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### MESSAGES FROM THE DEAN

#### Updates from Dean 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 »](#)

### DU LAW ALUMNI MAGAZINE

### NEWS & EVENTS

#### 2010 DU Law Stars Honorees!

Please join us in congratulating the 2010 DU Law Stars honorees:

**Fay Matsukage, JD'79:** Outstanding Alumni Award  
**John Baker, JD'73:** Alumni Professionalism Award  
**Professor Lucy Marsh:** Excellence in Teaching Award

We are also pleased to announce the 2010 Law Stars dinner co-chairs:

**Mary Jo Gross, JD'79**  
**Ralph Torres, JD'70**  
**Chuck Turner, JD'71**

Join us for the annual DU Law Stars dinner on **Thursday, September 16, 2010**, at the Hyatt Convention Center. [Please click](#) here for more information.

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

Join us 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.

#### SCOL Strategic Plan Implementation Planning Session

**March 26, 2010**  
**8:00AM - 6:00PM**  
**Room 412**

We are currently in the **implementation planning phase of our strategic planning process**. Our plan, which is currently at the blueprint stage, focuses on providing cutting-edge legal education tailored to the realities of modern legal practice. In order to make this plan a reality, **we need your thoughts and ideas**. Based on your input, we will develop a specific implementation plan with goals and timetables. Please join us for an implementation planning event on March 26, 2010. The event schedule can be found [here](#). You are invited to attend for the entire day, or to come to the specific sessions that interest you.

A copy of the plan is available at <http://www.law.du.edu/strategicplan>.

In case you cannot attend one of these events, or if you want to supplement your ideas after the events, you can also provide input at <http://www.law.du.edu/strategicplan/feedback>.

RSVP to Jessica Neumann, at 303-871-6121 or [jneumann@law.du.edu](mailto:jneumann@law.du.edu).

#### 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.

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

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**DU Law Review Alumni Dinner**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2010**  
**5:00PM - 9:30PM**  
**Wynkoop Brewing Company**  
**1634 18th St., Denver, CO 80202**

Please join the *DU Law Review* for their annual alumni dinner. In addition to reconnecting with your fellow DU Law alumni, the evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner. Your registration fee of \$20 includes dinner; there will be a cash bar. **RSVP by March 30, 2010**, by email to [mbrand10@law.du.edu](mailto:mbrand10@law.du.edu) and be sure to indicate if you will be bringing a guest.

**2010 Water Law Review Symposium**  
**April 9, 2010**  
**8:00AM - 5:00PM**  
**CLE Credits pending**

This year's speakers will include **Justice Hobbs** of the Colorado Supreme Court and **Professor Dan Tarlock** of Chicago-Kent Law. Visit the *Water Law Review* [online](#) for more details or [click here to register](#).

**"Jack Abramoff Exposed: The Integrity of the Legal/Lobbying Profession in a Money Culture" Free Ethics CLE Program!**

**Tuesday, April 13, 2010**  
**4:00 - 5:15 pm**  
1.5 CLE Ethics Credits (applied for)

DU Law alumnus Tom Rodgers was instrumental in exposing DC lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who admitted to defrauding American Indian Tribes out of tens of millions of dollars in January of 2006. Rodgers is featured in the documentary [Casino Jack and the United States of Money](#) which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2010. Please join us for this engaging CLE event.

**Panelists:**

[Tom Rodgers](#), BA'83, JD'86, LLM'88  
President, Carlyle Consulting in Washington, D.C.

[Mike Feeley](#), JD'82  
Shareholder, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

[Professor Eli Wald](#)  
Charles W. Delaney Jr. Associate Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law

**Location:**  
[Brownstein|Hyatt|Farber|Schreck](#)  
410 Seventeenth Street, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202

Due to space limitations, you **must RSVP in advance** to Laura Dean at [ldean@law.du.edu](mailto:ldean@law.du.edu)

**2010 DU Law Race Judicata**  
**Sunday, April 18, 2010**  
**Washington Park, Denver**

Continuing the Sturm College of Law's commitment to its community, all money raised for the 2010 Race Judicata will be split between the **Stephanie E. Boruta Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** and the **Frank Bingham Family Memorial Annual Scholarship**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Alan H. Frosh, SBA Fundraising Vice President at [afrosh12@law.du.edu](mailto:afrosh12@law.du.edu). Donations can be made by [clicking here](#).

**TEDxDU: A Celebration of DUing**  
**Thursday, May 13, 2010**

**Thursday, May 13** will be an outstanding day in the history of DU as we host **TEDxDU: A Celebration of DUing**, fulfilling our mission as individuals and as a community to apply our intellect and talents to the great issues of our day. Chancellor Coombe noted in his recent message to the DU community, "TEDxDU is not simply a one-day event, but rather a focal point in our effort to raise awareness of the great things going on at DU. We hope to leverage the global reach of the Web to find new collaborators who share our interests and passions." To read more about this unique event, click [here](#).

**Attention Classes of 1960 and Earlier!**  
**SAVE THE DATE: May 21-22, 2010**

The DU Law class of 1960 will celebrate their 50-Year Reunion on May 21, 2010 and will be inducted into the **Golden Barristers Society** on May 22, 2010. All members of the Golden Barristers Society are invited to join them in participating in graduation ceremonies and other fun activities. More details to follow soon!

### **Donnell Fund gift secures new summer clerkships for PILG**

The Sturm College of Law recently secured a \$100,000 gift for support of the Public Interest Law Group's (PILG) summer fellowships.

The donor is The Donnell Initiative Fund, a private family foundation established by the late Cathlin Donnell, a Colorado lawyer who was interested in promoting positive systemic change. The Fund was impressed by the PILG Program's dedication to the public interest. Specifically, the Fund viewed the gift as a way to build upon the great success of the program to date, and to expand the capacity of the program. As a result of this gift, the PILG Summer Fellows committee will have 7 Cathlin Donnell Summer Fellowships to award on top of the 3 summer fellowships currently funded by our fantastic PILG auction-for a total of 10 summer fellowships each year over the next 4 years.

To read more about Cathlin Donnell and the remarkable legacy that she left to the University of Denver, click [here](#).

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### **A friendly reminder from the Westminster Law Library: All alumni of the University of Denver Sturm College Law are entitled to **free** library access and borrowing privileges **for life**.**

Simply show your DU student ID or driver's license at the Circulation Desk, fill out an application form, and your library card will be mailed to you. **You can begin checking out items immediately!** Need a resource that we don't own? Feel free to speak with a Reference Librarian about locating it for you in another metro-area library or doing an inter-library loan request from anywhere in the country. **For more information on library privileges for alumni, [click here](#).**

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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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## **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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