University of Denver Sturm College of Law Bestows New Professorship in Corporate Governance Law
*Professor Jay Brown to assume Lawrence W. Treece Professorship*

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is honored to announce that Professor J. (Jay) Robert Brown, Jr., director of the law school’s Corporate and Commercial Law Program, has been named the inaugural **Lawrence W. Treece Professor of Corporate Governance Law**. Funded by a generous gift by theRacetotheBottom Inc., the gift honors a nationally recognized scholar in the field of corporate governance law and will support faculty research and student-faculty collaborations in the corporate governance area. The named faculty position honors Lawrence W. Treece, a shareholder at the firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, who is widely respected as one of Denver’s top corporate advisors and trial lawyers.

Brown is recognized as one of the world’s leading experts in the field of corporate governance law, having published more than three dozen publications in the areas of corporate governance, comparative corporate law, and executive compensation. Alongside his research and teaching responsibilities, he has served as secretary of the Investor Advisory Committee of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as a public arbitrator at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and as an advisor to national ministries in Armenia, Kazakshtan, Moldova, and the Ukraine.

Before joining the faculty at Denver Law in 1988, Brown worked as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Frank M. Johnson, Jr. on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, as an associate at Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan in Washington, D.C., and as a senior staff attorney at the SEC. He earned his B.A. from the College of William & Mary, his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law, and his Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University.

Lawrence W. Treece is a nationally recognized leader in the fields of corporate governance, antitrust, class actions, business torts, and securities law. The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Lawyers Committee, he has brought cases vindicating the rights of descendants of Mexican settlers to access land under the Spanish land grant of 1884, organized and initiated litigation to integrate Denver Public Schools, represented low-income flood victims in Pueblo, and brought a successful state-wide class action on behalf of Medicaid recipients who were improperly denied benefits. Treece also has taught antitrust law as an adjunct faculty member at Denver Law.
theRacetotheBottom Inc. sponsors the widely acclaimed Race to the Bottom blog (www.theracetothebottom.org), a faculty-student forum dedicated to addressing improvements to the corporate governance process. In 2012, the blog was selected as one of the top 100 Law Blogs by the ABA, receiving the highest number of votes in the Business Law category.

“Sound corporate governance is a subject of global importance, with implications not only for individual businesses but for the health and resiliency of the global economy,” noted Denver Law Dean Bruce Smith. “For years, theRacetotheBottom Inc. has hosted one of the most intellectually lively forums for debate on such matters. It is particularly fitting that this gift honors Larry Treece, a titanic figure in Colorado legal and civic life, whose firm has been a tremendous supporter of Denver Law. And Jay Brown is the ideal recipient of this prestigious named position. He has a fertile and timely research portfolio; he is a pedagogical innovator, consistently seeking new ways to train top-quality corporate lawyers; and he admirably bridges the realms of the legal academy and legal practice, on matters of the highest global concern.”