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## MESSAGES FROM THE DEAN

### Updates from Interim Dean Marty Katz

#### Strategic Plan

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is pleased to announce the completion of the first stage of our Strategic Planning Process. This plan articulates our vision and mission, and describes our path to excellence and leadership in legal education. Read the plan in its entirety [here](#).

#### Bar Pass Results

The July 2009 bar exam results boasted the **highest pass rate in more than 20 Years**. Our final bar passage rate was 91% after appeals which is 2% higher than the statewide average. [Please click here to read the entire message.](#)

#### 10 New Faculty in Next 5 Years

DU Law will add 10 new tenured or tenure-track faculty members over the next 5 years. This will grow our faculty from 52 to 62. Additionally, last year, we reduced our class size from more than 350 entering students to 300 students. [Please click here to read the entire message.](#)

#### Admissions Report

The class entering the SCOL this fall is an excellent one. It is almost exactly on target size-wise. Indicia for bar passage and *U.S. News* rankings are excellent. And while the class is not what we had hoped in terms of overall diversity, it represents a healthier mix of diversity than last year's class and also has taught us some valuable lessons that should bolster diversity measures next year. These issues are all discussed in more detail below. [Please click here to read the entire message.](#)

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## ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Stay connected with your classmates and other DU alumni! If you're a registered member of DU's free alumni online community, you can update your contact information, find other DU alumni, "bookmark" your alumni friends and classmates, and submit class notes.

- [Register here »](#)
- [Manage your e-mail preferences »](#)

## NEWS & EVENTS



### Martin J. Katz Named Dean of Sturm College of Law

Martin Katz has been named dean of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Chancellor Robert Coombe announced February 8, 2010.

"I'm very excited to take this role. It's a unique time and a unique set of opportunities at the law school," Katz says. "There are significant changes afoot in both the practice of law and in our understanding of how to provide the best legal education possible. Our strategy to achieve this vision provides a thoughtful blueprint for taking advantage of the new world we're living in." [Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) for a message from Dean Katz.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Sturm College of Law's Strategic Plan.

### In Memoriam- William Erickson

We regret to announce that William Erickson passed away in January 2010 at the age of 85. Erickson served as a Colorado Supreme Court judge for 25 years. [Please click](#) here for more information.

### DU Law Classes of 1994–2009 Recent Grad Reunion & Hockey Game! Friday, February 19, 2010

6:30 PM: Appetizers & Drinks

7:37 PM: Puck Drops

University of Denver Ritchie Center, Studio D (south entry)

Don't miss this chance to catch up with classmates at a **private reception** at DU's Ritchie Center before the DU Pioneers and Michigan Tech Huskies hockey game. You'll have full access to the room, which opens out onto the concourse and your seats, before and during the game! Join us for a great time connecting with friends and alumni and cheer on DU's top-ranked hockey team!

**Cost: \$30 per person.** Includes admission to the reception and game, two drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and exclusive access to Studio D throughout the game!

**HURRY – Tickets will sell out fast!**  
**Register by Monday, February 15, 2010**

[Click here to register](#) or contact [Laura Dean](#) at 303-871-6122.

### Attention Classes of 1960 and Earlier- SAVE THE DATE: May 21-23, 2010!

The DU Law class of 1960 will celebrate their 50-Year Reunion and will be inducted into the **Golden Barristers Society** on May 21-23, 2010. They will also participate in graduation ceremonies and other fun activities. More details to follow soon!

### DU Law hosts the International Law Weekend (Midwest) of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) Friday & Saturday, February 12 & 13, 2010

The [Ved Nanda Center for International Law](#), the [International Legal Studies Program](#), the [Denver Journal of International Law & Policy](#) and the [International Law Society](#) at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law are honored to present "**Sustainable Development, Corporate Governance, and International Law**" as part of ABILA's regional

New! Search past issues of the *DU Law Alumni Magazine* for articles, class notes and faculty highlights! »

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International Law Weekend. The conference, co-sponsored by the [International Law Section of the American Bar Association](#), will also feature the Myres McDougal Distinguished Lecture, the Henry and Mary Bryan Distinguished Lecture and the Leonard v.B. Sutton Colloquium.

For information, including reservations and CLE, please visit the [Nanda Center](#) online or email [Ms. Keri Grundstein](#).

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**“Effectively Networking During an Economic Downturn:  
Don’t Burn the Bridges You’re Trying to Build!”**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Room 180

The Alumni Relations Office and the Career Development Center present “Effectively Networking During an Economic Downturn: Don’t Burn the Bridges You’re Trying to Build!” Join us for a panel discussion examining **methods and styles of effective networking**. Recognizing the importance of developing and maintaining networks with alumni and other professionals, especially given these tough economic times, the panel will explore the “dos” and “don’ts” of networking. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) for more information.

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**2010 Founders Day**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

6:00 PM: Cocktail Reception  
7:00 PM: Dinner and Award Ceremony  
Seawell Ballroom, Denver Center for the Performing Arts  
1101 13th Street, Denver, CO 80204

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our 146th anniversary and our 2010 Founders Day Alumni Association award recipients. For more information or to register, please visit us online at [alumni.du.edu/foundersday](http://alumni.du.edu/foundersday).

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**Motherhood: Reclaiming Our Past, Transforming Our Future Conference**  
**Friday & Saturday, March 12 & 13, 2010**

Join us March 12 & 13, 2010, at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law as we examine the issues that frame the economic, legal, political and cultural position of motherhood in the 21st Century. This is the inaugural conference co-sponsored by the Sturm College of Law, the University College of Dublin Law School and the School of Social Justice, Republic of Ireland. We will be joined by scholar/activists from the Republic of Ireland and from Northern Ireland as we reconceptualize mothering and motherhood in the 21st Century. Please visit the [conference website](#) to register or for more information.

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**PALs (Partners At Law) Events**

**Attention DU Law Alumni & Friends – Our Students Seek Your Advice!** The Partners at Law (PALs) lunch and dinner are events that facilitate interaction between students and alumni based on their interest and practice area.

**Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, March 24, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**Saturday, March 27, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Please contact Laura Dean at 303.871.6122 or [ldean@law.du.edu](mailto:ldean@law.du.edu) or visit the [PALS website](#) for more information.

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**DU Law Creates Facebook Fan Page Presence**

We have officially moved the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Facebook Group page to a Fan page. The difference is that a Fan page creates an umbrella under which various constituent groups can be housed. It also allows more dynamic interactions between members and moderators. What we cannot do is migrate all of our current members from the GROUP page to the Fan page. **For this we need your help!**

Please click the link below (or paste it in your internet browser) to become a fan of DU Law.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=23719263579#/pages/Denver-CO/University-of-Denver-Sturm-College-of-Law/204562631883?ref=ts>

Alternatively, you may search for the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (indicated by a flag icon) and click the button that says “Become a Fan.” You will then automatically be included on the fan page.

**We hope that this fan page will become a central “meeting” place for all things DU Law-related.** Please let us know what you think, and thank you for your assistance with this exciting change!

If you would like to add your own group, please contact Laura Dean, director of alumni relations: [ldean@law.du.edu](mailto:ldean@law.du.edu) or 303-871-6122.

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**Alumni Volunteers Needed!**

The DU Law Office of Alumni Relations is seeking alumni volunteers for various activities with

students. Events include:

**Mock Interviews  
Judges Needed for Hogan & Hartson Cup  
PALS (Partners at Law)**

Please contact [Laura Dean](#) for more information or to become a DU Law volunteer!

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**2010 DU Law Stars: SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Thursday, September 16, 2010**  
Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center

[Please click](#) here for more information.

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## ALUMNI RESOURCES

### The Alumni Career Network Online

The Alumni Career Network (ACN) program enables students to contact participating alumni and discuss specific practice areas, the legal profession in other cities and the overall benefits (and drawbacks) of a career in law. This program is a wonderful way to assist the next generation of DU Law alumni. Please visit the [Alumni Career Network website](#) to register.

### Keep up with DU Law Faculty Research

The Sturm College of Law recently joined the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), an on-line network of research databases that distributes information about scholarly research throughout the world. Subscribers to the DU Law Legal Studies Research Paper Series receive periodic email updates with the titles and abstracts of both finished articles and draft articles written by DU Law faculty. This is a quick and easy way to keep up to date on the most current research being conducted and disseminated by our faculty scholars. If you would like to subscribe to this FREE service, please visit the [SSRN website](#). If you have any questions about subscribing, please contact the Manager of Educational Technology, [Jessica Hogan](#).

### Legal Externship Program

With more than 400 placements a year, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's Legal Externship Program is an effective and comprehensive bridge to take students from law student to lawyer. Externs work with corporate in-house counsel, private firms, government and non-profit agencies, as well as with judges at all levels. The program welcomes new mentors.

For more information please visit the [Externship Program Website](#).

### Legislative Process Digital Collection

The Westminster Law Library at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law is proud to announce the release of a new digital collection, [Access for All: Providing a Window to the Legislative Process for Colorado's Citizens](#). This site provides searchable access to all *Colorado Legislative Council Research Publications*, links to relevant legislation for newer publications, and information on performing legislative history research at the state and federal level. For more information, please visit the [Westminster Law Library](#).

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