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### Live Client Guarantee at University of Denver's Law School *Sturm College of Law guarantees students hands-on client interactions*

DENVER – April 12, 2014 – In an ongoing commitment to create job-ready lawyers, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law announced the Live Client Guarantee, which provides every Denver Law student with dynamic, hands-on client interactions outside of the classroom via clinics and externships.

The Sturm College of Law is one of only 14 law schools in the country that offers this option. By exposing students to complex real-life situations, Denver Law graduates will develop the competencies necessary to enter the workforce with career-focused academic experiences and marketable skills that prepare them to thrive in their early careers.

“Employers have told us repeatedly that they are looking for graduates who are ready to hit the ground running,” said Dean Katz. “We are already hearing from employers about how impressed they are with our students who have had the benefit of this type of learning. It provides our graduates with a significant advantage in the job market.”

The Live Client Guarantee is part of the Denver Law School's innovative Experiential Advantage Curriculum, which permits students to engage in a full year of experiential learning during law school. The Live Client Guarantee can be completed either as part of the Experiential Advantage Curriculum or separately. Both opportunities assure that all law students can spend a full semester or more in on-the-job training, with actual clients, while supervised by faculty members. With six in-house clinics and close to 500 externship offerings per academic year, students have numerous opportunities to take advantage of the Live Client Guarantee.

Two new externships which offer valuable practical experience for Denver Law students include DU's Resource Center for Separating and Divorcing Families, where students serve on an interdisciplinary team to provide services to families in need of legal dispute resolution, and the Hybrid Immigration Project, where law students work as legal advocates for immigrant populations across the state. Additionally Denver Law's new Semester in Practice externship permits students to spend a full semester with an employer and a faculty supervisor in an engaging and educational practice setting.

The Live Client Guarantee and the Experiential Advantage Curriculum are part of the law school's commitment to the [Carnegie Model](#) of legal education. The model integrates three key apprenticeships: doctrine, skills, and professional identity—an innovative departure from traditional law school curriculums.

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