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### Denver Law makes significant gains in US News & World Report rankings

Dear Alumni and Friends,

US News released their 2012 rankings this morning, and it is a good year for Denver Law. Some highlights:

- Our overall ranking is #69, up from #77 last year and #80 the year before.
- Five of our specialty programs were ranked ([Clinical Programs](#), [Environmental](#), [Tax](#), [Legal Writing](#), and [Trial Advocacy](#)). The Clinic went up to #12 (above Michigan, Fordham, UCLA, and Harvard). Legal Writing went up to #16. Tax is back in the rankings. And Trial Advocacy is now ranked.
- Our part time program is ranked #13.
- Our lawyer/judge assessment rose again. And our ranking by firms was #67.

While it is important to keep rankings such as this in perspective, our consistent upward movement suggests that people are noticing all of the great work that we are doing in implementing our strategic plan. The University also has seen the benefit of adding faculty and improving student-faculty ratios and has seen innovative new bar passage programs pay off with a steady climb in passage rates. We are particularly pleased with our assessment scores, as they are notoriously the hardest to move and are a testament to our reputation among our peers both in academia and within the legal profession.

These rankings reflect an ongoing commitment to providing relevant, rigorous programs for Denver Law students. The best measure of our success is illustrated in large part by our ability to produce graduates who are increasingly well-prepared—practice-ready, client-ready, and ready to make a difference in their communities and in the world. As our implementation efforts reap rewards, Denver Law will continue to increase its stature as a leader in educating tomorrow's lawyers.

Regards,

Martin J. Katz  
Dean and Professor of Law