Recipient of the eighth annual American Bar Association (ABA) Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy
The University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s Environmental and Natural Resources Law (ENRL) program draws on extraordinary resources. The faculty who teach in the program are recognized nationally and internationally for their groundbreaking work as teachers and scholars. Many students in the program intern with environmental law firms, government agencies, environmental organizations, and corporations, where they apply their classroom learning in real-world settings. Other students work as student attorneys in the Environmental Law Clinic, where they represent clients in lawsuits seeking to protect endangered public lands, and plant and animal species across the United States. Faculty and students work together in the nation’s first law school building to conform to the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification program. The Sturm College of Law is minutes away from myriad recreational opportunities in the beautiful Colorado Rockies. It’s no surprise, then, that the American Bar Association awarded its 2007 Award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy to DU Law’s ENRL program.

I hope you will take a moment to review this brochure and learn more about the outstanding contributions the ENRL program makes to ensuring that our legal system facilitates responsible economic growth while protecting our precious environment.

José Roberto (Beto) Juárez, Jr.
Dean and Professor of Law
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at the Sturm College of Law is one of the nation’s best. University of Denver law faculty began teaching natural resources courses in the 1890s. Since then, the Sturm College of Law has developed a rich mix of courses, exciting conferences, the Water Law Review, the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute, a natural resources moot court competition, and a strong reputation for legal scholarship in both natural resources and environmental law. The Sturm College of Law is also home to one of the most prominent natural resources LLM programs in the country, with classes open to JD students. Faculty in the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program prides itself on the breadth of its interests. Not only do we teach and write in traditional areas of natural resource and environmental law, but we examine environmentally-based land use planning, international and comparative environmental law, and Indian tribal resources law. Additionally, the Sturm College of Law offers one of the few regular courses in land conservation transactions.

Denver is an ideal location for our Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. The gateway to the Rocky Mountains, Denver is an exciting hub of environmental and natural resources law activity. It is home to Fortune 500 mining and energy companies, as well as national and regional offices of many environmental and natural resource agencies, and environmental public interest groups. Through the Sturm College of Law’s Environmental Law Clinic and our extensive Environmental and Natural Resources Internship Program, we offer students myriad opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom to the practice of law, and to bring what they learn in practice back to school.

Federico Cheever
Professor of Law
Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
The Sturm College of Law recently announced the development of the Summer Abroad Program in Barcelona, a program that will allow DU Law students to study at the University of Barcelona Law School for four to five weeks during the summer. The program will be implemented in 2008.

Jointly sponsored by DU’s International Legal Studies and Environmental and Natural Resources Law (ENRL) programs, the Barcelona program will be coordinated by ENRL faculty who will also teach the course offerings. The program will center on aspects of environmental and natural resources law with an emphasis on urban planning, the environment and sustainable development. While courses will vary year to year based on participating faculty, potential courses include “International Environmental Law,” “Law of the Sea,” and “Global Resource Development, Human Rights, and Indigenous Peoples Law.”

In addition to enhancing the Sturm College of Law’s reputation both nationally and internationally, the Barcelona program is in line with DU Law’s efforts to infuse its curriculum with a global perspective.

For more information about the Summer Abroad Program in Barcelona, please visit: www.law.du.edu/barcelona.
Professor Federico Cheever
Director, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program

Scholarship
Recently Published
“Confronting Our Shared Legacy of Incongruent Land Ownership: Notes for a Research Agenda,” 83 DU L. Rev. 1039, as part of the 2006 University of Denver College of Law symposium “Borrowing The Land: Cultures of Ownership in the Western Landscape.”
Natural Resources Law: A Place-Based Book of Problems and Cases, 2005 (contributing author).

Outsides The Classroom
• Faculty advisor, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Society.
• Visiting fellow, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, spring 2007.
• Has worked closely with the Sturm College of Law’s Environmental Law Clinic for more than 12 years.

Speaking Engagements

Teaching
• Course include “Property,” “Environmental Law,” “Public Land Law,” “Federal Wildlife Law” and “Land Conservation Transactions.”
• Teaches “Environmental Law” as an adjunct professor at the Colorado School of Mines.
• Named a “DU Law Star” for excellence in teaching in 2006.

Libraries
• Resources Law Faculty
• Environmental and Natural Resources Law (ENRL) faculty at the Sturm College of Law are distinguished lawyers and scholars who practice, teach, speak, publish, plan and serve in various capacities throughout the nation and around the world. Together, their expertise covers the full spectrum of modern environmental and natural resources law issues.

Professor Jan Laitos
John A. Carver, Jr. Professor of Law

Teaching
• Named a “DU Law Star” for excellence in teaching in 2005.

Outside The Classroom
• Manages the Sturm College of Law’s contract with the National Park Service, which has placed 79 student with the Park Service’s Denver branch as paid law clerks and for-credit interns over the course of nine years.
• Reporter/editor, contributing writer, American Planning Association’s Land Use Law and Zoning Digest.
• Chairs the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation’s Publications Committee and serves as a trustee for the organization.
• Manages the Distinguished Natural Resources Practitioner in Residence Program, which selects a prominent environmental or natural resources attorney to conduct a semester-long seminar to teach students the skills involved in being an excellent resource or environmental law attorney.
• Oversees the Jan M. and Marjorie G. Laitos Scholarships for deserving students in environmental or natural resources law.
• Advisory board member, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute.
SCHOLARSHIP

Recently Published

- Co-authored SLAPPs: Getting Sued for Speaking Out with Penelope Canan, which first identified "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation" in government. Since the book's publication, 25 states and territories have adopted anti-SLAPP laws.

Forthcoming

Lead chapter, Beyond the Carbon Economy: Energy and Environment Futures, Oxford University Press, 2008 (contributing author).

Fourteen chapters about international rivers, Encyclopedia of Public International Law, Max Planck Institute/Oxford University Press, 2008 (contributing author).

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- On sabbatical in 2008 to do a comparative study of environmental courts in developed and developing counties worldwide.
- President, Clear Creek Land Conservancy, a land trust that has permanently protected thousands of acres in the mountains and foothills area of Clear Creek, immediately west of Denver.
- Original president, Board of Directors, Calton University; the international community in Denver is based on the concept of sustainable development.
- U.S. Representative, Academic Advisory Group, International Bar Association’s Section on Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Law.
- Consultant to international environmental, natural resource, and human rights law to governments and organizations throughout the world.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Conducts seminars and presents on issues in environmental law throughout the world.

- Co-organized a symposium on housing, food, and the environment, Federal Institute for Spatial and Landscape Planning in Zurich, Switzerland, and the Shanghai Institute of Urban Planning and Design in China.
- Founded and past president, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute.
- Presented on urban planning, housing, and social cohesion, University of Barcelona Law School, spring 2007.
- Presented on international rivers, Encyclopedia of Public International Law, Max Planck Institute/Oxford University Press, 2008 (contributing author).

- Presented on urban planning, housing, and sustainable development, Pantheon-Sorbonne University of Paris, spring 2007.

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Teaching
• Develops and teaches courses in American Indian law including “Federal Indian Law,” and “Native American Natural and Cultural Resources Law.”

Outside The Classroom
• Oversees the development of an internship program at the Native American Rights Fund that provides funding for two DU students to work at the nation’s leading Indian advocacy organization.
• Co-sponsored “Cultures of Ownership on the Western Landscape” in 2006, a symposium that united top practitioners, Indian leaders and scholars to discuss the cultural dynamics of land use issues such as conservation covenants and cultural landscape development.
• Faculty advisor, DU Native American Law Students Association.
• Secretary, Colorado Indian Bar Association and consults with several national organizations on Indian property rights.
• Received funding to begin research on the role of tribal languages in interpreting treaty-guaranteed land rights.

Scholarship
Recently Published

Forthcoming

Speaking Engagements

Teaching
• Recently selected “Best Professor” by DU Law students.
• Will teach “Global Warming, Population, and the Environment” as part of the Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Denver’s University College in fall 2007.

Outside The Classroom
• Legal commentator on CNN, CNBC, and several Denver television and radio stations.

Scholarship
“Tropical Forest Conservation: Focus on South-East Asia,” 11 Env. & PL.L.J 419, Australia, 1994 (a version of previous article listed).
**Recent Client Victories**

On behalf of the Colorado Native Plant Society and the Center for Native Ecosystems, the clinic filed a successful lawsuit to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to determine whether the DeBeque Milkvetch should be protected under the Endangered Species Act. The milkvetch lives in only eight populations along the base of the Roan Plateau, and in the vicinity of South Shale Ridge, just north of the town of DeBeque, Colo. Both areas are at the heart of western Colorado’s oil and gas drilling.

The clinic successfully sued the FWS on behalf of Forest Guardians, requiring the agency to determine whether it will protect critical habitat for the Pecos sunflower, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The sunflower lives on desert wetlands in areas of Texas and New Mexico that are being diminished by groundwater pumping for agriculture, development, and oil and gas drilling.

Representing the Center for Biological Diversity and Friends of the Earth, the clinic successfully sued federal agencies, mandating the development of an attainable plan to implement greater use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs)—vehicles that burn non-petroleum fuel. Since AFVs have cleaner emissions than petroleum-burning vehicles, this victory will lead to less air pollution and decreased demand for our limited supply of oil.

**Pending Cases**

The clinic filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) winning protection for three North African antelope—the Scimitar Horned Oryx, Addax and Dama Gazelle—under the Endangered Species Act. Large numbers of these species are raised for canned-hunting operations in the U.S., however, and the FWS issued a regulation exempting these hunting operations from prohibitions associated with the Endangered Species Act. The clinic is currently challenging this regulation.

On behalf of the Louisiana Crawfish Producers Association and Harold Scofield, the clinic is suing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for failing to designate critical habitat for the threatened Louisiana Black Bear. The bear was added to the endangered species list in 1992 following a citizen petition from Scofield. Oil and gas exploration and logging are destroying the swamps and forests in which the bear lives.

**Scholarship**


**Speaking Engagements**

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SPeAKING ENGAGEMENTS


“Learning the Planning and Public Health Tango to Create Lively and Healthy Neighborhoods and Cities: Toronto Case Study,” Colorado Healthy Living Summit, March 2006.


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