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**Professor Emeritus Neil Littlefield (1931-2012)**

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law mourns the passing of Professor Emeritus Neil Littlefield who died on Saturday, November 3. A funeral service will be held this Friday, November 9th at 10AM at the Ivy Chapel in Fairmount Cemetery, 430 South Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado. A reception will follow. His [obituary](#) can be viewed online. In lieu of flowers, his family is requesting charity donations to the University of Colorado Foundation/College of Nursing. Instructions can be found on the obituary site.

Please keep Neil's wife, Carla, and the rest of his family in your thoughts. We will miss you, Neil.

**45th Annual Leonard v.B. Sutton Colloquium in International Law  
"Approaching the Limits of Growth in the 21st Century: Sustainable Development vs. Sustainability"**

**Saturday, November 10, 2012  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Room 165  
Reception to follow, First Floor Forum**

In today's world we aspire to foster economic growth and to achieve sustainability. But are these two goals compatible? In light of the shortcomings of the Rio +20 Earth Summit, which one media syndicate labeled "a failure of epic proportions," the [45th Annual Sutton Colloquium](#) addresses the current relationship between sustainable development and sustainability. We are joined by local, national and international legal and environmental experts who will share their perspectives on how "best" to preserve our earth for future generations. Sponsored by the [American Society of International Law](#), the [Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law](#), the [Denver Journal of International Law and Policy](#) and the Denver Law [International Law Society](#).

**Natural Resources in the New Political Landscape: The Election's Impact on Natural Resources Law & Policy**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012  
LIVE EVENT AND WEBINAR  
Panel: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Room 165  
Reception: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., First Floor Forum**

Panelists:

Juliet Eilperin, *The Washington Post*  
Jon Hrobsky, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Randy Udall, Independent Energy Analyst

Participate in the live event at Denver Law or via the webinar to hear the expert panel discuss the election's potential impact on natural resources law & policy. This event is free and open to the community. Approved for two (2) CLE credits. Complimentary parking will be available in Lot L. Please contact Stefanie Carroll at 303-871-6076 or [scarroll@law.du.edu](mailto:scarroll@law.du.edu) with any questions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the live event.

OR

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

This webinar is the third in a series of four sponsored by [Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck](#) in conjunction with the [Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program](#) at Denver Law.

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## Professional Mentoring Program CLE: Marijuana Dispensaries and Growers Representation?

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Room 190

Free CLE (1 general/ 1 ethics, *applied for*) for Denver Law alumni and mentors

Join Denver Law's Professional Mentoring Program for the CLE presentation "Can attorneys represent marijuana dispensaries and growers without violating criminal law provisions and legal ethics rules?" Speakers will include [Professor Eli Wald](#), Charles W. Delaney Jr. Professor of Law and [Professor Sam Kamin](#), director, [Constitutional Rights & Remedies Program](#). Box lunch and parking included. To RSVP, e-mail the Professional Mentoring Program at [mentor@law.du.edu](mailto:mentor@law.du.edu) and please include your name and the year you graduated from Denver Law. Attendance is subject to room capacity; mentors will have priority.

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## Denver Law alumna receives John Marshall Award

The first [John Marshall Award](#) for Trial of Litigation was presented to Denver Law alumna **Kyra E. Jenner, JD'83, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas** (along with Edward K. Chung, Trial Attorney for the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section). The team is honored for its outstanding investigation and prosecution of United States v. Maybee et al., culminating in the conviction of two defendants for a racially motivated attack that resulted in life-threatening and serious injuries to five victims. This highly significant prosecution resulted in the nation's first convictions under the Matthew Shephard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act. The awards ceremony was on October 17 in Washington DC.

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## Job candidate assistance from the Office of Career Development & Opportunities

Need to hire but don't have time to wade through hundreds of resumes? We understand how busy you are, so the [Office of Career Development & Opportunities](#) makes it easy to hire Denver Law students and new grads. Whether you are looking for a contract attorney, an associate or a law clerk we can find candidates that meet your hiring needs, saving you time in the process. Please contact Assistant Dean for Career Opportunities Eric Bono at 303.871.6478 or [ebono@law.du.edu](mailto:ebono@law.du.edu) for questions or assistance.

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## July 2012 Bar Exam Results

The July 2012 Bar Exam results were announced last month and Denver Law is very proud of our first time takers:

- Passed the bar at a **rate of 91%**;

- **Outperformed the state average (85%)** by 6 percentage points; and
- **Outperformed CU (89%)** by 2 percentage points.

This **91% overall pass rate ties our record**, set in 2009. However, **beating the state average by 6 percentage points marks a new and significant record for us**, nearly 2 points higher than last July's excellent performance.

It is the first time in modern memory we have beat CU's pass rate.

These excellent results are the product of hard work by our graduates, of whom we are incredibly proud. They are also the result of the tremendous efforts of our faculty, alumni, trustees and University administration, who worked together to develop and implement a strong, data-driven bar pass initiative. We are seeing the results. Just a few years ago, our July first time pass rates were at 70%, nearly 8 points below the state average. For the last four years, our July pass rates have been better than 88%, and for three of those four years, we have beat 90%. For the last three years, our July pass rate has exceeded the state average by increasing amounts. Please join us in congratulating our most recent bar passers.

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## **Golden Barristers Winter Social**

**Friday, January 11, 2013**

**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**First Floor Forum**

**Free admission**

Join fellow Golden Barristers (alumni from the Classes of 1962 and earlier) for warm drinks and appetizers and enjoy a jazz performance by Denver's most musically talented judges and lawyers: Dave Atkinson, Esq., vibes; Hon. Marty Egelhoff, drums; Hon. Rich Gabriel, trumpet; Denver Law alumnus Ken Levinson, Esq., guitar and; Hon. Fred Rodgers, bass (Hank Troy will accompany our legal jazz ensemble on piano).

RSVP to Laura Dean at 303-871-6122 or [ldean@law.du.edu](mailto:ldean@law.du.edu) by Monday, January 7, 2013. Parking will be in Lot L, located at E. Asbury Ave. & S. Gaylord St. A parking pass will be mailed to you prior to the event.

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## **Seeking Volunteer Judges for Jessup International Law Moot Competition**

**Calling all alumni of the Jessup International Law Moot and other International Legal Studies Program!**

For its third consecutive year, the [International Legal Studies Program](#) is hosting the Rocky Mountain Regional Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Now in its 54th year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot is the world's largest moot court competition with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. Next year on February 15-17, 2013, 24 teams from around the country will travel to Denver Law to compete in semi-final rounds in the hopes that they will end up in the world finals in Washington, D.C.

We seek individuals with expertise or interest in international law or appellate advocacy to judge rounds for the Moot. This is a great opportunity to meet pro bono service requirements, to reconnect with old friends and colleagues, and to network with other legal professionals in your field of practice. For more information, or if you wish to judge in the competition, please contact Karlyn K. Shorb at [kshorb@law.du.edu](mailto:kshorb@law.du.edu) or 303-871-6655.

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## **Denver University Law Review Annual Symposium**

On January 31–February 2, 2013, the [Denver University Law Review](#) will host its 2013 annual symposium, **“Forty Years Since Keyes v. School District No. 1: Equality of Education Opportunity and the Legal Construction of Modern Metropolitan America.”** Emanating from Denver, Colorado, *Keyes* was the first school-desegregation case from “a major city outside of the South” to reach the United States Supreme Court. The symposium will revisit *Keyes* with key participants from the case and from the court supervision of Denver's desegregation plan. We will look back at how the city, the metropolitan area, and the state's public school systems have evolved over the past forty years as well as consider the challenges they face today and in the future. All are welcome, and CLE credit will be available for the various panels, lectures, and

workshops. Visit the [symposium website](#) more information or to register.

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## **MSLA/MSJA 40th Anniversary Celebration**

**Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20, 2013**

Join us as we celebrate **40 years of the Master of Science in Legal Administration** (formerly Master of Science in Judicial Administration) at the Sturm College of Law. We will begin with a traditional "Steakbuster" dinner in Yegge Commons in the law school on Friday evening. The celebration continues on Saturday morning with an educational series and we'll cap the event with dinner at the Hotel Monaco, catered by Panzanos, on Saturday night. All alumni, faculty, and friends are welcome! [Register now](#).

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# ***Alumni Resources***

## **Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers**

Last August, DU's [Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System](#) (IAALS) and the Sturm College of Law launched [Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers](#), (ETL) an initiative which leverages the Carnegie Model (see the Carnegie Foundation's 2007 Report, [Educating Lawyers](#)) and the work of law schools and professors committed to legal education reform to align legal education with the needs of an evolving profession. By providing a supported platform for shared learning, experimentation, ongoing measurement and collective implementation, ETL is putting knowledge into practice. Check out the ETL site for engaging videos, including one from LP Professor David Thomson, which details a "whole course simulation" of his design, the [Discovery Practicum](#).

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## **New Legal Career Employment Guides from the Westminster Law Library**

Denver Law's Westminster Law Library has new legal career research guides available online: [Career Resources for Law Students & New Attorneys](#), [Law Librarianship](#) and [Starting Your Own Law Practice](#).

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## **Legal Externship Program**

With more than 400 placements a year, the Denver 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. As a member of the Denver Law alumni network, you can play an important role in the development of future practicing lawyers. For more information, please visit the Legal Externship Program [website](#).

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## **Join the Professional Mentoring Program**

Participants in Denver Law's nationally recognized [Professional Mentoring Program](#) spend approximately 13 hours during an academic year mentoring first and second year law students about practical legal skills. Visit us [online](#) for more information or to apply to be a mentor.

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## **RMLUI 2012 Home Study Program**

The [Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute](#) is pleased to announce the RMLUI 2012 Home Study Sessions! These sessions are the perfect opportunity to learn about up-and-coming issues like wildfire risks, small dwellings, and oil and gas development. We've put together six blocks of videos, as well as stand-alone sessions for Ethics for Attorneys and Ethics for Planners, all of which have been accredited for more than 50 continuing education credits. For more information about the Home Study Program, descriptions of the

sessions, or to register, please visit [RMLUI online](#).

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## Colorado Law Project at the University of Denver

In Colorado, as in most states, direct access to legal information is limited by a number of factors. Some of those factors include the location of law libraries, access to legal collections and databases, ability to pay for fee based services, the sophistication of the information seeker's searching ability, and familiarity and understanding of legal information and processes. Because of these barriers and the nature of today's e-society, many people turn to the Internet for answers. Responding to this need, the University of Denver launched the [Colorado Law Project](#), the premier online gateway to Colorado's legal information and resources for use by the general public.

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## The Alumni Volunteer Network Online

The [Alumni Volunteer Network](#) (AVN) 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 us [online](#) to register.

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## 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](#).

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## 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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## 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.