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MESSAGES FROM THE DEAN

Updates from Interim Dean Marty Katz

Bar Pass Results

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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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DU LAW ALUMNI MAGAZINE

New! [Search past issues of the DU Law Alumni Magazine](#) for articles, class notes and faculty highlights! »

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NEWS & EVENTS

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.

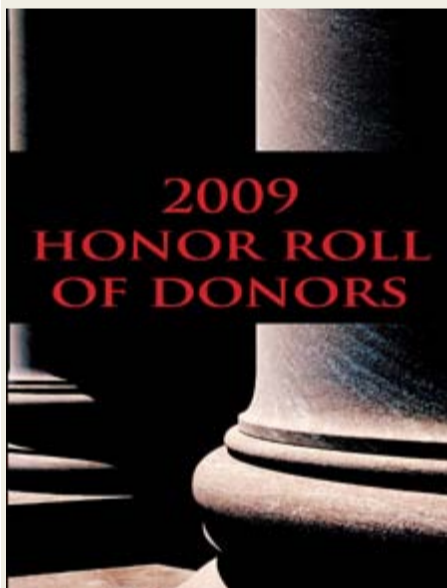
We have reached an important milestone in our strategic planning process: We have developed, and the faculty has overwhelmingly approved, a blueprint for our strategic plan. And it is an excellent one. Read Dean Katz's complete message [here](#).

The SCOL Strategic Plan: Our Vision, Values and Strategy

Read the plan in its entirety [here](#).

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The 2009 Honor Roll of Donors is now available to [view online](#). The students, faculty and staff of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law are **grateful to all of the donors who made a gift to DU Law** this past fiscal year. Your support enables us to attract the best students and increase the size of our faculty and continue our rise as a leader in legal education.

DU Law Ranks 53rd in Super Lawyers

The Sturm College of Law was ranked #53 in the [Super Lawyers Law School Rankings](#) – the highest ranking in the region. Join us in congratulating the DU Law alumni selected as 2009 Super Lawyers.

DU Law Announces New Workplace Law Program Certificate

The DU Graduate Council has approved the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's new certificate program in Workplace Law. Students who take a certain set of classes and experiences, and who maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above, will be eligible to receive the certificate, which will designate to potential employers that they have done so. [Click here](#) for more information about the Workplace Law Program.



DU Law student takes home Best Oral Advocate award in National Moot Court Competition

Team Captain Nicholas Mahrt and Colleen Kelley, both 3Ls, and Rob Palmer and Kelley Dziedzic, both 2Ls, competed in the inaugural Navy JAG Corps National Moot Court Competition at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida on November 12-14, 2009. The competition involved appellate advocacy in military justice and constitutional law in front of judges that included the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the highest military law court in the United States. Our students competed against teams from Harvard University, Yale University, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, Duke, Georgetown and George Washington University.

The DU Law team argued in three separate opportunities on day one in the preliminary round, and despite an outstanding performance, was not amongst the eight quarterfinalists (23 teams argued on day one). Nevertheless, **Nicholas Mahrt received the award for Best Oral Advocate**, presented by Deputy Judge Advocate General Rear Admiral Nanette DeRenzi, the second-highest ranking Naval Officer in the Navy JAG Corps.

Congratulations to the Moot Court team and their coach, Lecturer Christopher Jung!



Dean Emeritus Dan Hoffman Memorial Collection

Dan Hoffman meant a great deal to the law school. He received his L.L.B. degree from DU in 1958, and he served as our dean from 1978 to 1984. But that wasn't the end of Dan's commitment to DU Law. He was planning to teach Advanced Civil Procedure as an adjunct this coming spring and was scheduled to meet with the faculty who teach Civil Procedure the very week he fell ill.

DU Law has lost a true friend and I urge each of you who knew Dan to add your condolences and memories to the collection the law school is putting together for his family. Please send your notes to rememberingdan@law.du.edu.

Deep thanks,

Associate Professor K.K. DuVivier

ABA Creates Fund for Justice and Education Project Fellows

During these challenging economic times, the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on the Impact of the Economic Crisis on the Profession and Legal Needs and the ABA Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) have collaborated to create the FJE Project Fellows. The FJE Project Fellows program will provide meaningful volunteer experience for recent law school graduates who may be unemployed, underemployed or deferred and who would like to engage in substantive law-related activities. [Click here](#) for more details.

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

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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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