MESSAGES FROM THE DEAN

Updates from Dean Katz

Strategic Plan

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is pleased to announce the completion of the first stage of our Strategic Planning Process. This plan articulates our vision and mission, and describes our path to excellence and leadership in legal education. Read the plan in its entirety here.

Bar Pass Results

The July 2009 bar exam results boasted the highest passage rate in more than 20 years. Our final bar passage rate was 91% after appeals which is 2% higher than the statewide average. Please read the full article here.

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 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. Indica 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 the highest pass rate in more than 20 years. Our final bar passage rate was 91% after appeals which is 2% higher than the statewide average. Please read the full article here.

NEWS & EVENTS

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is planning for the future!

As a part of our strategic plan implementation process, we are soliciting input from DU Law alumni via a short survey.

Your feedback is invaluable.

The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes—all respondents will be entered in a drawing for a $50 gift card. Please complete the survey by Monday, April 12, 2010.

Please click here to take the survey.

DU Law Review Alumni Dinner

Thursday, April 9, 2010
5:00PM - 9:30PM
Wynkoop Brewing Company
1634 18th St., Denver, CO 80202

Please join the DU Law Review for their annual alumni dinner. In addition to reconnecting with your fellow DU Law alumni, the evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner. Your registration fee of $20 includes dinner; there will be a cash bar. RSVP by March 30, 2010. For more information, contact afrosh12@law.du.edu and be sure to indicate if you will be bringing a guest.

2010 Water Law Review Symposium

April 9, 2010
8:00AM - 5:00PM
CLE Credits pending

This year’s speakers will include Justice Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court and Professor Dan Tarlock of Chicago-Kent Law. Visit the Water Law Review online for more details or click here to register.

2010 DU Law Race Judicata

Sunday, April 18, 2010
Washington Park, Denver

Continuing the Sturm College of Law’s commitment to its community, all money raised for the 2010 Race Judicata will be split between the Stephanie E. Boruta Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Frank Bingham Family Memorial Annual Scholarship. Click here for more information.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Alan Frosh, SBA Fundraising Vice President at afrosh12@law.du.edu. Donations can be made by clicking here.

Moving Forward For Equal Justice Conference

Friday & Saturday, April 23 & 24, 2010

Please save the date for this exciting conference taking place at the Sturm College of Law on April 23rd and 24th, 2010. “Moving Forward For Equal Justice” is a two-day event presented by the Colorado Access to Justice Committee which brings together members of the Bar, legal aid programs, legislators, judges, scholars and students to engage in a thoughtful discussion about developing strategies to increase access to justice in civil cases in Colorado. CLE credits are available.

Please click here for more information and or to register.

TEDxDU: A Celebration of DUing
Thursday, May 13, 2010

Thursday, May 13 will be an outstanding day in the history of DU as we host TEDxDU: A Celebration of DUing, fulfilling our mission as individuals and as a community to apply our intellect and talents to the great issues of our day. Chancellor Coombe noted in his recent message to the DU community, “TEDxDU is not simply a one-day event, but rather a focal point in our effort to raise awareness of the great things going on at DU. We hope to leverage the global reach of the Web to find new collaborators who share our interests and passions.” To read more about this unique event, click here.

Attention Classes of 1960 and Earlier: 50 Year Reunion & Golden Barristers!
Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, 2010

The DU Law class of 1960 will celebrate their 50 Year Reunion on May 21, 2010 and will be inducted into the Golden Barristers Society. On Saturday, May 22, 2010 all members of the Golden Barristers Society are invited to participate in graduation ceremonies and other fun activities. More details to follow soon!

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 click here for more information.

Dean’s Circle Dinner: View Event Photos!
The annual Dean’s Circle dinner took place on February, 25, 2010 at DU's Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management building. Pictures from this delightful evening can be viewed by clicking here.

A friendly reminder from the Westminster Law Library: All alumni of the University of Denver Sturm College Law are entitled to free library access and borrowing privileges for life.

Simply show your DU student ID or driver’s license at the Circulation Desk, fill out an application form, and your library card will be mailed to you. You can begin checking out items immediately! Need a resource that we don’t own? Feel free to speak with a Reference Librarian about locating it for you in another metro-area library. For more information on library privileges for alumni, click here.

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: ldean@law.du.edu or 303-871-6122.

Alumni Volunteers Needed!
The DU Law Office of Alumni Relations is seeking alumni volunteers for various activities with 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!

Correction
The Winter 2010 issue of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Alumni Magazine contained an error. It was incorrectly reported that DU Law alumna Susan Gabrielle Frey,
JD’92, had passed away. We sincerely apologize for this mistake and will strive to avoid any future errors.

Ms. Frey’s current contact information is:

S. Gabrielle Frey, J.D.
Resolution Works - Executive Director
720-629-7208 (business)
303-931-2793 (cell)
www.YourResolutions.org

**Alumni Resources**

**The Alumni Career Network Online**
The Alumni Career Network (ACN) 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 Career 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](#).

**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. [Registration Link](#).

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