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### DU LAW IN THE NEWS

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### MESSAGES FROM THE DEAN

#### **Law School Rankings**

U.S. News has released its 2010 rankings of top law schools. Please [click here](#) for more details.

#### **Strategic Plan**

Dean Martin Katz is pleased to report that the second stage of the strategic planning process is complete, and implementation of the plan is underway. [View Dean Katz's complete message.](#)

#### **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%

### NEWS & EVENTS

#### **The 2010 Sutton Colloquium**

November 6, 2010

"Drones and Their Implication for International Law"

The Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law and the International Law Society at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law present the 2010 Sutton Colloquium.

When the U. S. invaded Iraq in 2003, its total robotic arsenal included less than ten aerial drones. Now the United States has in excess of 10,000 of robotic systems including air, ground and sea-based systems. 44 countries are developing robotic capabilities in their armed forces. We are witnessing a true revolution in military affairs, but will the laws which regulate their use - the laws of armed conflict (LOAC) and international humanitarian law (IHL) - be able to keep up with these dramatic changes?

The 2010 Sutton Colloquium will address these and other questions: As technology becomes more precise, what level of civilian collateral damage is acceptable under the LOAC? Are some of the robotic systems, such as fully autonomous weapons, prohibited as an inherent violation of the LOAC? Should they be? Does a robot have a right of lethal self-defense against an attacker? What is the relationship between human rights and the LOAC when the United States is deploying drones against insurgents hiding within a civilian population?

This conference is designed for newcomers to the laws of armed conflict and international humanitarian law. It will raise some of the most provocative and headline grabbing questions of our times, as well as featuring nationally renowned experts on this cutting edge issue. Please join us for this exciting event!

Speakers and panelists will include:

- Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell from the University of Notre Dame
- Professor Jordan Paust from Houston University

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

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

- Professor Michael Newton from Vanderbilt University
- Lt Col. Rachel VanLandingham from the United States Air Force Academy
- Captain Aaron Drake from the United States Air Force Academy
- Professor Claude d'Estrée from the University of Denver
- Professor David Akerson from the University of Denver

Please see the [Sutton Colloquium website](#) for additional information or to [register online](#).

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### 2010 DU Law Stars

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

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

John Baker, JD'73: Alumni Professionalism Award  
Professor Lucy Marsh: Excellence in Teaching Award  
Fay Matsukage, JD'79: Outstanding Alumni 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 Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. Please see the [Law Stars website](#) for more information.

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### Save the Date - All DU Law Alumni Weekend!

Thursday-Sunday, October 14 - 17, 2010

Please join us at the DU Homecoming & Family Weekend between October 14 and October 17 for a DU Law Alumni Weekend! The weekend features a PALS (Partners at Law) Dinner and Brunch, a Tour of the 'Green' Sturm College of Law building, a reunion happy hour, law school classes and CLE session, and more. Please download the full list of events [here](#). Registration is available online at [alumni.du.edu/HC2010](http://alumni.du.edu/HC2010).

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### Westminster Law Library - New Blog

The Westminster Law Library is pleased to offer our patrons a new current issues blog called [Hearsay](#) to provide library news and legal research tips. Topics vary but entries include new databases or services, research strategies, book reviews, tips from the Writing Clinic, changes to library hours, etc. The link to the blog can be found on the [library homepage](#) where you can register to receive Hearsay via email or an RSS feed.

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### Linked in: DU Law Creates Regional Networks

We are currently building regional networks throughout the U.S. via the social media site, Linked in. Please click the icon below to visit DU Law on Linked in.



If you would like to add your own regional group, please contact Laura Dean, director of alumni relations at [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

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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!

## ALUMNI RESOURCES

### 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 the [Alumni Volunteer 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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