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DU College of Law Career Fair
(cosponsored by Career Services and the Internship Office)
Feb. 15
Chancellor Scholars Ethics Seminar
Feb. 26
Sports/Entertainment Law
Employment Panel Discussion/Forum
Feb. 27
Colorado Trial Lawyers Association—
Panel Discussion and Networking Event
March 5 or 6
Solo Practitioner/Small Firm
Practitioner—Employer Panel Discussion
March 7–16
DU Law Spring Break
March 8
University of Denver Founder’s Day 2003 Gala and Silent Auction
March 14
African American Women’s Leadership Training
March 29
Annual International Law Conference: Susan Colloquium
“Business Ethics Corporate Responsibility and International
Law and Policy”
May 16
College of Law Student Awards Ceremony
May 17
Commencement
June 14
Senior Law Day

Check our Web site,
www.law.du.edu/alumni—as well as the main campus site,
www.du.edu—for a complete listing of current events.
Dean’s Message

Dear Friends,

I’ve just returned from taking the College of Law Visiting Committee on a tour of the new law building. The progress is amazing—what was once a set of two-dimensional drawings is becoming a spectacular building in which our students will experience a true 21st-century legal education.

The law library will be a spectacular partnership of books and technology. This issue’s entire center spread provides an update of library services and how architect Geoff Freeman, a specialist in library design, tackled various issues of space and usability. On page 20, Patty Wellinger, JD ’90, Westminster Law Library’s reference services coordinator, reports on how the library’s move to main campus will enhance research opportunities for our students, alumni and the entire legal community.

Oftentimes, readers of the DU Law Alumni Magazine catch only a glimpse of the current student experience—glimpses that really aren’t enough to paint an honest picture of today’s law student. In an attempt to remedy this—at least in part—we have created a new feature in the magazine devoted exclusively to tracking the entire law school careers of two students.

Dianna Goldberg, a day student and Denver native, wants to try her hand as a prosecutor but is also interested in First Amendment work as it relates to the media. Goldberg graduated from Dartmouth College in 1991. In her “free” time, she enjoys skiing, hiking, reading and playing with her dog, Phinner. Jason Shelton is an evening division student whose interests include education and public interest law. Shelton grew up in Littleton, attended Princeton University and now spends his days advising undergraduate students at the University of Colorado at Boulder. We asked both students to write a column that highlights some aspect of their College of Law experience for this and subsequent issues of the Law Alumni Magazine. They graciously accepted, and on page 32, you’ll find the first installment of “Goldberg Shelton, Students at Law.”

Also in this issue we highlight another theme of the College of Law’s Strategic Plan: preparing the market-ready lawyer (page 2). During their second and third years of law school, more than 80 percent of DU students serve as interns in the public and private sectors. The experience gained from those internships, combined with “real life, real cases” clinical work and the resources offered by the Office of Career Services, gives our graduates the edge they need to succeed in their legal careers.

This time next year, the new home of the College of Law will be on Asbury Avenue, just west of University Boulevard. If you haven’t been in touch with your law school lately, now is a great time to reconnect. Your support will help ensure the College of Law’s vitality and success for many years to come. If you are interested in a tour of the new law school building, please contact the Alumni and Development office at 303-871-6117.

Best regards,

Mary E. Ricketson
Dean, College of Law
Practice Makes Perfect

Theory is a vital part of any education. In the study of law, students learn to think and analyze like lawyers through theoretical exercises, thereby laying the groundwork for successful and rewarding careers. But today's ever-changing world, with its ever-changing laws, demands a healthy dose of practical experience as well—perhaps even more than in the past.

Nationwide, schools provide students with opportunities to learn outside the classroom. The University of Denver, however, has long been ahead of the curve.

In 1904, DU became the first school in the nation to create a legal aid dispensary through which students represented clients under the supervision of attorney-professors. This pioneering spirit remains strong at DU, which boasts one of the most extensive curricula for hands-on learning in the country. And as DU grads emerge from the College of Law equipped to enter the workforce, they find that practice does indeed make perfect.

DU's focus on hands-on, practical experience supplements what students are learning in the classroom. "We bridge the gap between theory and reality," says Tim Henderson, director of career services for the College of Law. "Increasingly, firms hire
experienced lawyers because they want someone who can hit the ground running. Frequently, our students have a leg up on some first- and second-year associates who are products of more theoretical schools.”

Just as medical students gain crucial patient experience through internships and residencies, DU Law students can work directly with clients before graduating, thanks to the University’s comprehensive clinical track. “The Student Law Office is the best place for students to get experience practicing law,” says Julie Field, interim director of clinical programs. “Students have a limited caseload, which enables them to learn in depth. And they work closely with faculty supervisors who are practitioners. They can make mistakes here and still have a safety net that they probably won’t have following graduation.”

Through the Student Law Office (SLO)—formerly DU’s legal aid dispensary—students earn academic credit while representing clients in the community at no cost. With special outreach to Denver’s Spanish-speaking population, the SLO serves low-income clients and offers students experience in six specialized areas: civil law, criminal law, family law and domestic violence, mediation, low-income taxpayer issues and civil rights. In addition to these in-house clinics, DU works with Earthjustice, a nonprofit environmental firm, to offer students experience in environmental law. Finally, there’s the Child Advocacy Clinic, where students learn from a multidisciplinary team consisting of a pediatrician, a child psychiatrist, a psychologist and a social worker to better understand and represent child clients.

“Students learn to be reflective lawyers through their clinical work,” says Field. “They get to think about what they’re doing and how to do it better the next time, even if the initial outcome is good. It gives students many opportunities for self-analysis, which helps them become effective advocates and excellent lawyers.”

In addition to self-reflection, clinical work helps students hone their writing and research skills, and teaches them about client interaction—from interviewing and counseling clients to developing and maintaining relationships with them. Students also learn how to present arguments in court, negotiate, settle cases and confront intricate ethical issues from their clinical experiences. “Your classes teach you how to think and analyze, but they don’t actually teach you how to file a case. You gain that practical know-how by doing clinical work,” says Viola Nabrotksy, a second-year student currently enrolled in the Child Advocacy Clinic through the Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center. With three of her own cases—two adoption cases and one domestic case for which she serves as a special advocate representing the child’s best interests—Nabrotksy is immersed in the complexities of child advocacy work, despite the fact that she’s still a student. “I’ll be meeting with the child’s health care providers before making any recommendations to the court about parenting time and other things,” says Nabrotksy of her domestic case. “In many ways, I’m learning about leadership in addition to practicing law.”

Chuck Chotvacs, a third-year student who took the Criminal Law Clinic last spring, found the continuity of his casework particularly helpful. “You’re with your clients from
the get-go, from the initial arraignment through trial to sentencing. You really learn the whole process,” he says. Chotvacs handled five cases in different jurisdictions during the clinic, including one holdover case that went to trial in October.

“I’d recommend the clinical programs in a heartbeat. Everyone I know who’s had clinical experience considers it one of the most valuable aspects of their education.”

As with its clinics, DU’s internship program gives students opportunities to experience the reality of law outside the classroom. More than 80 percent of students—nearly 300 students annually—do some type of internship during their time at DU. The University offers more than 400 placements with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, private firms, corporations, judicial clerkships and more.

DU’s internship program strives to raise awareness of legal ethics and professional responsibilities; to integrate legal theory, doctrine and practice skills; to increase proficiency in substantive law; and to develop effective workplace skills. Because internships are such important learning experiences, DU carefully selects and screens potential placements, ensuring that essential criteria are met. First and foremost, placements must be willing to mentor their interns.

“Being a true mentor means that you have a responsibility to meet with the intern regularly and to provide him or her with input and feedback,” says Karen Steinhauser, internship coordinator. “Once potential placements accept this responsibility, we make sure that they’ve been practicing law for at least five years, that they have the space to accommodate an intern, and that the intern will be doing legal work, not administrative work.”

“Getting immediate feedback on the quality of my work, instead of one grade for the whole semester, allows for relevant, meaningful and immediate correction of any deficiencies,” says Joanne Rupprecht, a part-time, evening student, of her internship with Corporon, Eyler, and Katz, a small, private firm. “Prior to participating in this program, I would get easily overwhelmed by the books, ‘the smart students,’ and all the other input we’re exposed to in the course of our studies. Seeing how it all fits together, I’ve been able to better pull out the relevant information and focus on what’s really important in the actual practice of law.”

Kate Carter, a third-year student interning with the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office, has undergone a similar transformation. “It’s allowed me to practice as a real lawyer without being one,” she says. “I’ve gotten to do trials on my own—I have my own docket now. My confidence in the courtroom has definitely increased.”

With professional experience, hands-on training, court time and client interaction under so many belts, what else could give DU law grads an edge over other job seekers? How about their own marketing piece on a handy CD-ROM?

“We wanted a tangible item to take with us to current and prospective employers,” says Henderson of the newly developed CD-ROMs. “It’s an entertaining yet substantive way for employers to learn about the academic and practical training

and hands-on experience that our students bring to the table.”

In addition to a narrated history of the College of Law, the CD-ROM provides an overview of the school, details about how to recruit at DU and highlights about what distinguishes DU and its students. The CD-ROMs are distributed to roughly 500 firms nationwide. Distribution also encompasses regional government, public interest and nonprofit employers and small to medium-sized firms.

“Because it’s unique, we’re the CD-ROMs will be more appealing to employers than a brochure or a printed piece,” says Henderson, who oversees career services’ numerous other offerings. These include career consulting, mock interviews, resume and cover letter assistance, on- and off-campus interviews, a comprehensive resource center, a Web-based job-posting system, various specialized workshops and informational sessions.

When it comes to marketing its graduates, however, DU has an easy sell. In this case, the “products” speak for themselves by being among the most prepared, accomplished and experienced law graduates on the market today.

“With all the experience I’ve had, I’ll be ready to be useful right off the bat,” says Nabrotsky of life after graduation. “I’m really looking forward to sinking my teeth into the work that’s out there.”
Law Stars

Honoree Laura Butler Embleton, JD '93, hangs it up with fellow DU alumni: (l-r) Embleton; Jennifer Cotton; Carolynne White, JD '93; and D. Rico Munn, JD '96.

Members of the 2002 DU Law Stars Committee: (back row, l-r) Phil Johnson, JD '74; Russell Kemp, JD '98; Candace Figa, JD '78; Paul Jacobs, JD '68; Connie Talmage, JD '78; Pete Willis, JD '68; (front row and seated, l-r) Ralph Torres, JD '70; Mary Jo Gross, JD '79; Madie Gustafson, JD '81; Nadine Gehre, JD '84; and Howard Kenison, JD '72

L-r: The Honorable Alfred Harrell, JD '71, and former Law Star Nancy Cohen, JD '78, enjoy the Law Stars reception.
The 2002 DU Law Stars Honorees: (l-r) Joe Montano, BSBA '51/LLB '53; Joan McWilliams, MSIA '76/JD '82; Laura Butler Embleton, JD '91; and Prof. Howard Rosenberg.

CLE organizers and panelists share a laugh following the CLE program: (l-r) Mary Jo Gross, JD '79; John T. Baker, JD '73; A. Lenore Martinez, JD '84; and Dale Harris.

Law Stars Master of Ceremonies Bill Keating, JD '71, solicits a high five from honoree Joan McWilliams' grandson, Riley.

Lighting up the reception area was the ever-popular Law Stars pumpkin display.
Law Star Honorees

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Outstanding Young Alumni Award:
Laura Butler Embleton

During her tenure at the College of Law, Embleton served as president of the Student Bar Association and was the founder and editor of the school’s newspaper, *The Writ*. In 1991, Embleton received the Arnold M. Chutkow Leadership Award from the University of Denver College of Law. Following graduation, Embleton forged her own path as a leader in Denver’s legal community. She currently serves as managing editor of publications at Colorado Bar Association and is a partner in Embleton Lilley, LLC, and is a Metro Volunteer Lawyer.

Occupation: Legal editor, Colorado Bar Association
College/University attended: University of Colorado at Boulder
Year she was crowned CU Homecoming Queen: 1984
Most memorable professors at DU Law: John Reese, Chris Munch, Steve Rench and Howard Rosenberg
Favorite law classes: Constitutional Law, Trial Tactics, the Student Law Office and Federal Jurisdiction with Justice Kirshbaum
Favorite days in law school: Thursdays
Favorite game: Settlers of Catan
Greatest blessing: The birth of daughter Emily Cady on April 27, 2000
Number of 14ers climbed: 12
Favorite Colorado region: the San Juans
Ongoing community project of which she is most proud: The Celebration of Excellence (a graduation ceremony for foster children in Colorado). “For some of these students, this is the only ceremony they will go through. The event is open to the public, and it is truly a wonderful evening.”
Her advice to lawyers and law students: “Follow your hearts and network the heck out of everything. Check out a number of areas of law and don’t take the first job that comes along. Above all, be happy in the work you do.”

Alumni Professionalism Award:
Joan Harcourt McWilliams

Joan McWilliams, who received both her master’s of science in judicial administration in 1979 and JD in 1983 from DU’s College of Law, is an expert in alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Born in Denver, McWilliams took a mediation class in 1986 that ultimately changed the direction of her practice from litigation for corporate, securities, banking and family law matters to ADR. She currently provides mediation, arbitration, special master and other forms of ADR services through her firm, the McWilliams Mediation Group Ltd. She is an adjunct professor at the College of Law and has published extensively in the area of ADR.

Alumni Professionalism Award
Joan Harcourt McWilliams, MSJA’76/JD ’82
Place of birth: Denver
College/University attended:
   University of Colorado at Boulder
Undergraduate major(s): Political science and education. “I was told that an education degree was like an insurance policy—
in case you ever had to work!”
Favorite law professors: Jimmy Winokur, Jim Wallace, Bill Beaney, John Carver and John Reese
Most vivid law school memory:
   When Fernando Freye ordered a stripper to perform during
law review in Phil Dufford’s class. The women walked out in droves, but McWilliams remained, hoping they would
get on with it” so she could get the law review info!
First firm job: Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker and Grover
Year she became partner: 1988
Dark irony: When she was first practicing, McWilliams had a case against a Christian organization where the leader was allegedly stealing from the organization. When McWilliams’ witness raised her hand to be sworn in during trial, lightening struck a tree outside and knocked out all the lights!
Trailblazer: McWilliams was one of the first people in Denver to practice alternative dispute resolution.
Favorite cases: “All cases where there were settlements!”
Advice to lawyers and law students: Find your niche! If you’re not making a difference in the best way you can, you will not be happy.

Outstanding Alumni Award:
Joseph M. Montano

Joseph Montano tried more than 300 cases during his five-decade legal career. A Colorado native, Montano graduated from DU’s College of Law in 1953, where he served as the student case-comment editor of the Law Review. He earned a reputation as one of Denver’s most prominent trial attorneys and as an expert in public acquisition of private land and property before retiring from his partnership at Faegre & Benson in 1998. Before his tenure at Faegre & Benson, Montano also worked for Gorsuch, Kirgis, Campbell, Walker and Grover, the Colorado Attorney General’s Office and the Texas Company (Texaco).

Place of birth. Montano is a fourth-generation Coloradan who can trace his family’s migration to what is now New Mexico to 1598. He was born in Los Sauces, Colorado, and grew up in La Jara and Sanford.

What he wanted to be when he grew up: A civil engineer
How Montano landed at the University of Denver: After serving his first stint as a navy air controller, he used the GI Bill to go to DU. His major was personnel/industrial relations.
Why he chose to attend law school: He met the dean of Admissions at the end of his junior year and was told that his grades were good enough to start law school. Two weeks later he started classes at the College of Law. After another stint in the navy during the Korean War, he graduated from law school.
Favorite law professor: Thompson Marsh (“Although I didn’t realize it at the time, but as I started doing trial and appellate work, I realized that Marsh was not trying to humiliate students—
he was trying to prepare them to go before judges and take on opposing attorneys.”)
Most memorable classes: Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Evidence
What he views as his greatest strengths: An ability to get along with people and to not lose sight of what is fair and just
His opinion of the legal profession today: When Montano graduated, the civil procedure book was small. It is now about four times larger. He thinks this is not only because of attorney conduct, but also because of the complexity of the law. Some attorneys now think only of winning at all costs, instead of finding what the best, fair and just results should be for their client.

Outstanding Faculty Award:
Howard Irving Rosenberg

After moving to Denver from Chicago, Professor Howard Rosenberg began his career as an adjunct professor at DU’s College of Law in 1967. In 1973, he became director of the Clinical Program and professor, replacing Richard Lamm, who had decided to run for governor. Since then, Rosenberg has taught creditor-debtor, bankruptcy, poverty law, legal profession, decision process, post-trial and procedure and civil process in the College of Law’s Judicial Administration master’s program. Rosenberg was a founding member of the community service organization, Labor’s Community Agency, Inc., and the “Thursday Night Bar,” renamed the Metro Volunteer Lawyers, which provides pro bono services to low-income recipients.

Place of birth Chicago
College/University attended:
Roosevelt College (Chicago);
DePaul Law School
One of his earliest memories:
Sitting in the tavern his father owned, watching the bartender “combing foam” off glasses of beer. Rosenberg wanted to be a bartender when he grew up so he could comb the foam.
Year he left the Midwest for Denver: 1954
Reason for going to law school: He loved his constitutional law class in college. His background in history and political science also propelled him toward his life’s work.

First job out of law school: In-house counsel for a consumer credit corporation
Year he was offered a position with the Denver Legal Aid Society: 1956
Age of his twin sons at that time: 1 year old
Salary he received $300 a month, just $20 a month over the eligibility guidelines for legal aid clients at the poverty level.
Years he remained at the Legal Aid Society: 17 and a half
Person he replaced when Dean Robert Yegge offered him the position of director of the Clinical Program and professor: Dick Lamm, who ran for governor.
Year he was elected president of the Denver Bar Association: 1992, “In spite of a number of former students who said they would vote for me only if I raised their lousy grades.”
Wedding bells in Park Hill: In 1983, after a whirlwind courtship of 10 years, Rosenberg and his wife, Kristen, were married in Porter Administration Building’s Barrett Room. Their reception was held in Foote Hall.
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**Faculty Highlights**

**JERRY BORISON**

**Presentations**
- Speaker, DNA Legal Services (the Navajo Advocates) on IRS Tax Procedure (August 16, 2002).
- Moderator and panelist, American Bar Association Section of Taxation, involving matters of the IRS’ Offer in Compromise plan, Los Angeles (Oct. 20-21, 2002).

**FRED CHEEVER**

**Presentations**
- Presenter, “Seven Ages of the Endangered Species Act” to the CU Natural Resources Law Centers, Living with the Endangered Species Act workshop.

**Publications**

**STEPHEN CRIBARI**

**Presentations**
- Participant, National Institute of Justice’s Technical Working Group on Digital Evidence in the Courtroom (Oct. 12-14, 2002).

**CLAUDE D’ESTRÉE**

**Presentations**
- Presenter, “Just War” theory, with former Gov. Richard Lamm serving as respondent. Cosponsored by the College of Law and the Carl M. Williams Institute for Ethics and Values (November 8, 2002).
- Attendee, the Department of State, United States Institute of Peace and the White House, to discuss the issue of religion and reconciliation, both domestically and internationally, in a post-9/11 environment (Nov. 1 and 4, 2002).

**NANCY EHRENREICH**

**Presentations**
- Co-organizer of a conference on “Teaching in Crisis, Teaching about Crisis: Law, Peace and Pedagogy,” sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers. The conference was held at Fordham Law School, New York.
- Panel presentation, “How Justice Has Changed as part of Sept. 11 and its aftermath, sponsored by the Weld County ACLU, Greeley, Colo. (Sept. 11, 2002).

**Publications**
- “Masculinity and American Militarism,” Tikkan magazine (October/November 2002).
MARTIN KATZ
Presentations
- “Balancing Civil Liberties and Security,” Center for Education in Law and Democracy Summer Institute, Denver (June 10, 2002).
- “Bearing False Witness, the Commandments: A Legacy Program,” Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver and the Denver Institute for Jewish Studies (with Rabbi Bernard Gerson), Denver (May 1, 2002).

Media
- Television appearance on KUSA 9News to discuss USA Patriot Act (various broadcasts, September 2002).
- Television appearance on Fox News to discuss ruling of 9th Circuit panel in Newdow v. U.S. (case re: Pledge of Allegiance), (June 26, 2002).

STEVEN KROPPI
Publications

JAN LAITOS
Presentations

Publications
- Teacher’s Manual and Supplement to the Regulation of Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes (Foundation Press, 2002).

MIKE MASSEY
Appointments

Presentations
- Panel chair and commentator, the Law and Society Conference on “Violence against Women by Intimate Partners and State Accountability,” Vancouver, B.C. (May 2002).

Publications
- “Male Violence—State Silence: These and Other Tragedies of the 20th Century,” 5 The Journal of Gender, Race, and 340 (University of Iowa Law School, 2002).

Awards
- Silver Medallion Award for Social Justice for work on domestic violence given by the Orange County California YWCA (June 2002).
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for work on domestic violence (June 2002).

VED NANDA
Publications
- New release, 400+ pages, Litigation of International Disputes in Courts, with D. Pansius (West Group, 2002).
Awards
• NRI Institute, New Delhi, Hind Rattan (Jewel of India) Award

Presentations
• Chair and speaker, session on South Asia, Air Force Academy, Colorado Council of International Organizations Conference on Asia, Denver (October 2002).
• Keynote speaker, Indian-Jewish Friendship Groups’ Diwali-Hanukkah Celebration, Edison, N.J. (October 2002).
• Speaker, “International Criminal Court,” Amnesty International Western Regional Conference, Denver (October 2002).
• Speaker, “Terrorism and International Law, Human Rights NGOs,” Atlanta (November 2002).
• Speaker, “U.S. Role in Asia,” Asian NGOs meeting, Chicago (December 2002).
• Speaker, “The U.S. and the International Criminal Court,” Human Rights NGOs, New York (December 2002).

Media
• Radio and television appearances in Stuttgart, Germany, New Delhi, India, and appearances on several radio stations, including Voice of America and local and national stations; also on local television channels 2, 4, 7, 9 and 12.

JAMES OTTO
Presentations
• Spoke on structural reforms in the mining industry, Jakarta, Indonesia (2002).
• Seminars on mining policy, law and economics for the Ministries of Finance and Mining in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (September 2002).

GEORGE “ROCK” PRING
Presentations
• Speaker, “Failures of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development,” DU International Law Society meeting (Sept. 19, 2002).

HOWARD ROSENBERG
Publications
• Updated and revised a book written in 1988 on creditor-debtor law in Colorado: published by Colorado Continuing Legal Education, which is being used in a seminar sponsored by the Colorado Sheriff’s Association and the Colorado Bar Association for the 64 sheriff departments in Colorado.
JOHNSOMA
Publications
• Coauthor, supplement to Internet and Computer Law Case Book, with J. Winokur, R.W. Freyermuth and J. Organ (West Group, 2002).

ELI WALD
Etcetera
• Testified at the ABA's public hearing on its reform proposals in the aftermath of recent corporate scandals (Nov. 11, 2002).

JIMMY WINOKUR
Publications
• Coauthor, Property and Lawyering, Winokur, Freyermuth & Organ (West Group, March 2002).
• Coauthor, supplement to Internet and Computer Law Case Book, with J. Winokur, R.W. Freyermuth and J. Organ (West Group, 2002).

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Sample University of Denver Gift Annuity Rates*

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*Rates shown are maximum rates currently offered by DU. Electing a lower annuity rate may result in increased tax savings and greater impact on the College of Law.

In exchange for your gift of cash or marketable securities, you can obtain an immediate fixed income for life or supplement your future retirement income with a DU gift annuity. You'll get to claim a charitable income tax deduction, and, in most cases, a significant portion of each payment is tax free. Plus you'll have the satisfaction of investing in the future of the DU College of Law.

For more information on charitable gift annuities or other planning strategies that can increase your income, call Scott Lumpkin in the Office of Gift Planning at 303-871-2739 or 1-800-448-3238, or e-mail him at slumpkin@du.edu.
GEFF FREEMAN IS A BUSY MAN.
As a principal at one of the nation's leading academic architectural firms, Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott, Freeman often travels around the country, surveying building sites and speaking to administrators about what their vision is for a new library.

Libraries are Freeman's passion. He participated in the design of some of the nation's top academic libraries, including those at Harvard University, Yale University, Dartmouth College and the University of Oregon. And it's not unusual to hear him say, "I think libraries are the most important thing in the world."

As a recognized authority on library planning and design, Freeman is fascinated by how form and function can enhance curriculum and learning. In designing the new DU Law library, Freeman and the rest of the SBRA team asked themselves several key questions: How can we provide the most enriching intellectual environment for students? How can this environment speak to the mission of the law school? What choices do we provide that will enhance the level of scholarship for the community that uses this facility?

Designed to occupy three floors, with a total square footage of 40,000, the new University of Denver College of Law library is the literal—and figurative—heart of the building. SBRA developed plans for the project based on the notion that a good law school is more than meets the eye: It's an organic facility comprised of various components—curriculum, faculty, library, learning spaces—none of which can succeed without coordination with and cooperation of the others. "A library needs to make connections," says Freeman. "We wanted to create as vital an environment as we possibly could."

In the past, architects based the size of a library primarily on projected growth rates of collections—costs per square foot were often evaluated, as well as a cost per volume. The cost was considerable. It was thought that if materials weren't physically held, scholarship and research would be significantly restricted. But in today's library, the question is not "Do we have it?" Rather, the response most librarians give to researchers is a simple, confident "What do you need?"

In rare cases, students and members of the legal community may have to continued on next page
Mission Statement
The Law Library's mission is to provide the faculty, students and alumni of the College of Law, along with members of the Bar and the public, with access to the broadest possible array of legal information sources. The Library's staff, varied collections and many services support faculty in their teaching and research; educate students in the use of legal information sources; and inform the public of those sources and their use.

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wait 24 hours to get materials, but most requests can be filled within minutes.

Three crucial factors were considered when designing the new library: off-site storage, electronically formatted materials and compaction on-site (compact shelving).

"Today, the square footage of a library is not the primary measure of quality—instead the success of the library is determined by its services and the level of scholarship that takes place," says Freeman. "Libraries don't have to hold everything on-site." Freeman is quick to point out that many colleges and universities opt for less square footo
Facts

Ins sent to PASCAL in the year—an off-site storage facility that DU share with four other academic libraries:

- Number of electronic databases (besides Lexis & Westlaw) that the library subscribes to: **9,340**
- Number of hours of Westlaw Lexis usage from DU faculty, students & staff in 2000–2001: **50,728**
- Average number of monthly hits on the law library’s Web site: **5,600**
- Number of classes taught by the reference librarians in 2001–2002: **115**
- Number of items borrowed or lent via nationwide interlibrary loan in 2001: **3,483**
- Number of items borrowed or lent via Prospector (cooperative agreement among 14 Colorado libraries) in 2001: **1,127**
- Number of full- and part-time library employees: **24**
- Number of research handouts created by the reference librarians and available via the library’s Web site: **45**
- Number of items the library owns that were published prior to 1800: **50**
- Proud recipient of the 2000 Quality Department Award given by the Staff Advisory Council of the University of Denver: The Westminster Law Library.

Of course paper-based materials will always be important," he adds. Though the amount of information available electronically has grown considerably in the past decade, nothing can ever replace “an environment of scholarship that literally reeks of scholarship.”

“What makes this particular library unique is that it was designed as an integral part of the curriculum,” says Freeman. Libraries nourish the curriculum, providing environments that are conducive to academic rigor and research. “Although the most dedicated level of scholarship is concentrated in the library, the building itself is also all about intellectual exploration and exchange,” says Freeman. “It’s all about balance.”

In the end, Freeman is confident that the new library will provide a “very vital environment” for the College of Law. Outfitted with the latest technology and designed to serve a wide range of needs—from students meeting for a study session to an alumna researching a case late into the night—the library will accommodate the entire community. “It may sound simple, but what we’re doing makes sense,” says Freeman. “It just makes sense.”
New Law Library
Offers Unprecedented Research Opportunities

The College of Law’s upcoming move to a new building provided the Law Library with an opportunity to strengthen our already outstanding collection. Our primary goal, as always, remains to provide excellent service to our law alumni, faculty and students.

Staff members have worked for the past 18 months on task forces with representatives from Penrose (the main library) to discuss access, technology, collection development and administrative issues relating to our relocation. A major change involves alumni access and borrowing privileges.

Alumni now have the right, upon request, to receive a library card permitting free lifetime access and borrowing privileges to the Westminster Law Library. Previously, a free library card was limited to 10 years following graduation. Law firms will still be allowed to purchase annual library cards that will allow anyone in the firm to use the library.

A survey on library usage was recently sent out to alumni currently in our circulation database. Designed under the auspices of the Faculty Library Committee and chaired by Dean Emeritus Robert Yegge, JD ’58, the survey will ensure that the library continues to meet the legal information needs of its alumni.

“We are committed to an ongoing relationship with our alumni, and we very much want our alumni to feel welcome and at home in the law library,” says Gary Alexander, JD ’81, assistant dean for information services and director of the Westminster Law Library. “Early returns from the survey indicate that this will be viewed as a popular and positive reaffirmation of our continuing commitment to serve the legal research needs of our alumni.”

The Law Library purchased many electronic databases that are available to alumni for on-site use. While the entire new building will be set up for wireless computing, public access terminals will be available on each floor to encourage use of these resources. Recent subscriptions to Shepard’s Online and LoisLaw (which covers Colorado, federal and other states’ laws) provide alumni with online searching and Shepardizing capabilities that augment the legal research process.

In November 2001, the Law Library began shipping material to PASCAL, an off-site storage facility located on the former Fitzsimons Army Base. The facility is a joint venture of the Law Library, DU’s Penrose Library, CU Health Sciences’ Denver Library and Auraria. Resources selected for off-site storage include rare and historic pre-1900 treatises, older law reviews and historical Colorado material. These items can be viewed at PASCAL or retrieved within 48 hours. Older law reviews are also available via Hein-On-Line, an Internet service that provides searchable image-based access to full-text articles.

A wealth of free legal resources is available via the Internet. The Law Library’s Web site is your portal to easily access these materials. Westminster Law Library’s reference librarians have spent countless hours expanding and updating their legal research links, which may be found at www.law.du.edu/library/research_links.htm.

In addition, the Law Library’s Web-based catalog may be accessed via the Internet at http://pacman.law.du.edu. Reference assistance is available in person, via phone (303-871-6206) or e-mail refdesk@mail.law.du.edu.

Our goal is to continue to provide you with the services that meet your legal information needs. To that end, we encourage you to visit our new library next year, and we look forward to your continuing feedback!

— Patty Wellingier, JD ’90

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www.law.du.edu/alumni
Inaugural Bruce B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Recipient Selected

Jesse Angell, the inaugural recipient of the Bruce B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship, is now well into his third year at the University of Denver College of Law. During this time, Jesse has earned a number of honors for academic excellence and writing, including the prestigious Hoffman Writing Award. He is a cum laude graduate of the University of Colorado at Denver and studied at the Naropa Institute in Boulder and Monash University in Australia. Jesse chose the University of Denver because of its eXcellent reputation and strong ties to the Denver legal community.

Through clerkships and internships, Jesse gained real-world exposure to a wide array of legal subjects. This year he is dedicating much time and effort to low-income clients at the Criminal Law Clinic while also developing litigation skills. Through these diverse experiences, Jesse discovered his passion for real property law as well as civil and criminal litigation. He is deeply committed to offering pro bono assistance to less fortunate clients throughout his legal career.

Following graduation this May, Jesse and his wife, Venessa, plan to stay in the Denver area, where Jesse will embark upon his legal career. As native Coloradans, they look forward to raising their two children here, near their families.

Jesse is fortunate to have his entire tuition for the academic year 2002-2003 underwritten by the Bruce B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Family, friends and colleagues established the scholarship in memory of Johnson after his passing at the age of 54 in 2000. Gifts and pledges to the scholarship total almost $500,000, making it one of the largest endowed scholarships at the College of Law.

Bruce B. Johnson graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in 1970. After practicing at firm Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, P.C., in Denver. He practiced primarily in the field of real property law. A cornerstone of Johnson's career was his dedication to the local community. Bruce B. Johnson will be remembered most fondly for his larger-than-life personality and contagious humor.

For information on the Bruce B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship or to make a gift to the fund, contact Jessica Mello at the University of Denver College of Law at 303-871-6117.
Gifts with historic connections enhance new College of Law building

The Lulu Frankel Foundation made a gift of $100,000 in memory of Henry G. Frankel, JD '14. A Denver native, Frankel graduated from East High School and earned his liberal arts and law degrees from DU in 1914. Although educated as a lawyer and a member of the Colorado Bar, Frankel never practiced— "I never got around to it," he often said. He chose, instead, to devote his energies to his successful business and to extensive community service.

Frankel was chairman of the board of Frankel Manufacturing Company, a business he headed since 1912, overseeing its evolution from a small Denver stationery store into a leading provider of office and information systems supplies. He was a founder and trustee emeritus of Rose Medical Center and a founder of various other organizations, including the Allied Jewish Council, Green Gables Country Club, the Town Club and Congregation Emanuel. "I've been blessed with good health, and I do not agree that men ought to be put out to pasture when they reach 65," he once said. Frankel worked until five days before his death at the age of 93.

The Lulu Frankel Foundation was established to honor Henry’s mother, Lulu, and has been a longtime supporter of DU’s law school and other community causes.

Thanks to a gift from The Mabel Lulu Frankel Foundation, the Hughes Rare Book Room include a desk at which Hughes studied as a Yale freshman and a special chair made for President William Howard Taft, which was made available for Taft's visits to the Hughes' Denver home.

In atmosphere, tone and collection, the Hughes library is a perfect example of the late 19th-century gentleman's library. The collection was thoughtfully passed from father to son, representing more than 100 years of habit and taste in literature and libraries. Its 3,400 volumes represent history, biography, travel and exploration, literature and poetry, art, western Americana and sporting. Mrs. Mabel Hughes gave the library as a gift in memory of her husband, who died in 1956.

Other major commitments to the law school include generous gifts from Moye, Giles, O'Keefe, Vermeire and Gorrell; Theodore Gelt (JD ’75); Jim (JD ’77) and Linda Chalat (JD ’89); John (JD ’51) and Merry Low; William (JD ’59) and Minnie Diss; and Dee Wisor (JD ’75). Fogel, Keating, Wagner, Polidori, Shafer, Struthers and Heron will name a sunny, second-floor lounge in honor of the male and female members of Colorado organized labor and Colorado police officers and firefighters.

"I am supporting the Building Campaign because the College of Law has been the key to my professional life, and I wish to support future students so that they may have similar opportunities."

—Dee Wisor, JD ’75

Room will soon be outfitted with refurbished furniture. An 1899 graduate of DU's College of Law, Gerald H. Hughes was one of Denver's most distinguished leaders in law and business. He served as president of the First National Bank and in the Colorado Senate where he was the architect of Moffat Tunnel legislation. Furnishings of the Hughes Rare Book Room include a desk at which Hughes studied as a Yale freshman and a special chair made for President William Howard Taft, which was made available for Taft's visits to the Hughes' Denver home.

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1951
Richard Downing Jr. and David Knowlton, JD '52, joined the firm of Krys Boyle Freedman Graham Sawyer Terry & Moore, PC, as of counsel. Others in the firm remarked that Richard and David "have agreed to give us whippersnappers the benefit of the wisdom gained during their long and noble legal careers."

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South Tower
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-893-2300
Fax: 303-893-2882

1952
Judge Sherman Finesilver has a new address:
7000 E. Quincy, Apt. E315
Denver, CO 80237
David Knowlton joined the firm of Krys Boyle, PC as of counsel (see Richard Downing Jr., JD '51).

1956
Jerry N. Snyder joined the firm of Litvak Litvak Mehrten and Epstein, PC, as special counsel. 1900 Grant St., Ste. 500
Denver, CO 80203-4305
Phone: 303-837-0757
Fax: 303-839-9826
jsnyder@familyatty.com
www.familyatty.com

1957
Robert H. Davenport has become of counsel to Jones & Keller, PC. He is the former regional director of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Central Regional Office in Denver World Trade Center 1625 Broadway, 16th Floor Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-573-1600
Fax: 303-573-0769

1964

1966
David Erickson continues to provide high-quality legal services including commercial and financial transactions, arbitration of commercial disputes, consultations with boards of directors, and corporate investigations and reports, 1660 Lincoln St., Ste. 1700 Denver, CO 80206
Phone: 303-831-7442
Fax: 303-861-2746

1968
Paula M. Ray announces the relocation of her law practice: Ray & Westfall, LLC 1801 Broadway, Ste. 1100 Denver, CO 80202-3839
Phone: 303-292-0110
Fax: 303-292-0522
paulamray@earthlink.net

1970
The National Hispanic Bar Association honored Patricio M. Serna with the Judge of the Year Award at their annual convention in Atlanta.

1971
Charles C. Turner, executive director of the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations, received the Bolton Award for Professional Excellence. He was honored by the National Association of Bar Executives for holding the highest standards of professionalism. Previously, Turner served as assistant dean of the College of Law and director of Continuing Legal Education in Colorado for eight years.

1972
The Denver Business Journal reported that Jim Dierker joined Mountain States Bank as vice president, senior trust officer.
Geoffrey W. Peters has moved his law firm.
Geoffrey W. Peters, PC Attorney at Law 9112 Tetterson Ave. Vienna, VA 22182
Phone: 703-938-1809
Fax: 703-938-2207 gpeters@gpeters.net

1973
Ruth K. Irvin joins Paul M. Bierbaum Jr. and Ann B. Mygatt to practice law at the Historic Heritage House. 1443 Spruce St. Boulder, CO 80302
Gov. Bill Owens named Judge Paul Douglas Tallman the new jurist for the 15th Judicial District.
Thomas J. Tomazin relocated his law firm.
The Quadrant 5445 DTC Pkwy., Suite 1036 Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Phone: 303-771-1900
Fax: 303-793-0923
tom@tomazinlaw.com
1974

Russell Carparelli has been appointed to serve on the Colorado Court of Appeals. Carparelli will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Karen S. Metzger, effective Jan. 14, 2003. Carparelli currently practices law with the Denver law firm of Messner and Reeves, where he specializes in civil litigation.

Michael Weatherwax was installed as secretary-treasurer of the Rotary Club of Boulder.

1975


Karen Leather Spaulding joined the firm of Risema Lyon, PC, at its Denver location. 999 18th St., Ste. 3100 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-293-3100

1976

Diane Carlton continues her practice with David W. Heckenbach. Heckenbach Carlton, LLP 8375 S. Willow St., 3rd Floor Lone Tree, CO 80124 Phone: 303-858-8000 Fax: 303-858-8001 www.FamilyLawColorado.com

Anthony Cicerelli continues his services, emphasizing mediation, family law, personal injury and criminal defense. Anthony J. Cicerelli, PC Colorado Office Club Building 4155 E. Jewell Ave., Ste. 500 Denver, CO 80222 Phone: 303-758-0680 Fax: 303-758-7598

Douglas N. Doig joined the firm of Downey, Miller & Hopp, LLC, 333 W. Hampden Ave., Ste. 500 Englewood, CO 80110 Phone: 303-806-8887 Fax: 303-806-8881 University of Northern Colorado named Kay Norton its new president. Prior to the appointment, Norton served as UNC’s vice president for university affairs and general counsel. She becomes the 12th president—and first woman—to lead the 113-year-old university.

Ward E. Terry joined the firm of Kys Boyle, PC, as a shareholder. 600 17th St., Ste. 2700 South Tower Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-893-2300 Fax: 303-893-2882

1977

James Boyd was named a trustee of the Legal Aid Foundation. President George W. Bush nominated Crowell & Moring partner Rosemary Collyer for a judgeship on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Collyer, who served as general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board during the Reagan administration, is undergoing pre-nomination screening. She would fill the only seat currently vacant on the trial court.

Gregory A. Dahl would like to hear from classmates Dennis Jacobson and Richard Lesch. Gregory Dahl, Attorney at Law 100 2nd Ave., Ste. 160 Edmond, WA 98020 Phone: 425-712-9770 Fax: 425-712-0125 gregory.dahl@dhallaw.com

Wendy J. Harring rejoined Grimshaw & Harring, PC, as special counsel and will continue her emphasis in commercial real estate and finance.

In Memoriam

Sam Berman, LLB ’33, April 10, 2002, in Denver.


Kenneth B. Farabee, JD ’70, BSBA ’67, August 24, 2002, in Denver.


George Alan Holley, LLB ’52, AB ’50, September 22, 2002, in Golden, Colo.

Robert E. Jaros, JD ’68, June 5, 2002, in Greenwood Village, Colo.

Roderick W. Kilborn, LLB ’50, BSL ’50, September 15, 2002, in Adelphi, Md.


Scott Lawrence, JD ’77, October 22, 2002, in Franktown, Colo.

Bruce G. McLellan, LLB ’60, BSBA ’59, February 20, 2002, in Lakewood, Colo.

George M. McNamara, LLB ’48, AB ’32, November 4, 2002, in Denver.

Marilyn T. Meadoff, JD ’51, June 27, 2002, in Denver.

William R. Mills, JD ’46, March 13, 2002, in Bismarck, N.D.

George T. Popchuck, JD, BSL ’55, date of death unknown. (Information received from Speedway, Ind.)


William A. Sackmann, LLB ’47, July 2002, in Findlay, Ohio.

Hon. Donald P. Smith, JD ’56, BSL ’55, June 8, 2002, in Buffalo Creek, Colo.

Helen Thorp Street, JD ’39, May 13, 2002, in Denver.

Connie Talmage's office moved! The Colorado Lawyer's Committee is now located at: 1875 Lawrence St., Ste. 200 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-634-4417 Fax: 303-634-4400 COLawyersComm@aol.com

1980
Karen McMurry, LLM '80, was installed as president of the Boulder Rotary Club.

1981
Neil M. Goff has joined Lowe, Fell & Skogg as a managing member. 370 17th St., Ste. 4950 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 720-359-8200 Fax: 720-359-8201

Peter T. Moore joined the firm of Krys, Boyle, PC, as a shareholder. 600 17th St., Ste. 2700 South Tower Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-893-2300 Fax: 303-893-2882

1982
Karen D. Best joined Montgomery, Little & McGrew, PC, as a shareholder and will continue to specialize in domestic law. 5445 DTC Pkwy., Ste. 800 Greenwood Village, CO 80111 Phone: 303-773-8100 Fax: 303-220-0412 www.mlmpc.com

Jill Asher Buckley was recently named the western regional government affairs associate for the ASPCA. Asher will be drafting animal welfare legislation and lobbying for and against bills pending in 14 western states. PO Box 48 Pismo Beach, CA 93448 Phone: 805-474-9660 Fax: 805-474-9740 jillb@aspca.org

Douglas G. Laub accepted the position of president and CEO for the Bonfils Blood Center Foundation, continuing a 20-year career in non-profit management and fundraising. 717 Yosemite St. Denver, CO 80230 Phone: 303-363-2356 Fax: 303-363-2309 dlaub@qm.bbbm.org

Tami A. Tanoue has been selected as in-house counsel for the Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency.

Linda Weiler accepted the position of director of development with Family Tree Inc. She will oversee the agency's fundraising projects such as corporate and individual giving and special events.

1983
Scott P. Greiner has joined Moye, Giles, O'Keefe, Vermeire & Gorrell, LLP, as special counsel. Greiner will continue to specialize in business and estate tax planning. 1225 17th St., Ste. 2900 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-292-2900 Fax: 303-292-4510 www.moyelaw.com

Darold W. Kilmer joined with David A. Lane to form Kilmer & Lane, LLP. The firm will focus on civil rights, plaintiff's employment discrimination and criminal defense. 1543 Champa St., Ste. 400 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: 303-571-1000 Fax: 303-571-1001 www.kilmerlaw.com

Jill E. Walberg has become of counsel at Edward Dale Parrish, PC. 1700 Broadway, Ste. 1204 Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-839-1122 Fax: 303-839-1133 jborgel@sdhlaw.com

1984
District Court Magistrate Johnny Barajas was appointed Denver County Court judge by Mayor Wellington Webb.

James B. Borgel joined Steiner, Darling & Hutchinson LLP as of counsel. Borgel will continue to focus on real estate entitlement and transactions as well as local government relations. 303 E. 17th St., Ste. 850 Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-837-2385 Fax: 303-837-1968 jborgel@sdhlaw.com
Since January 2002, Carol Johnson has been the director of planned and major giving for Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz.

Contact JoAnn Viola Salazar for information regarding upcoming Colorado Bar Association presidential visits to judicial districts in Colorado. Phone: 800-332-6736 jsalazar@cobar.org

Gregory J. Smith is now with Bradford Publishing Company as editorial director.

**1986**

Martha C. Ferris joined Lambdin & Chaney, LLP, as partner. 4949 S. Syracuse St., Ste. 600 Denver, CO 80237 Phone: 303-799-8889 Fax: 303-799-3700

Mark W. Gerganoff joined the firm of Frank & Finger, PC. Gerganoff will focus on property tax law, sales and use tax law, regulatory and administrative law and civil litigation. 29025-A Upper Bear Creek Rd. Evergreen, CO 80439 Phone: 303-674-6955 fandfpc@aol.com

James R. Ghiselli formed Ghiselli Law Offices, PC, focusing on commercial litigation. 8170 Kincross Dr. Boulder, CO 80301 Phone: 303-378-5955 Fax: 303-530-4071 jrghiselli@attbi.com

**1987**

Sheila M. Gutterman joined with Suzanne Griffths to form Gutterman & Griffiths, PC, and will offer adversarial and non-adversarial solutions to family law matters. 10375 Park Meadow Dr., Ste. 520 Lone Tree, CO 80124 Phone: 303-858-8090 Fax: 303-858-8181 www.ggfamilylaw.com

Jacqui Kilmer of Brownstein, Hyatt & Farber is now focusing more on bankruptcy practice instead of mergers and acquisitions.


Stanley Rasmussen is now regional environmental counsel for the Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Army. Rasmussen represents the environmental legal interests of the DOD in EPA Region 7 and the U.S. Army in EPA Region 6. U.S. Army Central Regional Environmental Office (CREO) 601 E. 12th St., Ste. 647 Kansas City, MO 64106 Phone: 816-983-3448 Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil

Gregory W. Smith was appointed general counsel of the Public Employees’ Retirement Association of Colorado. 1300 Logan St. Denver, CO 80203 Phone: 303-837-6271 Fax: 303-863-3815 gsmith@copera.org

**1988**

The Legal Aid Foundation elected Thomas E. Carlock of AT&T Corp. as its newest trustee. The City Club of Denver elected Matthew J. Hogan to serve on its board of directors and as co-vice president of membership. Hogan is a partner in the Public Finance Department and resident in the Denver office of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP.


The Rocky Mountain Region B’nai B’rith Youth Advisory Board elected Bruce Plotkin of Plotkin Law Group as their liaison for the Allied Jewish Federation.

Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson, & Hennessey, PC, has announced that Leslie Gartrell Toepfer joined the firm as special counsel. Toepfer’s practice concentrates on environmental law, including sales and acquisitions, development, leasing and finance. 303 E. 17th Ave., Ste. 1000 Denver, CO 80203-1263 Phone: 303-839-1204 Fax: 303-831-0786 www.penberg.com

**1989**

Billie Audia’s article, “Multi-Jurisdictional Reduction in Forces in Europe,” was published this month in the American Corporate Counsel Association’s monthly magazine, The Docket. After six wonderful years in London, Audia and her husband have moved back to the U.S. They are now in the San Francisco Bay area where Audia is associate general counsel for Openwave Systems Inc.; her husband is a professor of management at UCA Berkeley.

Dana M. Casper is pleased to announce the opening of her law practice. Casper will continue to concentrate on criminal and juvenile law, all felonies, misdemeanors, traffic and appeals. Cherry Creek Plaza I 600 S. Cherry Creek St., Ste. 305 Denver, CO 80246 Phone: 303-321-5850 Fax: 303-321-5805 dcasper@dcasperlaw.com

David C. Feola is pleased to announced the opening of his law practice, the Law Office of David C. Feola, PC. Feola continues to litigate...


1990

Susan Bridges Nies, after staying home for three years to be with her daughters, Sarah, 8, and Kyla, 4, has returned to school part-time to pursue a master's in counseling at Denver Seminary. She is currently in her second year of the program. Previously, Susan practiced in the areas of elder law and estate planning.

1991

Silver & Debosky is pleased to announce that Stacia D. Kuhn, formerly of Yipes Communications, has joined the firm as of counsel. Kuhn's practice will emphasize commercial real estate, development, land use regulation and general business law. The Smith Mansion 1801 York St.
Denver, CO 80206
Phone: 303-399-3000
Fax: 303-399-2650

Elizabeth Silva McNamee is now the new Diversity Committee chair at Davis, Graham & Stubbs, LLP. In addition to her professional responsibilities, McNamee devotes time to groups such as Law Line 9 and El Centro.

Brenda Rivers’ travel agency, Andavo Travel, is the 11th largest Colorado-based woman-owned business.

1992

James T. Anest, P.C. is proud to announce that Blaine D. Bowne has associated with the firm. Bowne’s practice will continue to emphasize domestic relations, family law, contracts, criminal law, real estate, collections, civil litigation and general practice.

1993

Jenny Griesemer Gadow is a partner in Fromm Smith & Gadow, a firm devoted exclusively to family law. She recently became the youngest certified specialist in family law in the state of Arizona and was appointed as a judge pro tem for Maricopa County.

1994

Margaret B. Funk is a founding partner of King & Griesen, LLP. The new firm will emphasize civil rights, plaintiff’s employment law and criminal defense.

1995

Patrick J. Kanouff is now director and shareholder of Davis and Cretani, P.C. Kanouff will continue to focus on securities litigation, real estate litigation and general commercial litigation.
create the firm's product liability and intellectual property litigation practices.
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Denver, CO 80237
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Britton Morrell
1305 8th St.
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970-356-9898
Roger T. Williams joined Friedlob Sanders Paulson & Tourtillott, LLC.
1775 Sherman St., 21st Floor
Denver, CO 80203
Phone: 303-571-1400
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1996
Mark F. Hunter is now of counsel with Dietze & Davis, PC. Hunter continues to focus on real estate, construction law and transactional law.
2060 Broadway, Ste. 400
Boulder, CO 80302
Phone: 303-447-1375
Fax: 303-440-9036
www.dietzedavis.com
Dawn M. Laubach accepted the position of partner with the law offices of Barbara Weaver. Laubach spent more than five years with the Army JAG Corps.
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Class of 2000 news from Amy Beatie: “Well, I heard from many of you, and it sounds as though all is going well. We have new jobs, new additions to families, some traveling and causing trouble. I finished my clerkship with Justice Gregory J. Hobbs Jr. of the Colorado Supreme Court at the end of August and have been taking some time off before my next incarnation. I’ve been in Scotland, France and Italy so far and will hit Spain before returning home to work at Porzak Browning & Bushong in Boulder. I’m ready to get back to work (my bank account is really too), and I’m really excited about my new job.

So here’s the news from all of you who e-mailed. After that, I supply the gossip about people I’ve seen who, due to their failure to send me an update, will be scandalously lied about.

The good kids, who sent updates: Kristen Angus works in the white-collar criminal defense practice group at Coudert Brothers LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Brad Benning works for a small firm in Colorado Springs—Felt, Monson, and Culichia. He is the fourth attorney in the firm and practices real estate and water law. He’s worked on some pretty big cases in the water world so far and looks forward to hearing from people, so give him a ring!

Geri Flynn is an associate at the litigation and insurance defense firm of Senter Goldfarb & Rice, LLC, in Denver. As of October 2002, she will have been there for two years. The last part of her update was my favorite: “Other than celebrating my seven year anniversary of living in sin with my boyfriend, that’s about all I can think of.” Absolutely fabulous.

Tom Hall has been with the Cavanagh Law Firm in Phoenix for almost a year practicing civil litigation and personal injury defense. The firm has about 45 attorneys and practices in all areas, including bankruptcy and real estate, trusts and estates, divorce, and patents and trademarks. He says they keep him busy. He mentioned that Ryan Younggren practices in the Denver DA’s office and loves it.

Tripp Lake lives in Denver with wife Andrea Jazbec and his very old dog, Plato. He started out post-DU life at Pendleton, Friedberg, Wilson & Hennessy, PC, where he practiced civil law, principally employment and contract litigation from the plaintiffs side. He recently moved to the public sector and is a deputy district attorney in the 18th judicial district (Arapahoe, Douglas, Lincoln & Elbert counties) (Ed: holy pay-cut, Batman). He’s been busy! In four weeks, he had two jury trials, one trial to court and countless motions — right from the start. Apparently, he’s learning the art of trial by improv and generally having a blast.

Cathy Olson Brown got married two weeks after the bar exam to long-time beau, Jeff Brown. She clerked for Joann Vogt on the Colorado Court of Appeals between September 2000 and 2001, which she really enjoyed. She and her husband had a baby girl in September 2001, Anna Louise Brown. They absolutely love her. She also began working part-time as an immigration attorney in January ’02, but moved to four days a week because her husband was a Qwest casualty. She’s at Stern & Elkind, practicing family, business and asylum immigration.

Kiki Pagkas works for Rucka, & McKenna in California doing workers’ compensation and social security law, representing injured workers. She travels quite a bit. She lives and works in Salinas, Calif., with her family: daughter, Lina, now 3, and hubbie, Yanni, who works for Monterey County, paints murals, and is putting some art pieces together for a show.

Sometimes when I hear things like that, I wonder why I’m a lawyer.

Matt I oby is the family man. He and wife Liz had their second girl on April 30, 2000. Madeleine Elizabeth Roby was 9 lb. 11 oz. 21-inches long. A gorgeous, "ig fat baby. Lily, Maddie, Liz and Matt live in Winter Park, Fla., (too far away, from us in Denver).
Matt practices law at the Roby Law Firm, his dad's firm, specializing in probate and business litigation. I was going to make a crack about the hiring process but I will let it go. He says, "Things couldn’t be better. We miss Colorado, but are getting used to Florida and the beach." Getting used to the beach must be hard. :-)

Vladimir Shifrin and Elizabeth Shifrin live in Colorado Springs and practice criminal law as Air Force attorneys. Elizabeth was the lead prosecutor at Schriever Air Force Base until November 2002. About mid-November, she was transferred to Buckley Air Force Base-Denver to be the area defense counsel. The position is equivalent to a military public defender.

Vlad is still the lead prosecutor and special assistant U.S. attorney for the Air Force Academy. He also applied to teach at the Academy Law Department.

Jennifer Siegal got engaged Feb. 26, 2002, to her boyfriend of three years, Adam Miller! They will marry Saturday, Nov. 8, 2003, in New York. Adam will be ordained as a rabbi in May 2003. Jenn still works at Rosin & Reiniger in midtown Manhattan, representing foster care agencies and doing adoptions. She loves her job and gets amazing trial experience. Her work she says, "is a little stressful because what I do and the decisions I make will affect the children for the rest of their lives. But it feels good to be doing good work." She also loves NYC.

Now I get to embellish and embarrass. Erin and Ingrid Carlson Barrier have been spotted frequently at Chez Thuy Hoa on 15th and California. Ingrid works for the district attorney's office with Shana Beggan, whose flock continues to grow; Erin works for McKenna & Long, and her flock consists of two adorable yellow labs. Sarah Quinlan may have a dog, but I can't confirm that because she hasn't had me over for dinner yet. She still speaks to John Ridgeley. "I'm done for now, off to the Amalfi Coast."

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I would like my colleagues in America to understand that Pakistan and many other countries currently in the news are not what the media portrays them to be. Yes, this is a third-world country. But it is not all about wars, terrorism and religious fundamentalists. There is a civilization here. There is a legal framework. It just doesn’t function on a level we are used to in the world’s most civilized and powerful country.

I was really surprised to find the level of law that exists in this country. The legal system here is very much like America’s, due to the influence of the United Kingdom, which occupied Pakistan until 50-plus years ago. The legal system here simply hasn’t been developed. For example, America’s Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code is regularly updated and has been widely adopted. Pakistan has the Contract Act of 1872. 1872! The legal framework is incredibly outdated, leading to inconsistencies in how the Code works in real life.

While the Contract Act of 1872 might prescribe one thing, what actually happens on the street may be completely different. For that reason, it is important to have contacts in government offices. Your contacts help you find out how the government office or the courts will actually handle a situation. What the law tells you is only half of it.

Stare decisis also exists, but despite the framework, the technology does not exist to make it function adequately. There are no legal Web sites such as Westlaw and Lexis. Decisions made in district court are rarely reported. Only on the Supreme Court level do publishers take over, causing a huge delay between decisions and publication. Even then, no electronic mechanism exists for finding Supreme Court decisions—paper research—the approach we skimmed over in our first year—is a lifesaver. Another lifesaver is the fact that all court decisions and legal resources are in English, another by-product of English occupation.

The cases I have been involved with so far have been really fascinating. Most of our work involves the government of Pakistan in one way or another. I can’t really comment on the details of my work, but it has been very interesting. One distinction that I would like to make clear is that while corporate law functions much as it does in America, there is a world of difference when it comes to other sectors of law—particularly criminal and family law.

In criminal law and family law, Shariah Law (Islamic Law) rears its ugly head. Not that I am against all Islamic law—quite the contrary, actually—some just do not translate into real life. For example, a criminal case is not one of the state against the defendant as it is in America. The victim or family of the victim files the case. What happens as a result is tragic. The victim or victim’s family are often harassed and threatened in an attempt to get them to drop the case, which can turn deadly in and of itself. In the end, the victim or victim’s family must pay for justice, because they must pay all court costs, etc. And these people are already so poor. This is a real travesty of justice. It is just horrifying.

There are four other lawyers in my office, a paralegal and three legal secretaries. The atmosphere in the office is very nice and relaxed, because we are all quite young. The only people over 40 are legal secretaries. There is one other female lawyer besides me. I don’t really find that women are treated any differently in the office. Our opinions mean as much as anyone’s.

But there are obstacles for us outside the office. Because most of our work involves the government of Pakistan, our clients are mostly older men who believe that women should be at home with the children. For that reason, we have hardly any client contact, because clients feel much more comfortable discussing the situation with another male.

I am very grateful for this experience. It will make me much more appreciative of the American legal system. I know I will never again complain about Westlaw or Lexis, having needed them so desperately here. I also realize the importance of networking and contacts and will forever make sure that I maintain them. I will always have a perspective on the underpinnings of the legal system in a third-world country. I now realize that passing a law is only half the battle—the law must really be nourished to flourish.

I am sure many people wonder how I am treated here as an American. There is the myth in America that all Muslims hate us, isn’t there? You must realize that I am not a typical American, or I probably wouldn’t be where I am. But that aside, the most interesting thing I can share is how conversations quickly turn from Urdu (the language of Pakistan) into English when one speaks of theories about September 11th or America’s racist treatment of Muslims these days—for my benefit, I guess. To those who do not believe there is racism against Muslims in America, all I can say is that you are in denial. It exists; I can attest to that fact because I have experienced it myself.

Most Pakistanis are still convinced that Muslims were not behind the attacks of September 11th. Most believe that Israelis did it. It is also interesting to note that Muslims ask, "Why do Americans hate us?"—just as Americans ask, "Why do Muslims hate us?" A similar level of confusion and bewilderment exists on both sides of the world.

Regards, Maryam Medina
Goldberg & Shelton Students at Law

21st Century School Supplies
by Dianna Goldberg

Picture this: shopping for school supplies for the first time in 11 years, aisle 3, Office Depot, last August. I asked where I might find Pee-Chee folders and received a blank stare from the salesman. He looked 15 and boasted a shiny nose ring. “Floppy disks, perhaps?” He nodded and I followed. When I mentioned I was starting law school, he suggested I consider getting CDs, too. “Aren’t those just for burning music?” This time his expression bordered on pity. Fifteen minutes later, I had been shown floppy disks, writable CDs, re-writable CDs, Ethernet cables, an ultra-deluxe Palm Pilot, wireless cards and six varieties of optical mice. I left the store with one pack of florescent highlighters and a sense of foreboding that, at 33, I might have been overly ambitious in opting to go to law school.

Leaving Office Depot last August (I have made no fewer than 12 return trips), I could not have anticipated the multitude of good old-fashioned school-day pleasures awaiting me at DU. I have my own locker (not decorated per se but, yes, a couple of photos taped to the door). I pack my own lunch (in an insulated lunchbox, needless to say). I enjoy my delight when I discovered that high-tech invention. I have even taken a courtroom field trip. And, of course, the lectures are complete with throwback-to-childhood references, including “Slime” in Contracts to illustrate promissory estoppel, a beat-up Converse sneaker in Civil Procedure to enliven our

A Whole New World
by Jason Shelton

I admit I expected the worst of law school. I imagined hyper-competitive students, overbearing professors and dry, boring reading material. To my relief, my experience so far has been quite the opposite. My classmates are down-to-earth, the professors are engaging and the reading is anything but dry. The diversity here is amazing. Not only are there more students of color here than I have encountered in any academic setting, but my evening class is also incredibly diverse in terms of age, gender, interest and experience. I would have never imagined that I would discuss family law with a single mother, contracts with a successful businessman and Middle Eastern politics with a person of Iraqi descent. I am a firm believer that students make the school, and I have already learned much more from my classmates in these few short weeks than I could have ever expected.

While my classmates have been great, it is the coursework that has given me a whole new level of respect for lawyers. I consider myself a relatively intelligent, informed person, but when I started law school a few weeks ago, my eyes were opened to a whole new world. As a former academic, I was immediately struck by the wealth of practical information law school had to offer. I found myself wondering, “How did I manage to get along in the world for 3 years without this basic understanding of law?” Now (for better or worse), every minor injury, misunderstanding or problem seems to have legitimate ground for a lawsuit. No, I realize how much legal principle permeate daily existence. Suddenly it seems that my life experience at
understanding of International Shoe v. Washington, and Bart Simpson providing rich fodder in Torts.

More fulfilling than the novelty of being a student, however, is the rediscovery of vibrant classroom debate and discussion. Akin to easing one's way into a lake, withstanding the chill until it begins to feel more like warmth, I find myself readapting to the idyllic atmosphere of intellectual pursuit and exploration. The intimidation of 21st-century school supplies notwithstanding, I revel in the privilege of studying a remarkably intricate and amorphous system, one born of notions hundreds of years old that still pulses with relevance and meaning in so many aspects of our lives.

liberal arts education have been poor substitutes for an actual understanding of how and why the law works. It is probably fair to say that lawyers get proper respect for their overall intelligence. On the other hand, I think few outside the profession can really appreciate the talent, art and pure hard work that must go into being a successful law student and lawyer. That said, I find myself somewhat awestruck at the beginning of this four-year experience. Will I have the talent? Will I have the energy? Only time will tell. If the rest of my time at DU is as educational as my first few weeks, I look forward to the challenge.
Visiting Committee

The Visiting Committee is the College of Law's advisory committee. Members of the committee include distinguished legal educators, prominent alumni and community leaders. The committee meets once a year to receive and consider information concerning the activities of the College of Law and issues related to legal education. Additionally, the committee serves as a vital liaison between the College of Law and its alumni and friends.

Dean Mary Ricketson, JD '78, points out a building feature in the new law school to Visiting Committee members Phil Johnson, JD '74, and The Honorable Zita Weinstienk.

Visiting Committee members ascend a construction staircase to another floor of the new law building. Once complete, the new College of Law will rise five floors from ground level, creating more than 190,000 square feet of learning and teaching space.

Visiting Committee Chair Doug Scriver, JD '77, talks with College of Law student Errol Brown during the Visiting Committee reception and dinner, held at Denver's Phipps Mansion.

Eli Wald (left), a recent addition to the College of Law faculty, and law student Peter Lindquist (second from right) look on as student Jill Greene greets College of Law visiting professor Claude d'Estreé.

Joe Pepper from Saunders Construction serves as project manager for the new law building.
Russian Delegation Visit

A delegation of Russian attorneys focused on fighting bureaucratic corruption visited the University of Denver's College of Law on Wednesday, Oct. 23. While at DU, members of the delegation learned about legal education in the United States by attending classes with current law students and participating in seminars taught by DU law faculty.

Bar Swearing-In

Dean Mary Rickelson, JD '78, keynote speaker at the Colorado Bar Swearing-In ceremony, speaks on the importance of civility in the legal profession.

Leslie Abernathy, JD '02 (center), celebrates with parents Nancy and Mark.

Tanya Lynn Theissen, JD '02, takes the oath.
Your Home Is Not Secure in This Land

This past October, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a discussion was held at the College of Law that addressed issues of domestic violence in America. Using a panel approach titled “Your Home Is Not Secure in This Land,” the discussion brought together professors, victim advocates and child advocates. Panelists included Christina Matkins, SafeHouse Denver, Inc; third-year law student Sarah Corbally; Prof. Penny Bryan; Prof. Nancy Ehrenreich (organizer and moderator); Prof. Karen Steinhauser; and Prof. Kristian Miccio. Sponsors of the forum were Accepting Women as Recognized Equals (AWARE), Amnesty International, the Diversity Committee and the Student Bar Association.

Student Sarah Corbally (second from left) cites grim statistics on the number of children living in homes where domestic violence occurs. To Corbally’s right is Prof. Penny Bryan; to her left are Prof. Karen Steinhauser, Prof. Nancy Ehrenreich, Christina Matkins and Prof. Kristian Miccio.

Members of the law community braved cold, snowy weather to attend the panel. “The importance of the panel was that it exploded the myth that there is security at home for women,” said Prof. Kristian Miccio. “We addressed the pervasive problem of violence against women by intimate partners and the effect that this has on children. For them, the greatest threat comes from those they trust the most: their families.”
African-American Law Students Orientation Picnic

New students Hillary Hebert (left) and April Jones enjoy the beautiful weather and good food at the Second Annual Orientation picnic to welcome African-American students to the College of Law. The event, hosted by the Sam Cary Bar Association, CU Law and DU Law, was held in Lindsay Park in northeast Denver.

L-r: DU Law student Michael Royster; Dean Mary Ricketson, JD '78; and Skip Gray, JD '85, president-elect of the Sam Cary Bar Association, visit during the cookout.

Jarvis Wyatt, the organizing energy behind the picnic, with Colorado State Senator .
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