127th ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022
12 p.m.

MACKY AUDITORIUM
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER
ORDER OF EXERCISES

Welcome and Remarks
Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss

Spanish Welcome
Professor Violeta Chapin

Honor Song (please stand)
Doug Good Feather

Order of the Coif
Professor Blake E. Reid
Introduction of Honorary Order of the Coif Recipient
Woon Ki Lau (‘72)

Introduction of Class Speaker
Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss

Remarks
Benjamin Tyrel Hepler
Class President

Student Awards
Jason Rogers
Class Treasurer

Faculty and Staff Awards
John McAllister Baker
Class Secretary

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Mackenzie Seiler Smith
Class Vice President

Keynote Speaker
Governor Jared Polis

JD Hooding Professors*
Professor Frederic Bloom
Professor Benjamin Levin
Professor Scott Skinner-Thompson

*Selected by Class of 2022
LLM Hooding Professor
Professor Todd M. Stafford

MSL Hooding Professors
Associate Dean Amy Bauer
Professor Melanie Kay

Recognition of Graduates
Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss
Whiting Dimock (‘96)
Senior Assistant Dean Kristine M. Jackson

Alumni Welcome
David W. Stark (‘73)
Law Alumni Board Chair

Sears Charge
Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss

Recessional
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.
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.
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LEGUM MAGISTER (LLM) GRADUATES

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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.

Natasha Lyn Abbott Amanda Rios-Santiago Θ
Katherine Gorman Bauer Tsion Haile Tesfaye
Kara Marsh Olivia Watson
Cary Reyes

Θ  Summer 2021 graduate
♦  December 2021 graduate
Є  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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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.