

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society (BLS) is a student organization that provides a forum to exchange ideas for students interested in business law. To ensure that you are receiving updates about BLS events, please email BLS to be placed on the mailing list. If you have any questions about the BLS or the society in general, please reach out to [Cameron Van Beek](#) or [Will Rigali](#).

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society (VLS) connects law students, business attorneys, venture capitalists, and entrepreneurs through educational, networking, and experiential opportunities. To receive information about VLS events and opportunities, join the "Venture Law Society" TWEN page.

The Race to the Bottom Blog

The Race to the Bottom Blog (RTTB) is a student-faculty blog that provides a forum for discussing trends and case law updates on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, cryptocurrency, and securities law. You can

Welcome Back CCLP Students

Welcome to the start of the 2021-22 academic year. The CCLP faculty are looking forward to seeing all of you in person. There are some great opportunities in the works for this academic year. Check out the information about the intra-school The Closer competition below. Interested in learning more about being a transactional lawyer, consider signing up to attend the Business Law Institute - it's free for students. Wondering what student organizations to become involved in - consider the Business Law Society, Venture Law Society, and The Race to the Bottom Blog. Information about each of these organizations is included in this newsletter. Welcome back and have a great fall semester!

2021 Business Law Institute

The Business Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association is holding its annual Business Law Institute on September 8 - 10, 2021. This year's BLI will be held virtually. Law students can attend the BLI for free provided they are a member of the Colorado Bar Association, which is also free to students. In order to become a student member of the CBA, complete the application at this [link](#) to become a member and receive your membership number. Once you have become a student CBA member, you can register for the 2021 BLI by clicking the Register Now button on this [webpage](#). If you have additional questions, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu.

The Closer: Intra-School Competition

Do you want to put your transactional knowledge and negotiation skills into practice? Then you should sign up to participate in The Closer intra-school competition at

access the blog through the website or via Twitter (@RTTBCorpGov).

Interested in being a contributor, the RTTB will open its fall candidacy in early to mid-October so be on the lookout for that information.

Student Advising

Not sure what classes you should be taking, the order in which to tackle them, or whether you have met all the requirements of the CCLP certificate, then you should take advantage of student advising. Email [Prof. Bowers](#) with your questions or schedule a time to talk.

Denver Law. The event is modeled after the national “*The Closer*” competition, an invite only event that takes place at Baylor Law School each January.

For the intra-school competition, students will be assigned to represent a client and will receive the client’s file approximately two weeks before the competition. Students will use those two weeks to review the file and analyze a transactional-oriented contract, talk with their client, prepare their negotiation strategy, and get ready to negotiate the final terms of the contract on behalf of their client. The competition is tentatively scheduled to take place in October over the course of a Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Preliminary rounds will be held on Friday and four finalists will advance to the final rounds on Saturday. It’s a great chance to practice your skills, network with local lawyers who will judge the event, and have some fun. Be on the lookout for an email from Prof. Bowers in early September about signing up for the competition and the final competition dates.

Colorado Bar Association - Business Law Section

Are you interested in networking and meeting local business lawyers? Then you should become a student member of the Colorado Bar Association and the Business Law Section (it’s free). Listed below are some of the Business Law Section’s upcoming events (contact Prof. Bowers if you are interested in attending for a reduced cost):

Tuesday, August 17 - Getting to Market: Sales and Distribution Agreements (webcast)

Tuesday, August 24 - Assuming Liabilities/Debt in Transactions: Tricks and Traps (webcast)

Wednesday, September 8 - Friday, September 10: 2021 Business Law Institute - see article above on how to register and attend for free (virtual)

Contribute to the Colorado Business Law Section E-Newsletter

Are you interested in writing a short article (300 - 500 words) on a business law related topic and being published in the Colorado Business Law Section's E-Newsletter that circulates to all the members of the Business Law Section? If so, reach out to [Prof. Bowers](#) to discuss this opportunity.

Commons on Champa

Looking for a transactional opportunity to fulfill your public service requirement. Consider the Commons on Champa, a volunteer clinic that gives students the chance to work with startups. If you are interested in getting involved, email [TJ Johnson](#).

Pioneer Venture Group

Calling grad students who want to get hands-on exposure to seed/venture capital investing. Pioneer Venture Group (PVG), DU's first student-run venture capital fund, invests in innovative seed-stage and pre-seed-stage start-ups across the Rocky Mountain Region. PVG has student partners at its core from the business, law, and engineering schools with active support of experienced faculty, outside advisory board members, alumni, and community members. Additional information can be found [here](#). Interested in becoming a member, complete the inquiry form to join the waitlist for PVG.

Contribute to the CCLP Newsletter

If you have any suggestions, content you want to share, or would like to contribute to future issues, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu.