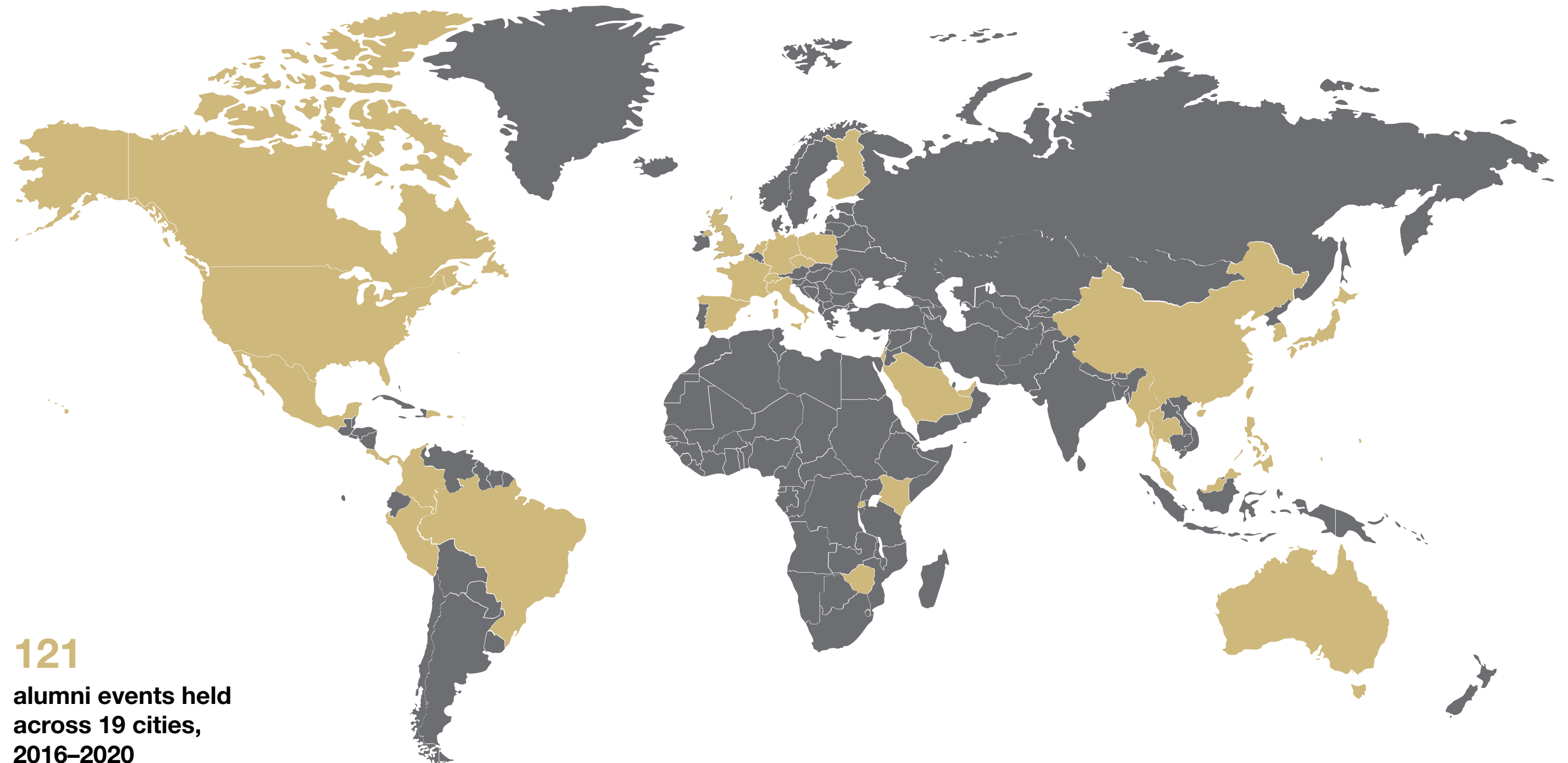
\*All statistics reflect employment 10 months after graduation (March 16, 2020).



# 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.

● Primary residence of at least one Colorado Law graduate



**121**  
alumni events held  
across 19 cities,  
2016–2020

# 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.



8 major professional sports teams



40+ museums and centers



20+ music venues



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.



1-mile walk from the law school to Chautauqua Park, the starting point for dozens of hiking trails.

# Challenge yourself in a friendly and cooperative environment.

## Academic Areas of Excellence

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





“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

## Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

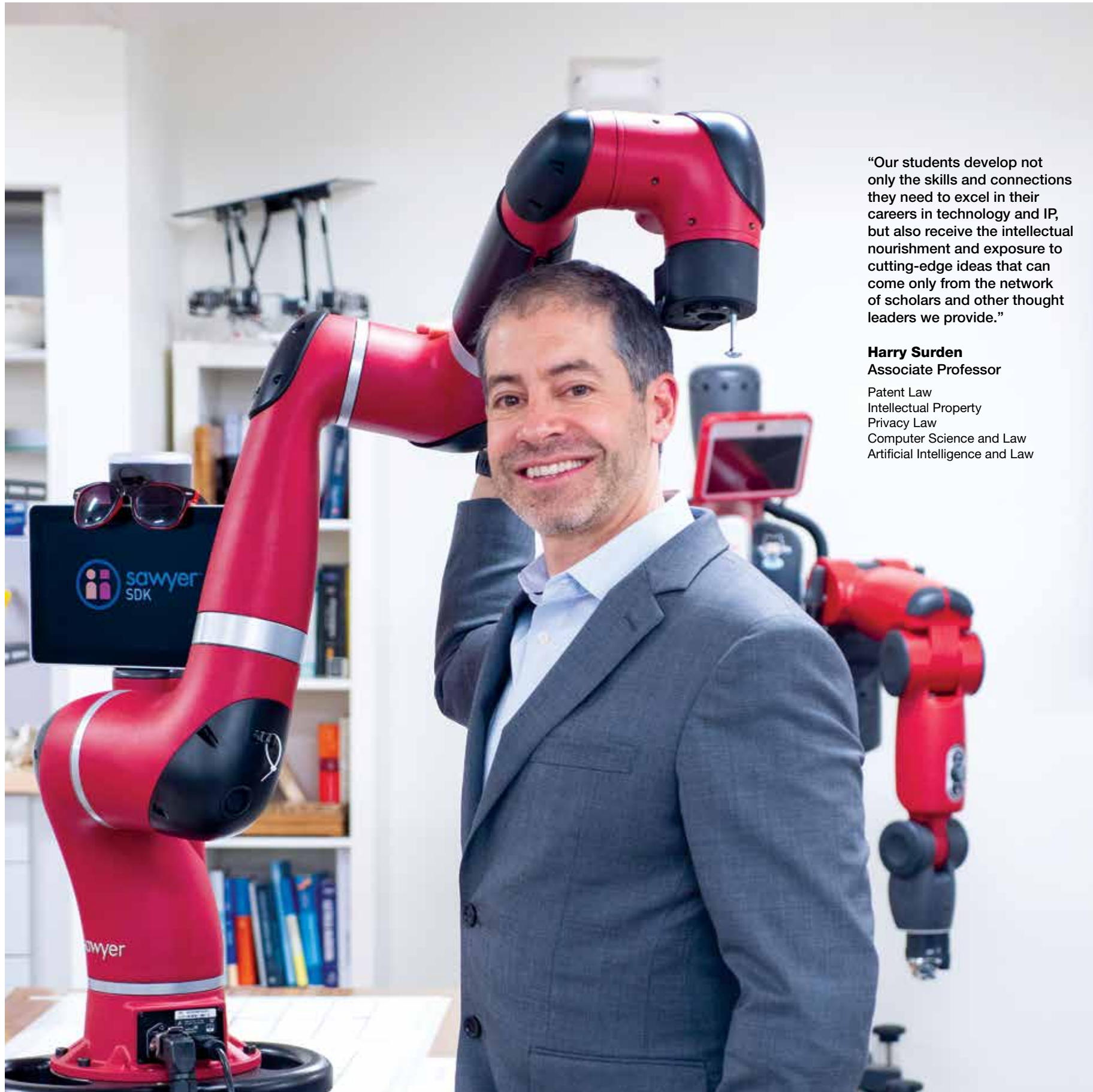
### Tackle today's most pressing issues in water, climate, and energy law.

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, Wittemyer, 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 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

## 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



“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

### 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://colorado.edu/law/whitecenter)



Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, delivers the White Center's 2019 Stevens Lecture.



A team of Colorado Law students and volunteers with the Korey Wise Innocence Project.

## 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.



**U.S. Rep. Joe Neguse ('09)**

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.

## 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.



# 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.

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### 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  
Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Native American Rights Fund  
Rocky Mountain Victim Law Center  
U.S. Attorney’s Office  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit  
U.S. Department of Energy: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Labor  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
University of Colorado Athletics Department: Office of Compliance Services



## Join our community.

### 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 requires 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, as well as other indicators of ability, motivation, and achievement.

### JD Application Process

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 waitlist, which is not ranked, can occur as late as August, and the number of offers varies from year to year. Find complete application instructions at [Isac.org](http://Isac.org) and [colorado.edu/law/admissions](http://colorado.edu/law/admissions).

### International Students

International applicants have additional requirements as explained on our 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, because 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 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](http://colorado.edu/law/msl) and [colorado.edu/law/llm](http://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](http://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  
[Isac.org](http://Isac.org)

MSL application opens  
[colorado.edu/law/MSL](http://colorado.edu/law/MSL)

LLM application opens  
[colorado.edu/law/LLM](http://colorado.edu/law/LLM)

### April 1

JD application deadline

### May 1

MSL and LLM application deadline

### July 1

Transfer and visitor JD application deadline



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