ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Students take the same courses during their first year (or first year and one half for evening students). Following the first year, upper classman must complete three additional courses and have the option to select a Certificate Program.

First Year Courses

- Constitutional Law
- Property Law
- Civil Procedure
- Torts
- Contracts
- Criminal Law

In addition to the above courses, first year students have two semesters of the legal research and writing course, Lawyering Process. The course includes first semester motion drafting and second semester brief drafting and oral arguments.

Required Upper Division Courses

- Administrative Law
- Evidence
- Legal Profession

Certificate Programs

Denver Law offers six Certificate Programs:

- Constitutional Rights and Remedies
- Corporate/Commercial Law
Environmental & Natural Resources Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
International Legal Studies  
Workplace Law

Colorado Bar Exam Subjects

The Colorado Bar Examination covers the below subjects. Denver Law offers at least one course that focuses on each subject.

- Agency Partnership and the LLC  
- Basic Criminal Procedure  
- Corporations  
- Sales and Leases  
- Secured Transactions  
- Trusts and Estates  
- Family Law  
- Conflict of Laws  
- Commercial Paper  
- Basic Real Estate  
- Constitutional Law  
- Commercial Law Survey  
- Advanced Constitutional Law  
- Evidence  
- Civil Procedure  
- Contracts  
- Criminal Law  
- Torts  
- Property

STUDENT-RUN ORGANIZATIONS

Denver law has a variety of student organizations and journals that allow students to enhance their writing and editing skills and interact with lawyers, judges, professionals and their peers.

Law Review & Journals

Students can apply to be on the Denver University Law Review. The law review publishes four issues each year. Candidacy begins in May of each year (www.law.du.edu/denver-university-law-review).

In addition, Denver Law has the following journals:

- Denver Journal of International Law and Policy  
- Sports and Entertainment Law Journal  
- Transportation Law Journal  
- University of Denver Criminal Law Review  
- University of Denver Water Law Review

Students should contact journal editors of the individual journals to apply.
Student Organizations

Denver Law has the following student organizations (which are in varying states flux!):

- Alternative Spring Break
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Constitution Society
- Amnesty International
- Asian Pacific American Law Students’ Association
- Black Law Students’ Association
- Business Law Society
- Children’s Legal Advocacy Group
- Christian Legal Society
- Colorado Entrepreneur Organization
- Construction and Real Estate Law Society
- Corporate Governance Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Denver Law Partnership with Community Day DPCD
- Diversity Advocates
- DU Law Democrats
- DU Law Health and Wellness Commission
- Elder Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Free Thought Society
- Health Law Society
- Honor Board
- Hospitality Law Association
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Land Use Law Society
- Latino Law Students Association
- Law Student Ambassadors
- Law Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Middle East and North African Law Society
- Moot Court Board
- Muslim Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- National Women Law Students Organization
- Native American Law Students’ Association
- Natural Resources & Environmental Law Society
- OUTLaws
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi – Brewer Inn
- Public Interest Law Group
- Race to the Bottom
- Spanish Speaking Lawyers Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Student Trial Lawyers Association
- Student Veterans Association

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the official resource and liaison for the student body in matters involving the school administration, faculty, and student services. Students should contact current SBA leadership for details on the SBA leadership election process. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Jessica Boynton, is a great contact for students interested in getting involved.

**Key Contact:** Jessica Boynton, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

[jboynton@law.du.edu](mailto:jboynton@law.du.edu)

Rm. 235B

**Web Address:** [www.law.du.edu/student-affairs](http://www.law.du.edu/student-affairs)
ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Most academic programming assistance is provided through the Academic Achievement Program (AAP). Students are encouraged to schedule individual meetings with the AAP Director, Patty Powell, to discuss academic performance and exam results.

**Key Contact:** Patty Powell, Academic Achievement Program Director
ppowell@law.du.edu
Rm. 455J

**Web Address:** www.law.du.edu/aap

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**AAP Leaders**

AAP Leaders are outstanding upper level students selected by professors who provide first year students with support in their first year courses. AAP Leaders coordinate with professors and frequently attend class lectures. They meet individually with students and also hold group sessions that cover topics such as case reading and briefing, note taking in class, outlining, exam preparation, and exam writing.

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**AAP Resource Center**

The AAP Resource Center (Rm. 457) allows students to check out free study aid materials for first year courses.

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**Writing Clinic**

The Writing Specialist, Kate Stoker, works with students to improve their legal writing. Students can schedule appointments with Professor Stoker on TWEN to receive assistance on their writing assignments; revise writing samples; and discuss general writing concerns. Professor Stoker also provides Writing Workshops and sends weekly Writing Tips e-mails. Finally, Professor Stoker can connect students who love to write with the myriad of national legal writing competitions.

**Key Contact:** Kate Stoker, Professor & Writing Specialist
mkstoker@law.du.edu
Rm. 472A

**Web Address:** www.law.du.edu/writingclinic

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**Academic Advising**

Students should visit the Academic Advising webpage for resources on planning their academic career (www.law.du.edu/academic-advising). The webpage has curriculum documents, course descriptions, and academic advising video sessions led by faculty.
TRIAL ADVOCACY RESOURCES

The Advocacy Program oversees and supports the development of activities and events in both the mock trial and moot court arenas. Except for the Moot Court Board and its competitions, David Schott is the Key Contact for all trial advocacy inquiries:

Key Contact: David Schott, Advocacy Program Director
dschott@law.du.edu
Rm. 230D
Web Address: http://www.law.du.edu/the-center-for-advocacy

Courses

Students interested in trial advocacy are encouraged to look at the “Litigation Paths” document found on the Advocacy Program’s website. It provides guidance on course selection for students interested in a future of trial advocacy.

Courses offered through the Advocacy Program include:

- Trial Practice I – Basic Courtroom Skills
- Trial Practice I – Intensive
- Trial Practice I – Basic Courtroom Skills / Commercial Law
- Trial Practice II – Advanced Courtroom Skills
- Trial Practice II – Deposition Skills
- Trial Practice II – Litigation Technology
- Trial Practice II – Motions Practice
- Trial Practice II – Voir Dire
- Trial Practice III – Criminal Procedure Practicum
- Trial Practice III – National Trial Team
- Trial Practice III – Trial Practicum
- Trial Practice III – Mentors Practicum
- Trial Practice III – Instructors Practicum
- Day One – Criminal Practice Lab
- Day One – Civil Practice Lab

Moot Court Teams

Denver Law has seven moot court teams that compete at various levels in practice-specific competitions. The teams include:

- ABA Appellate
- Intellectual Property Law
- Jessup – International Law
- NALSA - Native American
- Pace Environmental
- Workplace Law
- Vis – International Commercial Arbitration

In addition, Denver Law has a National Trial Team that represents the school at regional and national trial competitions. The team begins holding informational sessions and tryouts around March of each year.
The Hoffman Cup & the Advocates Cup

The Hoffman Cup & the Advocates Cup are jointly run by the Advocacy Program and the Moot Court Board.

The Hoffman Cup is the premiere trial advocacy tournament at Denver Law. Selection for the cup is based on student merits and advanced coursework.

The Advocates Cup typically takes place in February. It is a great opportunity for students to develop and sharpen their trial advocacy skills. Teams of four students compete, and the distinguishing aspect of The Advocates Cup is two of the team members must be 1Ls.

Moot Court Board Intra-School Competitions

Moot Court Board is dedicated to providing students the highest quality legal scenarios presented under the most realistic conditions possible. The student-run Board manages and produces six advocacy competitions per academic year, including:

- Negotiations Competition
- Trial Competition
- Appellate Competition
- Client Counseling Competition
- International Appellate Competition
- Motions Competition

Competitions are advertised heavily, but students can contact the current leaders of the Moot Court Board for additional information.

BAR PASSAGE

Bar Passage at Denver Law is driven by the DU Bar Success Program and its corollary course, Legal Analysis Strategies. For both, Scott Johns is the Key Contact:

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sjo@law.du.edu
Rm. 455L

Web Address: www.law.du.edu/barprep

DU Bar Success Program

The DU Bar Success Program is a free bar prep program available to all graduating students and alumni. It provides instruction, coaching, and feedback throughout the two-month study period immediately prior to the bar exam. The series includes a variety of strategic workshops, practice mock bar exams, individual consultations, and timely feedback on writing assignments. It is intended to serve as a supplement, and not a replacement, to a commercial bar prep course.
Legal Analysis Strategies (L4032)

Legal Analysis Strategies is a course offered to graduating students that provides instruction, guidance and feedback to develop foundational skills necessary to achieve success on both the bar exam and in the legal profession as skilled legal analysts. The course primarily focuses on core bar exam subjects (constitutional law, contracts, property, evidence, torts and criminal law/procedure) and includes diagnostic evaluations.

CAREER RESOURCES

The Office of Career Development & Opportunities (CDO) serves as the primary resource for students seeking jobs, internships, or clerkships. The office hosts a variety of workshops, panels, seminars and speed networking events. Students are encouraged to contact the main careers e-mail address (careers@law.du.edu) so that they can be directed to the appropriate contact within the office, depending on their interest and services needed.

Individualized Career Assistance

Six Career Consultants each specialize in different areas of law practice or alternative career opportunities. Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment early in their second semester to develop a resume and writing sample and to discuss career plans.

DU Law Careers Online Symplicity

Symplicity is the online career database students and alumni can access to locate and apply for employment and internship opportunities. Students should keep their online profile up-to-date and visit the postings on the site frequently.

On-Campus Interviews (OCI)

OCI interviewing occurs throughout the year, with most employers selecting and interviewing candidates at the beginning of each semester. Students apply for OCI interviews through Symplicity.

Resource Center

The CDO has a Resource Center that contains a variety of career development materials.
Career Fairs

The CDO facilitates two large career fairs at the school each year. It also facilitates or has knowledge of several other career fairs.

Partners at Law (PALs)

PALs are brunch and dinner events hosted jointly by the CDO and the Office of Alumni Relations that facilitate interaction between students and attorneys who have similar interests and practice areas. There are typically four events per year. Students should contact the CDO to register for a PALs event and can view upcoming PALs events at www.law.du.edu/career-development-and-opportunities/pals.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING RESOURCES

In addition to the Professional Mentoring Program, experiential learning includes, among many other initiatives, the Legal Externship Program and the Clinical Programs.

Legal Externship Program

Legal externships are for-credit internships that are accompanied by a seminar. The Externship Program places over 450 externships each year. Students must attend an orientation before the start of their semester of externship. Students obtain externships by searching the externship Supervisor Attorney database to identify desired externships and applying through the Externship Office. Externship seminars include:

- Child Advocacy Externship Program
- Corporate Externship Program
- Criminal Defense Externship Program
- Criminal Prosecution Externship Program
- Environmental Externship Program
- Government Agency Externship Program
- Holistic Juvenile Defense and Advocacy
- Hybrid Immigration Externship Program
- Judicial Externship Program
- Nonprofit Externship Program
- Private Firm Externship Program
- Racial, Social and Economic Justice Externship Program
- Resource Center for Separating and Divorcing Families
In addition, the Externship Program offers its Semester in Practice Externship, which is a full time externship (40 hours per week) accompanied by a three credit weekly graded seminar. Students can complete the Semester in Practice Externship during the last year of law school.

**Key Contact:** Ann S. Vessels, Legal Externship Director  
avessels@law.du.edu  
Rm. 365J  
**Web Address:** [www.law.du.edu/legal-externship-program](http://www.law.du.edu/legal-externship-program)

**Clinical Programs**

Founded in 1904, the Student Law Office is the oldest clinical program in the country. Students learn lawyering skills with real world clients under the supervision of a clinic faculty. Clinics include:

- Civil Litigation Clinic
- Civil Rights Clinic (Two Semesters)
- Community Economic Development Clinic (Two Semesters)
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Environmental Law Clinic (Two Semesters)

Applications for the year-long clinics are taken in the spring of each year for the following fall. Applications for the semester clinics are taken each semester.

**Key Contact:** Laura Rovner, Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director  
lrovner@law.du.edu  
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**NOTE:** This Mentor Resource Guide is for informational purposes only. It was prepared by the staff of the Professional Mentoring Program and there are no guarantees as to its accuracy. Students need to contact the above programs to learn more.