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Dear Friends,

This past academic year has been an exceptional one for the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Because we were anticipating the American Bar Association accreditation visit this year, we were compelled to take stock of our progress over the seven years that had elapsed since our last site visit.

Our median Law School Admission Test scores have risen from 153 to 160, making the current class the most academically qualified in our history. Faculty hiring was at an all-time high as well, as we will soon welcome the 14th new faculty hire in the past three and a half years to the Sturm College of Law. Funds in cash and pledges reached $41 million, a significant increase from seven years ago when our fundraising was at $8.9 million. Our clinic now includes tenured positions and is one of the jewels of the law school.

This year, students and faculty greeted an array of outstanding speakers, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Professor Catharine MacKinnon. Our Loan Repayment Assistance Program grew, as did our named and endowed scholarship program, which was enhanced by a significant gift from the family of alumnus and former Colorado Gov. John Love and Great-West Life.

This academic year saw the landmark leadership gift of $20 million from Don and Susan Sturm. As a result of their generosity, two new endowed chairs were funded, one dedicated to a distinguished visiting professor and the other to a distinguished scholar in international law. We believe that the chairs will be held by some of the country's most respected academics.

Our U.S. News & World Report rankings have risen from 111 to 77 in the past three years. This year, however, DU was one of four schools that were adversely affected by unannounced changes in methodology implemented by U.S. News during the 2004 rankings cycle. Unfortunately, what was originally perceived as a minor change in the manner in which statistics were calculated created a situation wherein DU Law dropped from 77th place to 95th.

As this magazine illustrates, there are amazing things happening every day at the Sturm College of Law. This spring alone, we hosted the National Black Law Students Association conference and featured notable experts in the fields of human rights, humanitarian intervention and international criminal law during the 2005 Sutton Colloquium, "Protecting Human Rights: A Global Challenge."

Best regards,

Mary E. Ricketson
Dean, Sturm College of Law
DU, Other Law Schools Question New U.S. News Ranking Procedure

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law and several other law schools have lodged formal complaints with U.S. News & World Report over the magazine's unannounced change in the methodology for its annual law school rankings. The publication ranked DU's law school 77th last year, but DU was ranked 95th this year. Such rankings are important because prospective students use them to help determine which law schools to attend, which in turn impacts fundraising and gift giving.

U.S. News had been using median test scores for incoming students, as collected by the American Bar Association (ABA), as a large component of its calculations. This year, however, U.S. News decided to average the ABA-collected 25th-percentile and 75th-percentile scores to create a "computational median." For most schools, this had little or no impact on the rankings, but for a few, including the Sturm College of Law, it may have had a significant impact.

The new calculation caused the magazine to report DU's median Law School Admission Test score as 158 instead of 160, which had been the median for the past two years.

"We do not feel this new, untested and unannounced procedural change was well-considered," Dean Mary Ricketson says, and the school will argue strongly that the change be reversed for next year.

U.S. News says it is willing to reconsider the change, and Sturm College of Law advocates have already begun discussions with the magazine.

Native American Moot Court Teams Shine in National Competition

Five teams from DU's Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) participated earlier this year in the National NALSA Moot Court Competition, with one team advancing to the semifinals.

The teams were composed of Samantha House and Helen Hoopes, Debra Doll and Callie Wasson, Justice Rhodes and Chase Iron Eyes, Diwayne Gardner and Claude Jackson, and Jay Coleman and Amy Bowers. House and Hoopes made it to the semifinals, the first time a DU NALSA team advanced out of the first round.

The competition was held at the UCLA School of Law on Feb. 12-13. Thirty-three teams were judged by nationally prominent tribal leaders, judges and lawyers.

DU's teams were coached by Kristen Carpenter, assistant professor of property and Indian law, and Jerilyn Decoteau, an adjunct professor in advanced Indian law.
Privacy Seminar Held at DU

The Privacy Foundation at the Sturm College of Law hosted a daylong public seminar in April on topics including the USA Patriot Act, changes in privacy law and legal ethics. More than 50 attendees participated in the forum. Among the sessions were panel and roundtable discussions about recent developments in the Patriot Act, balancing the needs of national security against legal ethics and new trends in privacy law.

The seminar, coordinated by Laura Wyant, was free to DU students, faculty and alumni, and provided three continuing legal education credits. Three Privacy Foundation seminars are held each school year: one each in October, February and April.

Reproductive Rights Week Big Success

January’s Reproductive Rights Week was a huge success, with several high-profile speakers discussing issues of importance.

The event spanned four days, from Jan. 24-27. One of the highlights was the address by Sarah Weddington on the future of Roe v. Wade. In 1973, at age 26, Weddington argued and won the landmark abortion case before the U.S. Supreme Court.


Other topics covered included the ethics and history of reproductive choice; the impact of the fall 2004 election on choice; emergency contraception, a religious perspective; and developments in the law regarding same-sex family creation.

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DU Law Building Becomes Nation's First "Green" Law School

The U.S. Green Building Council has awarded the Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification to the University of Denver's Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building, the nation's first law school building to be certified "green."

To become LEED certified, buildings must meet 26 of 50 standards under the categories of site sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation.

The 181,000 square-foot building, home to the Sturm College of Law, meets 39 of the standards, qualifying for the highest certification level. The $64 million building, which opened in August 2003, uses 40 percent less electricity, gas and water than a conventionally built structure. Recycled materials were used in the roof, lockers, carpet and ceilings, and recharging stations in the parking garage accommodate electric automobiles.

"It is very much in the history and tradition of the Sturm College of Law that we incorporate the best building principles, including green principles, into both the planning and the construction of this visionary 21st century learning center," Dean Mary Ricketson said.

Professor George "Rock" Pring, who teaches in the university's nationally ranked environmental and natural resources law program, collaborated with other law faculty and staff, architects, engineers and contractors to keep the building on the green-certification track. He says building green increases costs by only about 1 percent, and those costs are recouped through savings on energy and other operating costs.

"Not only is building 'green' the right thing to do, but we hope to set a precedent among universities and colleges across the country that there is absolutely no excuse not to build 'certified green' from now on," Pring says.

SLO Wins Case

Thanks to the efforts of two law students, a U.S. Immigration judge recently granted asylum to a man facing dire consequences if he returned home.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security was seeking to deport the man, whose name and country are being withheld to protect him, for overstaying his visa. But with the help of the DU Student Law Office (SLO) and students Veronica Mabry and Aaron Norris, Judge Donna Livingston granted the man asylum.

Mabry and Norris, who were advised by Professor Regina Germain, argued that while their client, a preschool teacher, was in Denver visiting a friend, rebels and government soldiers raided his house.

They denounced him as a traitor for exposing human rights violations, beat and abducted his sister and stole his cattle. They told his sister he would be held accountable for not supporting the revolution.

After six hours of hearings over two days in November and December, Judge Livingston agreed the man would be in danger if sent home.

The SLO has been providing free legal representation to the poor for more than 100 years. One of the office's various clinics is an asylum clinic. This particular case was featured in a Denver Post column by Jim Spencer on Dec. 22, 2004.
Former European Court Judge David Edward Visits DU

Former European Court of Justice Judge David Edward visited the Sturm College of Law this spring, speaking to nearly 300 students, faculty and others during his April 4-6 stay.

Edward served on the European Union’s (EU’s) highest court from 1992 through 2004, signing about 1,300 judgments. The court is considered one of the world’s most influential governmental bodies.

It serves the 25-member EU, which stretches from Finland on the north to Cyprus on the south, from Portugal on the west to Greece on the east.

As a whole, the EU is wealthier and involved in a larger percentage of world trade than the United States, says Don C. Smith, adjunct professor of EU law.

“All lawyers — be they European-based or American-based — will need to know about and understand the EU, particularly if they are involved in commercial or policy-making matters,” Smith says. “Consequently, it was a considerable honor for DU to host Judge Edward.”

While in Denver, Edward participated in several hours of interviews with Smith. The interviews were videotaped and will be used during upcoming EU law offerings at the Sturm College of Law.

Scholarship Scuttle 5K presented by the DU Law Student Bar Association

On April 3, 2005, The DU Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association hosted the Inaugural Sallie Mae Scholarships Scuttle 5K in Washington Park to benefit a program that enables law graduates to pursue low-paying public interest positions.

The primary benefactor of the race proceeds was DU’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). LRAP’s enable students to accept and remain in public interest positions, by helping to pay law school debt, which can exceed $100,000.
Elder Law Curriculum First in Nation

An outgrowth of the law school's Elder Law Mentorship Program, a new elder law curriculum is being launched by a group of attorneys and professors at the Sturm College of Law. The curriculum will focus specifically on issues pertaining to elder law and is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

"We have 26 students signed up and it starts Aug. 15," says Jean Long, assistant director of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies. "I could not be more thrilled."

The 13-week comprehensive session will include topics such as abuse, neglect and financial exploitation; nursing home litigation; statutory protections for the family; ethics in elder law; understanding assets; Medicaid/Medicare; medical decision-making; and guardianship and conservatorship.

A new website will be up and running this fall to provide additional information about the curriculum and the Elder Law Center.

John Dewey Moot Court Competition

About 180 Denver middle school students got a taste of the study of law at a DU hosted, week-long mock trial program.

The annual program, sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and Latino Law Student Association, was held Feb. 22-25 at John Dewey Middle School. Students got an active lesson about the basics of courtroom etiquette and how to structure an argument. It also allowed them to argue a case before a group of mock judges.

The students argued six cases over the course of the program, all involving student-related issues heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. One involved the drug testing of student-athletes and their protections under the Fourth and 14th amendments, and another addressed what students can and cannot publish in their school-sponsored and -financed newspapers.

Judges consisted of DU professors, practicing judges, attorneys and third-year law students. First- and second-year law students also participated by providing tours to the John Dewey students and by answering questions about college and law school.

"The kids really enjoyed it," says Gwen Jewell, a third-year law student who coordinated the program. "It exposed the students to real attorneys and ultimately helps them decide if they want to become lawyers."
In 2004, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law received a generous bequest from the estate of Rose Humiston-Varney, a longtime supporter and friend of the University of Denver. What resulted was the creation of the Humiston-Varney Endowed Scholarship, a $1 million fund with the express intent of supporting second-year law students who are single, working mothers. Though other scholarships have contained similar provisions, never before in the history of the College of Law has the designation been so specific.

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The Sturm College of Law has named a New York professor to fill the 2005-06 Sturm Distinguished Visitor's Chair.

David M. Engel of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo Law School will become the first Sturm visiting chair, one of two endowed positions created through a $20 million gift to the law school by Donald and Susan Sturm.

Engel has served as a professor at SUNY since 1981. He specializes in issues dealing with law and society, and has written numerous publications on topics including globalization, civil rights law and international law. In 2004, he was honored as the SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, and in 2002 he received the University at Buffalo Exceptional --

Engel already is working with other distinguished law professors from around the country to host a conference at DU titled "Cultural Foundations of Tort Law."

"This will be the first conference of its kind and will help further the study of tort law and how it operates within different national cultures," Engel says. "We will examine American tort law, both historically and currently, and will compare our system to that of different countries, including Japan, India and European nations."

The late Bruce B. Johnson left with longtime friend and former partner Frank Robinson.

A gift made in early 2005 from a charitable trust has given a significant boost to the Bruce B. Johnson Memorial Scholarship fund.

Johnson, JD'70, had been a partner with Otteq, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti before his death. The scholarship was established in March 2001, and the gift earlier this year came from a trust that had been maintained by Johnson's mother, who recently passed away.

The scholarship supports continuing law students who demonstrate a strong interest in upholding the highest ethics in the practice of law and whose interests are to use the practice of law to serve others.

"Bruce had many friends in and out of the legal community, and when he died, we all banded together to do what we could," says friend and former partner Frank Robinson. Since the endowment's inception, its market value has grown to just more than $544,000 and now has 87 different contributors. This makes it one of the largest endowed funds at the Sturm College of Law.
It's the ultimate battle of wits. Litigation demands a powerful presence, courtroom cunning, an eloquent use of language and a commanding grasp of the law. A superior strategy and a deft ability to stay one step ahead of the competition often mean victory in the courtroom.

But winning most certainly isn't everything. How you play the game drives the Sturm College of Law's trial advocacy offerings, from classroom curriculum to numerous moot court competitions. The University of Denver is taking the art of training litigators to a whole new level, turning out well-respected, highly sought-after, ethical graduates instilled with a strong code of professional conduct.

Not that emerging victorious from an adversarial setting like the courtroom isn't important. Consider DU's record: Competing with several hundred teams from more than 130 schools, DU has qualified for the finals of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) moot court competition 10 of the past 15 years. DU unseated Harvard as national champion in 2003 and finished fifth in 2004.

DU's trial teams have been so dominant that in this year's regional ATLA competition against the likes of Loyola, UCLA, Tulsa and Creighton, the Sturm College of Law's toughest competition proved to be itself. Teams from DU finished first and second, pitting friends and fellow classmates against one another to advance to the finals.
Moot court is just one element of the school's nationally recognized trial advocacy curriculum. The Sturm College of Law is perennially ranked high by various surveys, with trial advocacy earning a ranking of 14th in the country by U.S. News & World Report in 2004.

"DU emphasizes practical experience," says Mikalia Kott, a member of this year's trial team. "Whether you're doing clinical work, internships or whatever, the school fosters a practical, real-life approach to legal education."

This emphasis is evident in the bricks and mortar. When designing the school's new law building, state-of-the-art mock trial courtrooms were a priority. One is modeled after the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals. Another, with a jury box, resembles those that Sturm College of Law graduates will find in district courts throughout the state.

Both courtrooms are high-touch and high-tech. Students build their own PowerPoint presentations and use advanced recording technology to review and critique their performances.

The curriculum also provides practical training, in terms of how to present evidence, question witnesses, and prepare opening statements and closing arguments.

For many law students, the courtroom work is anything but moot. Each semester they take on hundreds of real-life cases representing low-income clients through the 101-year-old Student Law Office. The office boasts five experienced, tenure-track faculty members and several clinics specializing in different types of law, from criminal to immigration.

"We have great faculty here," says Karen Steinhauser, a veteran litigator who coaches DU's trial teams. "Many taught at or were trained by..."
the National Institute of Trial Advocacy.

"With respect to the experience and practicality of the trial work you get, DU students have a distinct advantage over graduates from other schools," says Ben Winters, a member of the 2003 championship team.

"I can't tell you the number of defense attorneys and judges who have remarked about my ability and presence in the courtroom," says Winters, now a prosecutor in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. "They think I've been practicing for years when, in fact, I graduated last May (2004).

"You can teach anybody the rules of evidence and criminal procedure. But having confidence and command in the courtroom can only come from experience. That's what you get at DU."

At first blush, this year's trial team seems like an unlikely, if not, eclectic, quartet.

Mark Rockefeller, the only second-year student, is an active-duty U.S. Air Force lieutenant with two small children and a very patient wife. Dominique Waples-Trefil wasn't enjoying law school and dreaded becoming another lawyer working in a cubicle. Chris Trimble was a stubborn and arrogant law student who was afraid his grade-point average would suffer. Kott, who planned a career in environmental law, joined the team on a lark when she tried out with a friend.

All four were selected after participating in DU's annual Daniel S. Hoffman Trial Advocacy Competition last October. Some 80 students try out every year. From that group, 20 are invited to compete for a spot on the school's two trial teams.

Steinhauser oversees the selection process.

"I'm looking for those willing to put aside their egos, people who care about each other and work as a team," she says.
Once selected, team members can expect to put in at least 10 to 15 hours per week, in addition to their regular class load and job responsibilities.

Trimble describes Steinhauser as "ferocious," likening her to a martial arts instructor.

"There are pompous academics and then there's Karen," he explains. "Law students can be stubborn, arrogant and demanding. Karen and I butted heads often. But she wasn't afraid to hammer me. She knows how to be harsh in the most effective way. It's her version of 'tough love.'

"She also has an incredible ability of dealing with you one-on-one and isn't threatened when you're right. She knows how to pick the team, and sometimes people don't know how good they really are."

Steinhauser, a former chief deputy district attorney in Denver, has coached the Sturm College of Law's trial turns since 1989.

"It's amazing the impact she's had on the Denver legal community," says Dan Wartell,
another member of the 2003 national championship team and currently an assistant attorney at the Denver law firm Hoffman, Reilly, Pozner & Williamson. "When I go to court, I can tell which lawyers have been one of Karen's students. They know how to make opening statements and introduce evidence. They're professionals, and it shows."

Steinhauser sounds like a youth soccer coach when she tells her students that winning isn't everything. "It's about being professional and being ethical. We've competed against teams who made up evidence and their coaches allowed it. Our students know it's not OK to bend the rules."

Mary Ricketson, dean of the Sturm College of Law, says she once received an e-mail from a Syracuse moot court team captain after a competition. "He congratulated us on our victory and said we have the reputation as being the most ethical team on the circuit. That, to me, is as important as anything else Karen teaches."

Steinhauser emphasizes having fun, both inside and outside the courtroom. While at this year's finals, she took the team out for a night of karaoke and, according to reliable witnesses, brought down the house with her jaw-dropping performance of Y.M.C.A.

Ethical Advocacy

Among the many facets of trial advocacy education at the Sturm College of Law, none stands out more than instilling students with a powerful sense of ethics.

Dean Mary Ricketson says that above all, she wants DU law school graduates to be held in the highest regard and esteem by their peers around the country.

"I want us to continue to build on our reputation for being well-prepared, collegial and hard-working men and women with the highest possible degree of ethical and professional conduct."

The dean says.

Grades interested in furthering their trial advocacy education can participate in NSA programs around the country. For more information, visit www.nsia.org.
She also teaches her students “to be gracious losers, as well as gracious winners.”

Unfortunately, this year’s trial team would have to apply that lesson. Unlike their counterparts on the ice, they would not return the championship trophy to Denver. The quartet finished a disappointing 12th place in a competition won by Baylor.

But no one came home a loser.

Rockefeller will apply his experience as a trial lawyer in the Air Force. “It fits perfectly with what I want to do,” he says. “I have the confidence now. I understand the ritual to it. It’s a dance, and I’ve learned how to dance.”

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DU MOOT COURT TEAMS

INTRA-SCHOOL MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS 2004-05

ADMINISTRATION & LAW NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION
1st Place: Brian Mefford and Carmen Scott
2nd Place: Alex Gury and Christopher Davlin

DANIELS, NORMAN Trial Advocacy Competition
1st Place: Jake Stevenson and Jeff Williams
2nd Place: Jonathan Danner and Evan Gordon
Best Oralist: Sean Olson

NATIONAL RESOURCES APPELATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION
1st Place: Brandon White and Rachel Hill
2nd Place: Louis Caputo and Brian Yang

CURRENT GUIDELINES Competition
1st Place: Mohith Khan and Jesse Landry
2nd Place: Nathan Figieman and Alex Coppe
Best Computer Research: Nathan Figieman

FALL 2004 INTERNATIONAL APPELATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION
1st Place: Courtenay Johnston
2nd Place: Carolyn Wex
Semifinalists: Maria Victoria Holl and Travis Leopold

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1st Place: Linda Lee and Courtney Johnson
2nd Place: Laura Eggers and John Cappey
Best Oralist: Adrian Sak
Best Brief: Sam Woegg and Stephanie McLaughlin

TRAVELING MOOT COURT TEAM 2004-05
ABA Trial Team (Coaches: Min Lee and Michael Kepping)
Max Yoch and Casey Schadler
Sarah Montoya and Jeff Williams
Alternate: Andrea Thompson and Laura Lebeer
Regional Tournament in Denver; third, failed to advance to Regionals.

ABA Regional Negotiations Team
Competition in Regions in San Diego; were eliminated in preliminary round.

ABA Regional Client Counseling Team
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ATLA Trial Team (Co-Couns: Professor Karen Steinhauer)
Chris Waterman, Danielle Wagner-Scoll, Julia Rockefeller and Wiliam Scott
1st Place at Regionals; 2nd Place at Nationals.
Kate Delmore, Bianca Myles, Alone Asa and Sean Olson
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CHIMERA APPELATE TEAM (Co-Couns: Professor Tom Honey
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Fall National APPELATE TEAM (Co-Couns: Professor The Honors
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NALLA National Competition Team (Co-Couns: Keith Smith
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Litigation was exploding as more people turned to the courts to solve their disputes. As well, courts were becoming more complex. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger "was pushing to bring administration to justice," Dosal says.

But lawyers and judges weren't suited to the kinds of administrative duties that came with managing the new judicial system. For Dosal it seemed like a great opportunity. "It was an exciting field," she says. "I saw it as a way that I could make a difference. And it combined business and law, and I really clicked with that."

Today, 57-year-old Dosal manages Minnesota's entire court system — 350 judges; 3,000 employees; and a $250 million budget.

Courts face challenges no one envisioned back when she was at DU. It's increasingly important for administrators like Dosal to understand and reinterpret the justice system's essential mission in order to solve new problems.

"We're seeing a staggering demand for court services, a constituency that isn't necessarily English-speaking, the emergence of generational dysfunction," Dosal says. "Judges are starting to see the grandkids of people they dealt with years ago."

Courts are recognizing that they must better manage the needs of their user groups to avoid being overwhelmed.

In Minnesota, for example, 60 percent of crimes are committed by people under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Under Dosal's leadership, the Minnesota court system is experimenting with drug courts that address substance abuse issues through treatment and testing as well as meting out justice.

"We deal with the drugs and alcohol because they're the motivator," Dosal says.

Dosal also is at the forefront of providing new ways for Minnesota's citizens to access the justice system. "There's no justice without comprehension," she says. More and more people approach the courts without lawyers, or without a working knowledge of English. Dosal and the Minnesota courts are developing self-representative litigant centers to help people navigate the court system on their own, and they're training courtroom interpreters.

The lessons Dosal learned at DU serve as the backbone of her experience. "It's absolutely crucial to understand the underpinnings of the judicial institution," she says, "to embrace and support its core values." Dosal says the MSLA program helped her do that and also to develop the analytical and problem-solving skills required to function — and innovate — in today's legal environment.

Dosal, the daughter of a judge, originally saw the MSLA program as a way to gain experience in the legal field without committing to a law degree. She later earned her law degree from Minnesota's William Mitchell College in the late 1970s, but she finds that the pleasures and challenges of steering an expanding and ever-changing court system outweigh the thrill that might come from arguing or trying cases in court.

"Justice is no longer about getting your case in front of a judge and trying it," Dosal says. "It's about understanding criminals' underlying problems, and then asking, 'Is there a better way to discipline?'"
Dean Emeritus Robert B. Yegge started the University of Denver's Master of Science in Legal Administration (MSLA) program in 1970 with the encouragement and assistance of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger.

Begun initially by the College of Law as a program for training professional court managers, it was originally known as the Master of Science in Judicial Administration.

As other legal organizations learned the value of professional management, the law school responded in 1980 by creating a separate track in the master's program to focus on the management of public and private legal offices and firms. The two tracks were combined in 1990 to create the MSLA program. The program is unique in that it focuses graduate studies in business administration for use in the legal environment.

Students need 36 credit hours for the full MSLA degree, which takes about three years to complete. The program is available as part of the university's online distance-learning initiative and is therefore available to students around the country. Classes include:

- Applied Leadership and Management Theory
- Legal/Judicial Process for the Legal Administrator I & II
- Client Services
- Financial Management for Legal Administrators
- Finance and Accounting in Law Office Business Management
- Human Resources
- Judicial Administration Seminar
- Operational Aspects of Court Management I & II
- Clinical Studies in Courts and Law Office Management (Mini-internship)
- Legal Practice Seminar: Law as a Business
- Serving Clients, Customers and the Public
- Client Development and Strategic Marketing
- Emerging Trends in Data and Knowledge Management
- Project Management

Each student ends his or her program with an externship in a court or law firm. Many times this leads to employment with that law firm or court.

In addition to the full MSLA program, the College of Law offers the Diplomate Certificate Program in Law Firm Administration or Judicial (Court) Administration. A bachelor's degree is not required and the program calls for completion of just seven core courses and 18 credit hours.

The program generally attracts those who have many years of experience and knowledge but no formal academic degree.

The law school also offers a dual JD/MSLA degree in which law students may complete both degrees simultaneously. If space permits, MSLA classes are also offered to non-dual degree law students as an option to prepare them for the business side of a law firm or court administration. Separate applications to the law school and the MSLA Department are required for the JD/MSLA dual degree.

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Jim Nicholson — FROM DU LAW SCHOOL TO THE PEAK OF POWER

By Kelly Dwyer

DU COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI

Jim Nicholson

Family, military, war and law. Poverty and prestige. Business, diplomacy, the Vatican and the federal government.

Jim Nicholson's life has taken him from a tenant farm in Iowa to law, to vacations on the ski slopes of Vail and Aspen to careers in law, real estate and politics.

But it was skiing in Colorado that led him to choose the University of Denver for law school.

A 1972 alumnus, Nicholson, 67, was sworn in Feb. 1 as U.S. secretary of veterans affairs, running a department with 220,000 employees and a $60 billion annual budget.

The appointment brings his life full circle: He attended the College of Law on the GI Bill, a program he now oversees.

But before all that, Nicholson attended West Point; earned several medals, including a Bronze Star; served as an Army Ranger in Vietnam; met and married artist Suzanne Ferrell; and got his master’s degree in public policy from Columbia University.

"By then I was 32 years old, married, had one child and one on the way, so I wanted to go to law school in an area I wanted to stay and live in," Nicholson says.

He remembers well those first days at DU. It was 1970 and college students across the nation were protesting the war Nicholson had just fought in. His second son was born on the third day of classes.

Carrying a full course load, Nicholson logged eight-hour days doing administrative work in a classroom and served weekend rotations in the Army Reserve.

"I was able to ride the Colfax bus between downtown and his Park Hill home.

Learning the law, Nicholson says, has served him well in all aspects of his career.

"It's not a matter of rationalizing information, data and the law into what I call decision products, which you have to produce all the time in management," he says.

From DU, Nicholson went into real estate law, making a name for himself — for better or worse — defending developers amid local antigrowth sentiments. He also became a housing developer.

In 1986, Nicholson was elected committeeman from Colorado for the Republican National Committee (RNC). He served as chairman of the RNC from 1997 through the 2000 elections.

He most recently served for three and a half years as the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, Nicholson, who first met the late Pope John Paul II immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, described the pontiff as extraordinary, epic and humble.

The Nicholsons still vacation in Vail and consider Colorado home. They lived here 27 years and raised three kids in Denver.

The hardest part of his new job is also the primary objective.

"Our No. 1 priority is our men and women returning from war, and we want to see that they get everything they need to address both their physical and mental ailments while at the same time maintaining the high level of care we're providing to over 5 million veterans every year," Nicholson said the same day he left for a trip to Iraq.

Nicholson will brief commanders in Baghdad and Kirkuk about the support troops will get upon returning home.

"I want that to be as seamless a transition as possible."
With three young children at home, Joyce (Cocovinis) Blalock set her sights on night school. She wanted a law degree from the University of Denver.

It was the late 1950s, and only 5 percent of the College of Law's students were women. "And I was a little older than a lot of the other students," Blalock says. But she knew many lawyers and liked the way they analyzed ideas.

It took six years, but she finally earned that degree in 1963. Today, at 75 and "very happily retired," she looks back over a varied career that took her all across the country. She credits much of her success to DU, particularly the late law Professor Thompson Marsh for the way he taught her to think critically.

"I was probably the only student in law school who felt free to tease him," Blalock says. "He was definitely an imposing personality, but he was also a mountain climber and a bird-watcher. We shared a love of mountain climbing."

Blalock earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1949. She and her husband moved to Denver, and after graduating from law school, she practiced with Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston from 1963-67.

She earned an LL.M. from Columbia University with a specialty in trade regulations in 1968. Next stop: New Mexico, as counsel for the state police until 1974, when Washington, D.C., beckoned.

She was chief counsel for the International Association of Chiefs of Police through 1977. In 1979 she became inspector general for the District of Columbia and from 1985-90 was inspector general for the U.S. Government Printing Office. She spent a couple years at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management setting up a system to catch fraudulent healthcare providers, and in 1996 she retired to Santa Fe, N.M.

She serves on the boards of the Santa Fe Playhouse and the Friends of Archeology, and has become a significant contributor to the Sturm College of Law.

"I had an extremely good experience at DU and have felt close to the school ever since," she says. "It gave me something extremely valuable in life — a legal education — and I'm eager to give something back."
"I'm paying attention. Really, I am."

It there is one lawmaker who deserves to get away with a little mischief, it's Carroll. A pastor, father, husband, cyclist, media personality and law student, he is a master of multitasking. One morning Carroll was bombarded by three news stations about random bills, including a gas tax he has nothing to do with.

But he's not the only politician who is insanely busy. Carroll belongs to an elite group of five lawmakers who are students or graduates of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.
The list includes House Speaker Andrew Romanoff, who received rave reviews for steering this year's top agenda item—a modification to the state's Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)—through his chamber and onto the November ballot. DU law school graduate and House Minority Leader Joe Stengel was mercilessly attacked by his own party and Gov. Bill Owens for withdrawing support of the TABOR reform measure.

In the Senate, the Sturm College of Law was home to Sen. Peter Grossman, widely regarded for an intellect and maturity beyond his years. Karen Steinhauser, a visiting assistant professor at the law school, met some of the five in her class.

"When you go to law school, one thing you learn is how to be a better persuader," she says. "You learn how to make better, logical arguments and argue with facts, not just from the heart. Those are skills that apply to the legislature."

Lawmakers agree. Going back to the classroom to study how to write briefs, present oral arguments and win your case, for instance, definitely gives you a leg up when it comes to writing legislation, debating an amendment or aligning votes.

"What you've got here are outstanding leaders," Steinhauser says. "And they're not just smart politicians. They're all really wonderful human beings."
AGE: 36, LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: May 2005
EDUCATION: Master's in divinity from Denver's Iliff School of Theology; bachelor's in political science from Morehouse College in Atlanta
CURRENT POSITION: Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
FAMILY: Wife Marilyn and daughter Dana, 17

Looking like a pastor in a dark black shirt and black pants, Carroll has anything but hymnals on his mind.

Carroll's parental leave act—a bill that would allow parents unpaid time off to attend school events—faces a bumpy road ahead. Republican lawmakers are balking that time off will kill small businesses.

The bill eventually died, but such a setback will never dissuade Carroll from his lifelong passion—speaking for children, the poor and the disenfranchised.

"I try to find a way to help people, especially to be a voice for those who don't think they can come down to the legislature." This year, for instance, the House Judiciary Committee chairman rejected anti-immigration legislation that would have prevented children of immigrants from receiving vaccinations and other services.

As a Baptist minister and co-founder of the New Horizon Community Church in Aurora, Colo., three years ago, Carroll found yet another avenue to administer to those in need. And by entering law school in 2002, Carroll was certain he'd found another profound way to become a better advocate. He was inspired by civil rights lawyer and the first African-American Supreme Court justice, Thurgood Marshall.

Like Marshall, Carroll grew up poor in a tough neighborhood. Marshall was from Baltimore; Carroll was from the nation’s capital, raised by a single mother who worked numerous housecleaning jobs.

At first, Carroll was not confident he could handle law school, but then his mother, his greatest supporter, died.

"For her, there was nothing I could not do, so I said to heck with it."

Carroll picked DU after meeting Steinhauer following a speech he gave for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). She was an ADL board member. "She explained how the process works and encouraged me."

Carroll also has high praise for Professor Tanya Bartholomew, who taught his first-year lawyering process course, a skills class focusing on legal writing. The course taught him a poignant skill: how to think critically and anticipate arguments from the opposition.
Bartholomew required her students to write a brief and then argue one side of the case — not necessarily the side they believed in — before a judge. "I ended up having to argue that eyewitness testimony is not reliable, but I actually think it is," Carroll says.

**Peter Groff**  
Party: D | Denver

**AGE: 42, LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: 1992**

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's in communications with a minor in political science, University of Redlands, (Calif.)

**CURRENT POSITION:** Senate president pro tempore and highest-ranking African-American elected Democrat in Colorado history

**FAMILY:** Wife Regina, son Malachi, 2, and daughter Moriah, 4

Newspaper editorials said he was wrong. Conservative columnists blasted him for supposedly tarnishing a beloved leader. It was a lot of hoopla for one simple question, says Colorado Sen. Peter Groff.

Former U.S. Sen. and University of Northern Colorado President Hank Brown was up for the job of University of Colorado interim president, and Groff was reported to be raising concerns over Brown's commitment to diversity.

"I'm not sure I'd call it a concern," Groff says. "I just asked a question that should be important for anybody who is president of a flagship university." And given recent reports of racism on campus, the question seemed relevant.

At first, Brown pulled his hat from the ring. Soon, however, he changed his mind and was offered the position as president.

Fairness, racial diversity, ethics and social justice are always on Groff's radar. He's founder and executive director of DC's Center for African-American Policy, a nonprofit that tries to effect positive change in the lives of African-Americans through public discourse and public service.

The center recently invited working high school students to campus for a few days of help in applying to college.

Groff was first elected to the House in 2000 and appointed to the Senate in 2001. As a politician, he has followed in his father's footsteps in social causes. His father is former state Sen. Regis Groff. This year, the younger Groff sponsored a successful bill that clarifies the law and makes it easier for children with special needs to receive Medicaid.

But law school came well before Groff ever considered becoming a legislator. "I always thought I'd go to law school because I am interested in constitutional law and thought I'd want to practice in that area."

A career in public service, however, proved much more appealing.
Professor But Brody remembers Groff well. At first, he wasn't sure such a kind, polite and soft-spoken man was suited for the aggressive world of politics, but Groff had something more important — strong ethics and passion. "I'm proud to be associated with him," Brody says. "I am sure the law school is a better place because he's one of our alumni."

Lessons in the classroom have indeed been helpful on the House and Senate floors, Groff says. He faithfully abides by the law school mantra: "Think like a lawyer," especially when it comes to posing tough questions to bill sponsors and expert witnesses during committee hearings.

"The bulk of our debate and research centers focus asking questions," Groff says. "It's important to know how to get the right information so you can make the right decisions."

ANDREW ROMANOFF

AGE: 38, LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: 2006 "or hopefully in this decade"

EDUCATION: Bachelor's in American studies from Yale, master's in public policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government

CURRENT POSITION: Speaker of the House

FAMILY: Unabashedly looking for a girlfriend

As lawmakers stand to be counted for a vote on water legislation, House Speaker Andrew Romanoff does not look too pleased. He turns toward a naysayer. "My God, man, it's just a study. Sit down," Romanoff says, his voice accented by a touch of the Irish.

Romanoff is on the go, walking the floor like the Pied Piper in a purple satin tie, followed by colleagues who want a minute of his time. They call him Mr. Speaker and treat him with great respect.

So one might ask why someone with degrees from Yale and Harvard decided to go to law school and give up any hope for a life? "I ask myself that every day," he says.

Actually, he's on a break from law school. "It's too much responsibility right now as speaker. I'll probably try to catch up in summer classes."

Romanoff first enrolled in 2002 — two years after he was first elected to the House — to better understand the finer points of the law for debate. He's gained an appreciation for the importance of crafting statutes carefully to succeed judicial scrutiny, he says. His favorite class: trial practice, in which students hold mock trials and practice their opening statements and closing arguments.

Romanoff does not intend to practice law, but rather he's using the program to boost his political career. "I'd like to stay in politics, but obviously that's up to the voters."
DI faculty like to remind Romanoff of his day job. "I've had professors in class ask, 'OK, what idiot wrote this statute?' And I have to raise my hand and explain it."

The night program is very stimulating because you meet an eclectic bunch of professionals, he says. His new friends include a violinist, a police officer, doctor and nurse. Party lines do not exist in law school, where Romanoff and Republican Rep. Joe Stengel study together and then go out for beer.

DAN GROSSMAN

PARTY: D | DENVER

AGE: 36. LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: 1993
EDUCATION: Bachelor's in political science, University of Kansas
CURRENT POSITION: Senator, chairman of special committee on homeland security
FAMILY: Wife Robin Koonceberg and 6-month-old daughter Leah

For the first time in years, no one is talking about Sen. Dan Grossman's age.

Elected to the senate in 1996, Grossman was the youngest legislator. Four years later, he became the youngest-ever minority leader. And when he made the trip to the Senate, he was the youngest of that group, too.

Not that age ever mattered to someone who law school administrator John Reese says is wise beyond his years. "Dan was quite an exceptional student, very impressive in maturity and intellect."

Grossman, born and raised in Denver, entered law school in 1990 with lofty goals.

"I viewed law school as an opportunity to improve the world," he says. "I had dreams of arguing those big questions before the U.S. Supreme Court." When that didn't happen, another opportunity arose as Diana DeGette became congresswoman and left her House seat.

His dad helped determine a path to public service. "I grew up in a household where politics was at the dinner table."

His dad, Arnold, was a media consultant for former Gov. Dick Lamm, former U.S. Sen. Tim Wirth and former U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder.

Named one of the Colorado Democratic Leadership Council's "100 to Watch" for his progressive agenda, Grossman was thrust into the spotlight this year with his proposed indoor smoking ban. Two votes shy of success, the issue will likely go to the voters on the 2006 ballot.

Grossman had this precise comment on the death of his anti-smoking bill: "Booooo."

"It's just too bad, he says. "Sixty-seven percent of Coloradans favored the bill when introduced. The Legislature stood in the way of the will of the people."

For the first time in years, no one is talking about Sen. Dan Grossman's age.
Choosing a life of service to the public was a natural fit, Grossman says, and law school was the best preparation. "Being a lawyer in the legislative process definitely gives me an advantage. Understanding legal thought, separation of powers, the difference between regulations, statutes and constitutional provisions is critical."

No doubt that it's been helpful to colleagues. "If I'm on a committee and a difficult legal question comes up, members turn to me."

Someday, Grossman hopes to run for attorney general or another higher office. Today he's in private practice specializing in employment litigation. Colleagues and the media love to tease him. "They tell me that I talk like a lawyer. I don't speak like a regular person. The truth is, I am careful with my words."

That's not necessarily a bad thing, says Reese, who welcomed Grossman as his research assistant in a constitutional law class. "Dan wasn't a person constantly talking," Reese says. "He was thoughtful. That impressed me."

Grossman still has ties to the law school as an adjunct professor, teaching a seminar on the separation of powers. He still calls his professor for advice.

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JOE STENGENL

PARTY: R | LITTLETON

AGE: 51, LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION: 2004
EDUCATION: Bachelor's in history and economics from Western State College, Gunnison, Colo.
CURRENT POSITION: House minority leader
FAMILY: Wife Benye and sons Jeff, 21, and Tyler, 24

It's not every day that a Colorado House Republican is likened to Democratic U.S. Sen. John Kerry.

Rep. Joe Stengel's fellow Republicans drew the comparison for his "flip-flopping" on the TABOR reform measure that will appear as Referendum C on the November ballot.

At first, Stengel publicly supported the bill, which asks voters to relinquish future TABOR refunds. Later, he decided it would take too much money away from citizens.
Gov. Owens tore him apart. It was awful," House Democrat spokeswoman Tata Trujillo says. Some colleagues dubbed him conscientious.

"I just didn’t really want to talk about it," Stengel says.

But in the spirit of good humor, Stengel did request a pair of "flip-flop" sandals, size 11.

Whether in law school or at the Capitol, Stengel makes life more interesting, his professors say.

A native of Denver, Stengel was first elected in 1998 and is now serving his fourth and final term. A businessman since the 1980s, Stengel owned an auto salvage yard for 13 years (something that taught him the art of negotiating) and worked as a car salesman.

"I just don’t really want to talk about very apparent as a need, he says. He entered DU in 2001.

Add politician and lawyer to the list and you’ve got trouble. Emotions run high when you care about a bill. Stengel is passionate about an amendment he helped pass that allows $200,000 a year for elementary schools to teach the U.S. Constitution. "Kids are ignorant about it. You’ll find on many fronts besides party lines. One thing is his age. It was daunting, he says, to go back to school after having graduated from college in 1976.

"It was an incredibly steep learning curve. My computer skills were marginal at best; my note-taking nonexistent," he says. "First semester was a bugger. The lawyering process class just about killed me."

Law school was a lifelong goal. "Many moons ago I wanted to go, but it was during the Vietnam War and there were too many people applying to get in."

As a lawmaker, the study of law became very apparent as a need, he says. He entered DU in 2001.

He liked that law students are taught to organize their thoughts the same way lawyers must organize their thoughts before arguing a case to a jury or judge. In the House, there are 65 "judges," so you need to learn how to make a case, he says.

Law school awards a thick skin. "They teach you to advocate for your client, but you have to be detached and not get emotional or it will cloud your judgment," he says. "The same can be said in lawmaking. "We say about bills, ‘Carry them, not marry them.’ So advocate, but don’t get personally involved. That can be difficult."

Professor Burt Brody noticed his older student sitting in his uniform commercial code course. "His professionalism was a wonderful lesson for his younger classmates," Brody says. "And he never did make a big deal of his status. I only found out by reading a newspaper article about him as a leader in the legislature."
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Scalia Visits DU
U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SCALIA VISITS DU

Top left: Seated, 3rd Colorado Court of Appeals Judges Alan Cook and John Daniel Dailey, and Kevin Mathis, president-elect of the American Bar Association; standing, 1st Appeals Court Judges Robert Hawthorne, Marsha M. Piccone and Daniel Lehman, U.S. District Magistrate Judge D. Edward Schiller; and Appeals Court Judge Robert Mark Russell. Top right: Seated, 3rd Colorado Court of Appeals Judges James S. Cauthorn, Leonard Hank and Jovene L. Vogl; and Colorado Attorney General John Suthers; standing, 1st Appeals Court Judges Arthur P. Kay, Henry L. Nance and Dennis A. Graham, and 18th Judicial District Chief Judge John Leopold. Bottom left: Scalia and 18th Judicial District Chief Judge John Leopold. Bottom right: Justice Scalia addresses students in one of Professor Jan Lipin's classes.
The Sturm College of Law hosted the opening reception for the National Black Law Students Association (BLSA) conference, held March 10 through April 3, at the Innves Hotel. The conference theme was “Shattering Ceilings, Reaching New Altitudes,” and keynote speakers included Dr. Nal", U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., and Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele. The law school also was home to several other events during the conference. Top left: Members of the DU Law BLSA Chapter on the forum steps. Top right: (l-r) DU students Jack Adrien, Cecilia Hubbest and Keshia Clements. Bottom left: Danielle Rain, BLSA convention coordinator, and DU Law BLSA Chair, and Chris Crowther, 2004 National BLSA chair. Bottom center: (l-r) C. L. Champion (DU), Rashida Dowe (University of Virginia Law and National BLSA academic retreat chair) and Antonio Moore (University of Baltimore). Bottom right: (l-r) Meagan Garland (Boston College) and DU BLSA President-Elect Nicole Dennis.
Held in conjunction with the National Council of Negro Women's Denver chapter, DU hosted the 6th annual African-American Women's Leadership Conference March 31. Top left: Rita McElroy (LUPN TV), Ralp Kerapi (KNNW), Dari Nessom (KROB), Pam Davis (Fox 31), Stephanie Cross (invest in- 
chairs, Team Lurex (WEIS), Clara Mel (Gannon 92.7) and April Washington (Rocky Mountain News). Top right: Lauren Gates (The Denver Foundation) 
leads a presentation entitled "Connecting a Network of Giving."

Workshop topics for the annual Senior Law Day, held April 30, included public benefits, wills and trusts/estate planning, income tax issues, financial exploitation 
and identity theft, Social Security, "hands-on" computing and more. Bottom left: Marco Chapet presents "Living Wills, Powers of Attorney and 
Guardianship." Bottom center: Attorney Carl Gantisten speaking to conference participants. Bottom right: Can you spot the red hat volunteer? All volun-
ters for Senior Law Day don red hats so they are easy to spot. It's lunchtime!


Top left: Patrick Coulson, Professor Ved Nanda, Katie Stapleton, Sir Nigel Rodley, and Katherine Nanda. Top right: DU Law graduate and former DU Law Star Ralph T. (70), and his wife, Lynn. Bottom left: Instrumental in bringing Professor MacKinnon to the Sturm College of Law were Professors Ann Sauer (and Eli) Wal. Bottom right: Among the MacKinnon lecture attendees were Don and Mary Hoagland, MSJ'72/JD'75.
About 72 Sturm College of Law students graduated at the December commencement ceremonies. U.S. District Chief Judge Lewis T. Babcock, BA’65, JD’68, was the keynote speaker. Top left: (l-r) Dean Mary Ricketson, graduate Julia Lee and Lonn Heymann, JD’03. Top center: Day division student speaker Amber Schaefer. Top right: Elizabeth Ann Ford, evening division student speaker. Bottom left: Judge Babcock reads from A Man for All Seasons during his commencement address. Bottom right: (seated) Robin Bain, Marianne Cordon and Dylan Roseberry. (standing) from left: Gail Gould, Janet and others present.

LEGAL AFFAIRS
DECEMBER 2004
COMMENCEMENT
Karen J. Mathis, incoming president of the American Bar Association (ABA), delivered the law school commencement speech to 331 graduates on May 21 in the Ritchie Center’s Magness Arena. Mathis will serve as ABA president-elect beginning in August, and in August 2006 she will become the first Coloradan to take over as president. She earned her bachelor’s degree from DU in 1972 and her law degree from the University of Colorado in 1975. She is currently a partner in the Denver office of McElmy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter. Top left: Commencement speaker Karen Mathis receives an honorary degree. Top right: Evening division speaker Brian Wilson. Bottom left: Evening division speaker Jens Tobiasson. Bottom right: Chancellor Dan Ritchie congratulates graduate Joseph Graves Jr.
CLASS OF 1980 CELEBRATES 25-YEAR CLASS REUNION

Several prominent judges participated in the law school’s annual Judges’ Day event on April 14. The judges discussed what they look for in briefs and what lawyers do well — and not so well — in advocating for their clients. Their law clerks offered advice on their roles as well. The Colorado Court of Appeals heard actual arguments, and an evening reception concluded the day’s activities. Participating judges also represented the Denver-based U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. District Court. Top left: A bird’s-eye view of the Judges’ Day luncheon in the Forum. Top right: Left, Dean story Richardson; KC Duvivier, director of the Lawyering Process Program, which sponsors the event; and 1st Judicial District Judge Christopher L. March Jr. Bottom left: Left, 18th Judicial District Judge Christopher Cross, JD’79; 1st Judicial District Judges James Drennan and Frederic Bergman, and 2nd Judicial District Judge Herbert Stern Jr., JD’77. Bottom right: Arguments before the Colorado Court of Appeals were held in the Main Court Room of the Sturm College of Law. Each year during the Judges’ Day celebration, the winners of the Reese Persuasive Writing Award and the Hartje Objective Writing Award are announced. This year’s winners were: Abe Kean (winner, Reese Persuasive Writing Award); Sherri Catalano (co-winner, Hartje Objective Writing Award); Johnne Landry (co-winner, Hartje Objective Writing Award).
On May 21, 2005, for the third (and perhaps final) time in my life, I donned a black graduation robe and placed a cap on my head. Walking before family, friends, scholars and school colleagues, I accepted with pride, excitement and a sense of accomplishment my law school degree.

Over the weeks leading up to graduation and throughout that lively weekend, I reflected on why I chose this path.

In 1997, while working as a producer for ABC News, I covered the trial of Timothy McVeigh. I heard federal prosecutor Joe Hartzler tell the jury in his opening statement that in the United States, citizens have the opportunity to air their grievances—against each other, against the government—and resolve them in peaceful ways using constitutional due process. McVeigh, he said, had chosen a violent, murderous and undemocratic means of expressing his anger at the government, and for this he deserved to be punished.

Armed with a legal education of my own, I now realize the importance of the institution I have joined. Lawyers are uniquely qualified to assist individuals in peacefully resolving conflicts between themselves or institutions. Whether through trial, arbitration, mediation or legal counseling, the lawyer assists those with disagreements to find common ground or fair resolution of a dispute. The lawyer also can help those without a voice and seek justice where a wrong has been committed. Now, as the mother of an infant son born during my last semester of school, I look forward to doing what I can within the profession to help create the kind of community in which he, too, can freely and peacefully express himself, where fairness can be achieved, where wrongs can legally be righted.

We all hear stories about how large segments of the American public no longer hold lawyers in high esteem. This is unfortunate. The law and lawyers have shaped our country and the rights and protections we all enjoy. The law is a profession rich not only in history, but in its pursuit of righteousness and fairness and equality. As lawyers, we can perpetuate this history by doing our part to pursue these lofty goals while personally upholding the integrity and ethical standards that we are taught in law school and can see practiced every day by members of the Colorado bar.

Perhaps this sounds like idealistic dreaming from a young legal pupil yet to be exposed to the realities of law practice. But I submit that it is not idealistic. It is an entirely achievable goal; I know this having watched my father, a 1964 DU Law graduate, practice law every day ethically, with integrity, with compassion and always with an eye toward improving his community. If I can practice as he has, as I aspire to do, I know I will have succeeded in my legal career.
First, let me congratulate my graduating column partner Dianna Goldberg. I can’t believe it’s been three years.

It’s perhaps even more surprising that we’ve run into each other on campus only once or twice. It might be that I have an unusually hectic schedule that keeps me away from campus more often than the average student, but I’d like to think that evening and day students generally have more interaction with one another.

That said, it’s a little disconcerting to think there are tens, maybe hundreds, of students attending a school of this relatively small size that I have never seen or met. I suppose this is one of the trade-offs of going to school in the evening, but it really is too bad and at times I feel as though I miss out on a more complete law school experience.

I have mentioned in previous columns the refreshing diversity of the evening program, and I hope that day students benefit from a similar array of background and viewpoints. I bring up the topic of diversity again because it supposedly is one of the factors to “blame” for what has been a rather significant drop in our ranking in one national publication’s annual law school rankings issue.

Why the blame game? What turns otherwise smart, intelligent folks into witch hunters? Who’s to blame? Is it those pesky evening students? Ah, perhaps we could reduce our minority population — our “diversity” is killing us.

I used to work in an undergraduate office of admission. Perhaps people should be aware that prospective students are sometimes offered additional consideration for admission for a variety of reasons only tangentially related to academic potential, be it ability to pay, legacy ties, or some unusual or extraordinary life experience.

I’m not suggesting that these are not legitimate reasons, just simply that there are a number of considerations that come into play when an office of admission attempts to bring in a successful class. The benefits of a diverse student population are grounded in reality, whereas rankings can fluctuate wildly based on the whims of a particular editor.

Many people are unaware that most publications introduce unannounced wrinkles every year in order to shake up the rankings. This year, the magazine simply went overboard. I follow this fairly closely because my career interests lie in higher education, and I am always curious as to where my alma mater will come out in the undergraduate rankings.

Unfortunately, only a couple of large publications rank law schools, so one survey can hold unusual sway.

So what has significantly changed here at the Sturm College of Law over the past year? We still have fantastic professors. We still have a vibrant, active and intelligent student body. Perhaps we could slash our size by two-thirds, sacrifice a significant element of diversity and move up in the rankings, but I am not certain that I would choose to attend that school.

I chose the University of Denver Sturm College of Law for its wide range of programs and its diverse student body over a large number of higher-ranked schools. After three years and counting, I would choose it again. Am I disappointed in our ranking? Of course. Am I particularly concerned about our ranking? No.

While there is always room for improvement, things are headed in the right direction.
Greetings from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. I’m pleased to present you with another section of “Class Notes.” This is my favorite section of the Alumni Law Magazine and I read it first. It’s a great way to catch up on what your friends and classmates have been up to in their careers and personal lives. That said, we need you to continue to send in your own personal class notes.

As the director of Alumni Relations, I would also like to see an increase in involvement and participation from our law alumni. I would like to extend a personal invitation to you to stay connected as an active alumnus. After all, we are students for a short time and alumni for a lifetime. Let the Office of Alumni Relations be your contact point for a lifetime of involvement with the College of Law and its alumni. The Alumni Relations office continues to offer special programs and events that are of interest to all of our graduates, such as our annual reunions, Law Stars, DU vs. CU golf tournament, Partners at Law, Alumni Volunteer Network, mentorship program and much more.

We are currently looking for class representatives from the classes of 1956, 1981, 1995, 1996 and recent graduates (alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years) to assist us with reunions for your respective classes. We are in the process of organizing a reunion for these classes and need your input, assistance and involvement. These events and programs are also excellent ways to network with the legal community.

We also encourage you to keep your contact information updated with the Office of Alumni Relations. Oftentimes we communicate by e-mail, so continue to let us know your updated e-mail address.

We always welcome your input, so if you have any questions, comments or would like to stay involved with the College of Law, call us at 303-871-6122, e-mail scquintana@law.du.edu or go online anytime at www.law.du.edu/alumni.

We look forward to your continued involvement with the DU family.

Sincerely,

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CLIFF JORDAN, who resides in Solvang, Calif., is still flying airplanes and acting like a golfer. He writes a lot of letters to editors and politicians, and still finds himself constantly delving into law books. His latest adventure has been helping local citizen groups with Indian law, trying to curtail local Indian casino expansions. Cliff still maintains active licenses in both Colorado and California even though he closed up his practice about 12 years ago.

RALPH TAYLOR remains fully retired from anything resembling professional activity. His time is filled with physical activity, maintaining his family residence, hobbies and a bit of social activity.

Yours truly, BOB ROTTMAN, continues to keep busy in a full-time law practice, but is spending more time as a board member and executive committee member of the Colorado Alzheimer's Association. I still play tennis three times a week and continues to be involved in other activities. I was recently elected president of the Hebrew Educational Alliance, a congregation of 950 families.

Sadly, I regret to advise of the loss of two more members of our class, JACK HULL and GEORGE MANERBINO.

Jack, 78, died in November after a long illness. Jack was a third generation Nevadan and a resident of Elko since 1930. After graduating from high school in 1944, Jack enlisted in the Navy. Following his discharge in 1946, he attended the University of Nevada at Reno and the University of Denver College of Law. He served as a special agent for the FBI, and in 1954 returned to Elko where he established his law partnership with Bob Vaughan. Jack was extremely active in a number of community, civic and professional organizations and was well-known for his humorous portrayal of Mark Twain, which he performed many times for various civic and charitable organizations.

George died in March at the age of 82. A Denver native, George graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1942 and joined the Navy, serving overseas until 1946. George was a member of the group that landed on the beach of Okinawa in April 1945. Following his discharge from the service, George attended the University of Denver and as a member of the ROTC became a first lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. Following graduation from law school, George engaged in the private practice of law until 1963, when he was appointed a Denver County judge. He served in the judiciary for more than 20 years, including 14 years as presiding judge. George retired in 1985 and participated in the senior judge program for 12 years.
1956 | WILLIAM R. ANDERSEN
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After earning his LL.B. from
DU and LL.M. from Yale — and following a tour of govern-
ment service — Bill Andersen
settled into an academic career. He's been teaching at the
University of Washington for more than 35 years and is currently the Judson Falknor Professor of Law. Along with teaching, Bill has been associated with several longish books, a number of interesting articles, one gracious wife, three accomplished children and seven stunning grandchildren. For the past two years, Bill has spent half a year in China teaching U.S. constitutional law to Chinese gradu-
ate students as part of a joint program with Johns Hopkins and Nanjing universities. He plans to take partial retirement next year, shifting to a 40 percent teaching load at Washington and continu-
ing with the work in Nanjing. Mary Ann says this doesn't quite sound like retirement to her but, as
Bill said, she is gracious.

1962 | MAXINE KURTZ
Maxine Kurtz recently completed the manu-
arily with Maxine's 43-year career in a variety of executive positions with the city and county of Denver. A significant portion is devoted to situa-
tions where her legal training was employed in the areas of civil rights, property rights, constitutional law and administrative law.

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My entire legal career has been spent at Holland & Hart in our Denver offices. I started out doing mostly litigation, but was dragged into learning about the new Uniform Commercial Code, then the new Colorado Uniform Consumer Credit Code, later the new Truth-in-Lending Act and Regulation Z (notice a pattern?), and on and on as new "alphabet state and federal consumer laws were passed. This led me to represent, as an assist to one of my part-
ners, the Colorado Bankers Association and individual local and out-of-state banks and other lenders with, most recently, an emphasis on large, usually syndicated commercial loans. Back in the 1980s, I handled a billion-plus credit transaction (remember oil shale?) and am now finishing my second of that size — quite a dry spell between the two. Through it all I learned a lot of new things, had the opportunity to give many talks on what I'd learned, met a lot of interesting people and managed (maybe through luck more than anything else) not to goof anything up — or if I did, no one noticed. It's always a relief when a loan pays off.

More important and enjoyable than my legal career, I was lucky enough to be the dad to two wonderful girls (Kim and Kelly) who have since provided me with four granddaughters and one grandson (now ages 4 through 7). Heck, I made this sound like enough fun that one of my daugh-
ALAN STEWART ANDREE married Marlene and settled in Portland, Ore., for a time but later arranged to qualify in British Columbia. He was called to the bar there in January 1968 and worked for and with a couple of small firms but later rented a small office, bought some furniture, hired a secretary and set out on his own. He and Marlene have raised two children: Alexa, 32, and Alan, 30. No grandchildren as yet. Alan was for more than two decades and until recently the honorary consul for the Republic of Bolivia. He and Marlene enjoyed the consular privileges and entertained consulate colleagues from around the world.

FRANK BEARDEN left law school and went to work as an assistant professor of business administration at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. After two years, when the chairman of the department took ill, Frank became the department chairman at the ripe old age of 26. Some of his students were older than he was. He took the Oregon Bar Exam in 1971 and passed, and then left the college to take a job as a deputy district attorney for Multnomah County (City of Portland). He left in 1977 to go into private practice with a small firm that specialized in banking and estate planning. After a few months of boredom, he decided to run for election to the district court bench in 1978 and won by what he calls a landslide. Out of around 90,000 votes cast, he prevailed by 186. Of course, by law, there was an automatic recount and his opponent (a sitting district judge) sued him and the elections division, but that’s another story. Frank has been on the bench (now the circuit court bench) for more than 26 years. He and his wife have two boys (ages 37 and 35) and two grandchildren. Because Frank’s job is rather sedentary, he tries to keep active (running the Portland marathon and doing a 200-mile bike race from Seattle to Portland twice). While he tries not to fly under the radar professionally, his decision on same-sex marriages made national news.

REBECCA L. BRADLEY has been a trial lawyer for 39 years. She’s also found time to marry three times and have two children. Her son, Douglas Bradley, is in banking and has provided her with four lovely grandchildren. Her daughter, Morgan Carroll, is her law partner and a new Democratic representative in the Colorado House of Representatives. She was chosen as a recipient of the Colorado Democratic Party’s “Rising Star” award at this year’s dinner. Rebecca continues to be an active member of the CIL, AILA and WCEA, representing injured workers and other injured and disabled people. For the last 10 years of the existence of the Soviet Union, she volunteered to travel to and from the USSR and Israel, helping “Refuseniks” get out and travel to their choice of land of freedom. She is at least partially
fluent in Russian, Spanish and Hebrew, and has many Russian-speaking friends and clients. She typically celebrates Passover with immigrants from Central Asia (Tajikistan), whom she met while traveling there in the 1980s. She also represents many injured working-class immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala, Haiti and Arab-speaking countries.

**WILLIAM E. BRAYSHAW** has been married 35 years to Susan and has four children, ages 16 to 33. Hobbies include biking, hiking and golf (listed in that order because his golf game is so bad). He continues to practice, now as a solo, in the Equitable Building, Suite 850. The practice is mainly commercial transactions with some commercial litigation.

**WILLIAM J. "BILL" CROWELL JR.** is, as of Jan. 1, 2005, of counsel in the firm where he has practiced law for almost 39 years continuously. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968, where he encountered a few DU graduates also attending as delegates or demonstrators. His daughter, Meglan, a fifth-generation Nevadan, obtained her law degree and, following her U.S. District Court clerkship, is planning on residing in England. Bill's professional life in Carson City, Nev., has been "rich," although he's not wealthy except in his experiences. Carson City, being close in proximity to the fifth-largest economy in the world (that is, California), makes for continuous change (also known as being "Californicated"). As far as retirement, he has been spending much time in Hawaii. He never thought that simply swimming in warm waters, basking in the sun like a monk seal and watching the waves roll in would be so pleasant, but he has found it so.

He wanted to express his gratitude for the legal education he received at DU: It was excellent and has been the foundation of his adult life, far beyond putting rice and beans on the plate.

**JACK D. FEUER** has practiced as a solo since January 1988, specializing in real estate law representing purchasers, sellers, lenders, borrowers, brokers, developers, landlords and tenants. He received a Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating early in his career and as a qualified expert in real estate law, has testified many times in court. Prior to his solo practice, he worked in private practice and as general counsel to a small real estate firm. He has traveled extensively across the United States, Europe, Southeast Asia (including an unexpected but spectacular 5-hour "speed boat" ride down the Mekong River, through Laos, which was permeated with crocodiles), Middle East, New Zealand, Australia, South America, Western Canada and Mexico. He married Marsha in 1964 and they raised three children. They now have two grandchildren. Jack enjoys golfing, skiing and scuba diving as well as art, classic cars and photography.

**PETER J. FITCH** worked from 1967 through 1978 for Barnes, Richardson & Colburn in downtown New York, specializing in customs law. He and two others from the firm established their own practice in 1978 — Fitch, King and Caffentzis. The firm continues today in lower Manhattan with just the three of them, shunning size in favor of splitting the pot only three ways. Peter lives in Monmouth County, N.J. His house is about 500 yards from the water, except during heavy storms, at which point the water has been much closer than that. Having gone through two marriages (no kids), he is currently encouneted with a "significant
other" who is a very nice lady, and who just might talk him into a third round.

STEVE HEADY reports that after his first marriage ended not long after law school, he went through some very difficult times following his first marriage ending not long after law school, he went through some very difficult times and finally found himself in Mexico in 1982. Having determined that the legal profession was not for him, he turned to other pursuits, all while continuing to live in Mexico. Steve married his present wife in 1987 and a year later they had a son who continues to provide Steve with great joy (as do his five grandchildren produced by his two daughters from his first marriage). In 1995, Steve had what he described as a "horrendous heart attack" while visiting his mother in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Luckily, help was close at hand. After 16 months of rehabilitation, Steve received the Iowa CHAMPS rehab program award as the patient who had done the most with the least favorable prognosis. Not necessarily an award for which anyone wants to qualify, but if you do, winning it must feel pretty good. Rehab completed, Steve, his wife and his son returned to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where he lives a modest life.

LARRY F. HOBBS has been busy lawyering since graduating from law school. Thompson Marsh would be pleased to know he has had at least two cases implicating the Rule Against Perpetuities. He cannot recite either the facts or results of those cases, but he can recite the rule in his sleep. The remainder of what Larry has been up to the last 39 years can be disclosed posthumously. He no longer takes new clients, but he is available as a mediator or arbitrator.

RONALD D. MOSELS spent his first year after graduation as a Denver practitioner doing primarily insurance defense work. He spent the next several years working as an in-house attorney for two Denver oil companies engaged in the syndication of oil and gas ventures. After slightly more than 10 years in Denver, he moved to McCook, Neb., where he hung out his shingle. More than 30 years later, he's still at it, practicing law and hoping he can survive. Maybe "Chizzien Works was right when he told Ronald he should consider a different career. Despite the advice from Professor Works, Ronald intends to retire about five years after he dies. He is married to Nancy (Meeks). They have two children and two grandchildren. He no longer takes new clients, but he is available as a mediator or arbitrator.

JOHN T. KEARNS is still practicing tax and estate planning law in Greenwood Village, Colo. He has been married to Laurie for 42 years. Their two children live in Colorado, as do their three grandchildren. Because of back and knee problems, he no longer runs and has switched to bicycle riding.

FRANK V. LLOYD continues to practice law full time for two reasons: his wife spends lots of money and she will never let him retire. He and his wife, Karen, have been married for 40 years. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren. Visit his law firm's website, www.harwoodlloyd.com, for more information.

1960s
PETER NEY worked part time as a deputy district attorney and as a solo upon graduation from law school. Miraculously, clients actually entered his storefront office with their divorce and personal injury cases. The next year he left the DA's office because the job became a full-time position. After having worked for two large corporations before becoming a lawyer, he was determined to have his own office — no bosses, no partners. Since this principle gave him a lot of free time, he represented student Vietnam War protesters and drug users at minimal or no fees. His practice grew to one-half criminal defense, the other half divided between personal injury and domestic relations. In 1988, he was appointed to the Colorado Court of Appeals where he served for 15 years until he reached the mandatory retirement age of 72. In retirement he still serves as a senior judge and teaches torts at Arapahoe Community College. He also does a lot of photography and is writing his memoirs for his children and eight grandchildren.

DENNIS W. POWERS earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School after graduating from the law school. He then spent 10 years working for others, 15 years running his own companies (law, import/export and publishing) and the last 10 years writing and teaching. There was also a 15-year period in between his first and second marriages in which he raised his son Denny, ran his businesses and lived a fantasy life as a single professional in Santa Barbara, Calif. After meeting up with his soulmate and partner, Judy, they moved from the beaches of Santa Barbara to the Sonoma redwoods in the Northern California wine country. After five years, they made one last move to Ashland, Ore. They have traveled to 52 countries — and never on organized tours. Since 1992, he has written and published 11 books (including some in German and Chinese), been on a national book tour, worked on a screenplay in Hollywood and done countless media interviews. Along the way he discovered that he liked having different experiences more than simply focusing on business goals. His last three books ranged from office romance (The Office Romance) to Internet law (The Internet Legal Guide), then to the heroism shown 40 years ago in the worst tsunami to ever hit this country (The Raging Sea, which Kensington Publishers in New York City brought out two months ago). For the last 10 years, he has taught business law at Southern Oregon University, a five-minute commute. He whitewater kayaks, fishes for salmon in Oregon and Alaska, and hikes the wilderness trails. He also recently (and successfully) underwent cancer surgery. His oldest child, Kim, is 38, having earned a double MBA/MA and is studying for her doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris. His first granddaughter, Aela Morgane, was born two years ago. Son Denny, now 36, with a bachelor's in hand, is running a bar on Maui, writing music and surfing. Son Scott, from Judy's prior marriage, would have been 41 this year, but he died 10 years ago in a motorcycle accident.

PETER W. PRYOR has been blessed with good health and steady work as a trial lawyer, handling hundreds of jury trials, most of late in the medical malpractice area. He has six sons (five from his first marriage and a stepson by the second). One son is a doctor, another a lawyer and four are still in college, which explains why he's a long way from retirement or even slowing down. After 30-plus years living in the suburbs, he and wife Ray decided to move back to Denver after their youngest son left for college last fall. Peter still
loves practicing law and defending physicians with a group of colleagues and friends, many of whom are DU graduates and most of whom came to work with him upon graduation from law school. He loves to travel (adventure vacations), is working on becoming an accomplished chef ("cook" is a more apt term), is still somewhat of an exercise buff although no longer very buff, has two dogs to replace his six children and a 13-year marriage that gets better with age.

David A. Weinstein is a Denver trademark/copyright attorney who recently hosted and moderated an International Trademark Association roundtable for attorneys in Denver on the subject of trademark enforcement and prelitigation strategies. Also, earlier this year he was in Manama, Bahrain, to train government officials and attorneys there on the subject of trademark and copyright protection.

Edward Schlatter is a Denver trademark/copyright attorney who recently hosted and moderated an International Trademark Association roundtable for attorneys in Denver on the subject of trademark enforcement and prelitigation strategies. Also, earlier this year he was in Manama, Bahrain, to train government officials and attorneys there on the subject of trademark and copyright protection.

Retirement from my present position draws nearer for me, and I am struck at the procedures that I need to follow in order to leave a position in the federal system. A judge is expected to provide something in the neighborhood of one year's notice of any intended retirement. Since my final date will be Feb. 14, 2006 (Valentine's Day!), I have already provided that notice. This has been a wonderful job, but I have had three legal or judicial careers since leaving law school, and all three of them have been wonderful jobs. I am well aware of the fact that without the tools that were provided by the law school, none of these careers would have been possible. If any of you folks are as grateful as I am for the opportunities that our law degrees have provided, you can pay a little back in the manner that I have used. I have the Alumni Office send me preaddressed envelopes, which I keep in the desk slot I reserve for bills. When I pay my bills once a month, I put a check in one of the envelopes and return it to the law school. I find that it's easier to pay a little once a month than a lot once a year — and it's deductible. Just call Sal Quintana at the Alumni Office and have him send you some envelopes: 303-871-6122. I served on the College of Law Alumni Committee until recently, and I was continually overwhelmed by the present costs of a law school education, as opposed to the costs we faced back in the late '60s. Tuition when I started in 1965 was about $1,300 per year. It's up to something around $28,000 now, far outstripping the usual pace for ordinary inflation. Running a private law school is expensive business. Only a couple of you responded to my latest letter seeking information. Bear in mind, you don't need to wait for a letter from me. Send me your news anytime and I'll hold it for the next issue.
JAMES GEHRES, who reported on his retirement from the IRS in the last issue, married Margie Valdez on Oct. 21, 2004. He remains at the same address: 935 Pennsylvania St., Denver, CO 80203, or call him at 720-887-0757 or 303-837-8008.

RICHARD F. "DICK" MUEEBAnGH remains active in his professions, and he is currently practicing law and serving as a municipal judge. He is the treasurer for the Colorado Municipal Judges Association. All of us who remained here in Colorado remember Dick serving as a state representative and senator for Arapahoe County from 1983 to 1998. He served on the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association for 12 years, and he has been a member of numerous community-interest clubs, including Rotary, Optimist and Kiwanis. Dick and his wife, Susan, a retired elementary school teacher, have four children, all now grown. Dick may be reached at 9965 S. WyecIff Dr., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126, or by fax at 303-346-1222.

J. SCOTT HAMILTON J. Scott Hamilton was recently named by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as faculty chair of the university's center located at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix. Blackwell Publishing Professional (formerly Iowa State University Press) also recently released the 4th edition of Dr. Hamilton's Practical Aviation Law treatise, workbook and teacher's manual.

HENRY "HANK" CRANE Henry "Hank" Crane is living in Corrales, N.M., just outside of Albuquerque. He is married to Suzanne, a massage therapist, and they have two children, Mason and Cameron, both of whom are in private school in Albuquerque. Hank is involved in real estate development (building a large shopping center in Pueblo, Colo.) and in the commercial mortgage brokerage business. He has a niche mortgage company in New Mexico and is opening another in Utah. Hank is also on the board of the New Mexico Holocaust & Intolerance Museum and Study Center, and he heads the committee to obtain a new building for this unique institution.

RUMI ENGINEER Law Offices of Rumi Engineer P.O. Box 729 Littleton CO 80160 303-781-4855 rumiengineer@reimmigration.com Rumi Engineer has moved his offices; he continues to practice in the area of immigration law.

HELEN KNOLL Helen Knoll married Bob Cleland in 2002. She retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation in Seattle and moved with Bob to Sedona, Ariz., in 2002. She and Bob are active volunteers. Helen also operates a transportation consulting firm. She also serves as a board member for two local nonprofits and is an adviser/facilitator for civic groups involved in historic preservation and the startup of a transit system for Sedona. Their children are in Seattle, Missoula and Denver, which she visits regularly.
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Barbara Quade is happy to announce that her solo practice in family law and mediation has moved to a new location in Highlands Ranch.

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At the end of June, Mary Jo finished up her term as president of the Denver Bar Association. She is still with United General Title, although it is no longer privately held but is now a subsidiary of The First American Corp.

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JOYCE SEELEN is in Hawaii! After trying to reduce her litigation practice for almost a decade, Joyce and her husband, Ben, finally admitted that she couldn’t slow down in Denver. So a year and a half ago, they moved to the Big Island. Joyce has maintained a part-time litigation practice in Denver, and last summer she tried two civil cases and worked with the prosecutors on the Eagle County prosecution of Kobe Bryant. She passed the Hawaii bar but decided not to surround herself with the same intensity that she had in Denver. She has been experimenting with diving, painting, reading things not dealing with the law and trying to figure out if there is life outside of law. Of
course there is! Joyce has also joined Action Team Realty and finds that she likes working with folks who are buying houses. Ben and Joyce have been married 18 years. Ben is a geologist, and he and Joyce drive to watch changes in the lava flow.

1980 | CRAIG D. JOYCE
Craig D. Joyce decided to join a downtown law firm after 20-plus happy and productive years at 2015 York St. As of Jan. 17, 2005, he is practicing at Fairfield and Woods, P.C., 1700 Lincoln St., Suite 2400, Denver, CO 80202-4524. Craig also chaired the Class of 1980’s 25-year reunion. Also on the reunion committee were DOLORES ATENCIO, SCOTT GELMAN, WES HOWARD, EDRA POLLIN, DWIGHT SEELEY and PEGGY TOAL.

1980 | STEVEN R. WARDEN
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Steven R. Warden has opened his own practice and will continue to emphasize trust and estate planning and administration and elder law.

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I waited so long, confident that we would either meet or beat our prior submissions goal (which we didn’t) that I darn near blew my deadline. Fortunately, Sal Quintana, our alumni director, was able to remind me in the nick of time, so here we go — in alphabetical order:

DEANA DAGNER is a principal in the law firm of Walberg, Dagner & Tucker. The firm is located at 7400 East Caley, Suite 300. The firm has 15 lawyers and handles insurance defense (both personal and commercial lines), personal injury, products liability, slip and falls, coverage, declaratory judgments, insurance bad faith, construction defect litigation, and also some criminal defense and family law just to spice things up. Deana and her fiancé, a retired high school English teacher turned professional musician, live in Highlands Ranch and each has a son named Nicholas, age 10 and in the fourth grade. This makes life more interesting around the house. Deana belongs to the Rotary Club and some insurance professional organizations, likes to work out at the gym doing weight lifting and various forms of cardio, and does fundraising for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Deana can be e-mailed at ddr@wldlaw.com.
LAURIE HUNTER advises that she is still of counsel with Wade, Ash, Woods, Hill & Farley, P.C. and her practice is limited to estate planning, probate and trust administration. Laurie is a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and volunteers to do at least one (and more often two) CLE courses on estate planning or probate each year for the CBA. She also does a lot of committee work for the trust and estate section of the CBA and is currently working on a monograph on Gifts to Minors for Continuing Legal Education in a new series. She continues to enjoy her practice and is happy to meet with younger attorneys or law students concerning this area of the law. She and her husband, Andrew, celebrated their 19th anniversary in early April and have two children — Melanie, 15, and a sophomore at Ponderosa High School in Parker, and Ian, 13, and a seventh-grader at Sierra Middle School in Parker. She has enjoyed being her daughter's Girl Scout leader for the past seven years and took the Girl Scout troop to the Girl Scout Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico, in June. E-mail her at lhunter@wadeash.com.

LEESA A. McNEIL is married, has two grown children and two golden retrievers, and loves to ride her Harley and help hubby with his photography business. Leesa can be reached at LeesaAmcNeil@nylen.com.

DR. STEVE M. SKOUMAL continues his pathology practice, known as WPA Pathologists. See a picture of him at www.wpa-path.com.

JOEL N. VARNELL is the managing attorney for the Denver legal office of Farmers Insurance (called Varnell & Associates). The office, which now has nine lawyers, represents insurers and members of the Farmers Insurance Group of companies in litigation (defense, of course) and he has held this position for nearly 13 years. Joel is married and has two girls — ages 15 and 11. He likes to mountain bike and snowboard in Winter Park. Joel can be e-mailed at Joel.Varnell@FarmersInsurance.com.

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Thomas E. Hames served for 10 years as senior trial counsel for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., trying complex litigation cases, including medical malpractice, real estate professional malpractice and products liability cases. Tom left Fireman's Fund in 2002 to join the firm of Overturf and McGath. He now is litigating similar cases in private practice, but has also added estate litigation as a sub-specialty. Tom is the current president of the 10th Mountain Division Foundation Inc., after serving on its board of directors for almost 10 years. Tom is the first descendant to hold the position of president. The foundation exists to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the World War II ski troops that trained in Colorado and fought in Italy. It provides scholarships to descendants of the original veterans, conducts memorial ceremonies, places statues and plaques at historically important sites, and established a resource center for the deposit of letters, artifacts, oral histories and the like. The center has been widely used by historians and writers. Tom is also president of Crestmoor Swim and Tennis Club in Denver. He serves as vice president of the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association Endowment Fund Inc. and vice president of the Colorado Military History Museum Inc. Tom lives in Denver with his wife, Amy, and two daughters, Jordan and Lauren.

Charlie Wintermeyer was a JAG in the Air Force from 1982 to 1995, serving in California, Korea, Germany, Texas, Turkey and Guam. Charlie married the former Nazlihan Kethudaoglu of Ankara, Turkey. They have one daughter, Eyul, now a graduate student at the Rhode Island School of Design. Charlie has been a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. State Department since 1998. Previous posts were Kigali, Rwanda, and Rabat, Morocco. Charlie is now the management officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca, Morocco, and he says his favorite hobby is traveling.


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1983 | RICHARD P. MANCZAK
Richard P. Manczak is based in Butzel Long’s Ann Arbor, Mich., office. His transactional experience includes all major areas of corporate, business and commercial law, including business planning, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance and finance, product distribution, real estate development and finance, design and construction law, and securities law. He is a resident of Ann Arbor.

1983 | LISA SHIMEL
Lisa Shimel continues to practice in the Denver area, focusing mostly on real estate finance. Lisa has limited her practice to spend more time with her two boys, ages 7 and 11, and has finally found the balance she wants between career and family. Lisa and her family have been able to travel quite a bit; recent trips include London, Paris, Spain, Mexico and Disney World.

1985 | SONNA ANDERSON
Following a two-year clerkship with U.S. District Judge Patrick A. Connolly in Bismarck, N.D., Sonna Anderson was in private practice with her father Harold L. Anderson and then as a solo practitioner. Harold Anderson died in 2001. Sonna had been an elected member of the Bismarck School Board for 10 years until North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven appointed her to fill the term for a retiring judge beginning Feb. 1, 2004. She will stand for election in 2006. Sonna is grateful for the excellent education she received at DU. She is married to Jerry Saude and they have two young sons, Sigurd and Bjorn (old Viking names for two young Viking kids).

1985 | ARNOLD C. MACDONALD
Arnold C. Macdonald, an attorney with Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson in Portland, Maine, has been elected to chair the Business Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association. Arnold joined Bernstein Shur in 2001 and practices in the areas of business and finance. He serves small- and mid-sized businesses in formation, finance, intellectual property, mergers, acquisitions and private stock placements. He also works in the area of construction and mechanics’ lien law, including insurance and insurance coverage of construction issues. Arnold has served as chair of the Committee on Formation and General Provisions of the Task Force to Revise the Maine Corporate Code and also serves on the Litigation (Construction Industry Forum), Intellectual Property, and Business Law Sections of the American Bar Association. He is an associate member of the Associated Contractors of Maine and the Construction Financial Managers Association. In addition, Arnold serves as a trustee and is the current president of the Freeport Conservation Trust, is a trustee on the Maine Bar Foundation and sits on the advisory board of the Volunteer Lawyers Project.
NANCY O'MALLEY

In 1991, Nancy O'Malley relocated to San Antonio, Texas, to work in the Office of General Counsel for USAA, a diversified financial services company located in San Antonio. Nancy worked in the general counsel's office until recently, managing fraud, identity theft, collections and recovery. Nancy was divorced in 2004 after 26 years of marriage. She has two children — Ben, 20, and Molly, 15 — and keeps herself busy on the weekends as a soccer mom. She still travels to Colorado one or two times a year to get her skiing fix!

SHEILA M. GUTTERMAN

Sheila M. Gutterman is the president and a shareholder in the law firm of Gutterman Griffiths & Powell in Littleton, Colo. She has served on the Colorado Supreme Court Commission on Families in the Colorado Courts and chaired the Colorado Bar Association's Family Law Section. Sheila is also a practitioner member of the Academy of Family Mediators. She serves as a liaison to the community for the Colorado Bar Association's Domestic Violence Steering Committee, and is also a former member of the Colorado Bar Association Board of Governors, former Denver Bar Association vice president and budget chairperson. She helped establish the Barrister's Benefit Ball for Pro Bono Work as a yearly fundraiser, is a BARBRI Bar Review Family Law Lecturer, was the Intermountain Jewish News' Very Important Person 2000, the Women's Vision 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year, a finalist for the Denver Business Journal's 2002 Outstanding Woman in Business, Denver Business Journal finalist for Best of Bar 2003 and maintains the highest rating in Martindale-Hubbell. Sheila is currently a board member of the Colorado Judicial Institute, an organization that works to guarantee judicial excellence.

JANE ANN LANDRUM

Jane Ann Landrum received an LL.M. in dispute resolution from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 2002. In July 2003, Jane joined the Law Office of Rhonda S. Loeppke, and in July 2004, she became a partner. The firm is now called Loeppke and Landrum, LLC. They have a small insurance defense practice with some general practice work. Jane is starting a mediation practice also.

CANDACE McCUNE

After 12 years in insurance defense litigation, Candace McCune transitioned to family law and has been doing that for almost six years. The last few years have brought her to focus on collaborative family law process as the optimum way of helping people through a very difficult time in their lives when they must also deal with a legal system. Candace has a major commitment to helping Children resolve disputes in a biblically faithful manner, and she does teaching as well as conciliation work in this area.
ANN ADAMS sold her home health agency in July 2004 and is starting a mediation/arbitration company, Diversified Arbitration and Mediation Services, which will concentrate on healthcare/public policy issues. Ann can be reached at aadams1930@comcast.net.

TOM BLICKENSDERFER is based in Denver and in December 2000 accepted the position of endangered species program director for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He sits on many working groups and committees, contributing to such programs as the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. He is involved in the day-to-day activities of wildlife conservation, though he spends most of his time in front of a computer. Part of his job involves releasing different animal species into the wild, including this year’s release of lynx. Tom previously served in the state legislature, including sitting on the Joint Budget Committee from 1994 to 1998 and then as Senate majority leader in 1999 and 2000. He can be reached at 1313 Sherman St., Room 718, Denver, CO 80203, 303-866-3311, fax 303-866-2115 or T.Blick@state.co.us.
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CRAIG W. DONALDSON is general counsel/senior vice president/corporate secretary at Intrado Inc., a global provider of E911 and other integrated data and telecommunications solutions. Craig has overall responsibility for legal advice and representation for the company and its subsidiaries; he heads up a legal department of 14 people and oversees the development and implementation of external policy related to federal and state regulatory, legislative and industry affairs. Prior to joining Intrado in 1997, Craig was in private practice for nine years with an emphasis on trials and appeals in the media and telecommunications industries. Prior to that, he served for one year on the Colorado Commission on Government Productivity under former Gov. Roy Romer and was employed by AT&T for six years. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Association of Telecommunications Industry Solutions and on the advisory board for the University of Colorado’s Silicon Flatirons Telecommunications Program. Craig can be reached at 720-494-6506 or clonaldson@intrado.com.

KATHLEEN DRENAN left private practice and, after four years of work as outside counsel, accepted a position as alliance firewall manager with GlaxoSmithKline in Pennsylvania in research and development. She is unable to explain exactly what she does, but generally speaking, she manages certain types of data generated in certain research programs. She works with dedicated scientists who are creating tomorrow’s prescription drug miracles in today’s laboratories, and it humbles her every day. She can be reached at GlaxoSmithKline, 2301 Renaissance Blvd., Mail Code RN0420, King of Prussia, PA 19406, 610-787-3632, fax 610-787-7070 or kathleen.m.drennan@gsk.com.

JOEL FUNK is in private practice at Ringenberg, Funk & Beller in Fort Collins, Colo. After working 3-1/2 years for a small corporate and securities firm in the Denver Tech Center, he moved to Fort Collins in 1994 to join the firm where he had clerked after his second year at DU and he has been there since. He became a shareholder in 1998 and endured some name and personnel changes over the years. His practice is primarily transactional, ranging from new business formations, mergers and acquisitions, private equity financings, real estate, and other corporate and business matters. Two years ago, he sold his car and, come rain or shine (but not snow or ice), he has been commuting to work, closings and client meetings by motorcycle. He has been happily married 17 years with no kids, but three to five schnauzers at any given time. He and his wife raise and train them for competition in obedience, agility and the breed ring. He can be reached at Ringenberg, Funk & Beller, P.C., 215 W. Oak St., 10th Floor, Fort Collins, CO 80521, 970-482-1056, fax 970-482-0819, cell phone 970-988-9302 or jmf@rfb-law.com.
BILL McCOOL has been a clerk in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, since June 2002. Prior to that he held the chief deputy position in Tucson, Ariz., from January 1996 to June 2002. Bill also chairs the executive board of the Clerk’s Council, Federal Court Clerks Association. His outside interests include following the continued success of the Oregon Ducks football and basketball teams; playing as much golf as possible; reading novels about the Royal Navy during the Napoleonic wars; listening to biographies of U.S. presidents via audio books; and taking trips to the beach with his wife, Chris, and daughter Madison. Bill lives in Tallahassee, Fla., but has staffed offices with judicial officers in Gainesville, Tallahassee, Panama City and Pensacola.

MAJOR TERRY McELYEA is the chief appellate defense counsel for the Air Force. He is currently on special assignment to the Department of Defense Criminal Investigation Task Force at Fort Belvoir, Va. The task force is responsible for the criminal investigations of the detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He will retire from the Air Force on Oct. 1. In addition to his current positions, he has served as a prosecutor, defense counsel, chief commissioner of the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, assistant professor of law at the Air Force Academy, deputy staff judge advocate, deployed staff judge advocate and host nation liaison officer to the Kuwaiti Air Force. He and his family will move to Fort Collins, Colo., where he will open his own law office. His worldwide practice will focus on military law (court-martial, administrative boards and criminal appeals), veterans claims appeals and security clearance hearings and appeals.

JAMFS R. PARR JR. recently returned to Denver after more than six years in Charlotte, N.C., working with Royal/Sun Alliance Insurance in litigation supervision. He works as corporate counsel for Tomkins, the parent company of the Gates Corp. (commonly known as Gates Tire & Rubber Co.). He is married to Kim and they have three sons. Jim can be reached at Tomkins Law Department, 1551 Wewatta St., MC 10 - A5, Denver, CO 80202, 303-744-5337, fax 303-744-4653, or jgparr@gates.com.

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OWEN SEITEL is founding partner of the San Francisco entertainment and intellectual property law firm Idell, Berman, Seitel & Rutchik. His daughter Sofie is almost 2 years old.

SUSIE VELASQUEZ just started a new position as paralegal program supervisor for the Institute of Business & Medical Careers in Fort Collins, Colo. She supervises the attorneys who teach in the paralegal program and also teaches legal classes to paralegal students. She can be reached at Institute of Business & Medical Careers, 1609 Oakridge Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525, or svelasquez@IBMC.edu. She can also be reached at home 2334 W. 15th Street, #307, Greeley, CO 80634, 970-576-0108 or susievelasquez@msn.com.

LINDA WILLIAMS is the owner of an anesthesiology services company and the assistant director of the School of Nurse Anesthesia in the Graduate Nursing Program at Mountain State University in Beckley, W.Va. Lindy also lectures nationwide on medical-legal issues. Her son, Rob, is an electrical engineer for the Dolby Laboratories.

JERRY D. WORSHAM is currently a partner at the Phoenix, Ariz., firm of Gannage & Burnham and has been working there since October 1999. Occasionally, he sees ANNIE MCCULLOUGH, MARK BRYANT, CONNIE KING and DAVID WHEED from our class. Jerry can be reached at 602-256-4452 or jworsham@jlaw.com.

1992 | JOHN T.L. GRUBESIC
John T.L. Grubesic was elected to the New Mexico state Senate in November 2004. He just completed his inaugural session and has opened his own law firm of Clark, Grubesic & Jones in Santa Fe. He has been married for 12 years to his wife, Dana, and his three children, Jessica, Jack, and Mason.

1993 | CAROLYNN C. WHITE
Carolyne C. White is of counsel at Brownstein Hyatt Farber in the firm's Denver government relations group where she specializes in land use, municipal and administrative law, real estate transactions, water and natural resources issues, and state and local legislative law. From 1999 to 2004, Carolyne was the staff attorney for the Colorado Municipal League, a nonprofit association of 365 cities and towns in Colorado. There, she represented Colorado municipalities before the Colorado legislature, various state agencies and the courts on matters of municipal interest.

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I moved back to Colorado last fall to become Western region manager of government affairs for Sprint. I cover a whole host of state and local government issues but the majority of my time is spent lobbying nine state legislatures on wireless and corporate issues. Previously, I was living in Park
City, Utah, and I still spend quite a bit of time there with family and friends. Along with another attorney in Utah, I started a community-based mediation center in Park City sponsored by the town. The Mountain Mediation Center handled a variety of local issues and designed a training program for citizens. As for fun things, I still enjoy music, travel and skiing but have also spent more time golfing. Now it’s your turn—please send me any and all updates or photos.

M. BRIAN CAVANAUGH and AMY MOORE CAVANAUGH got married in 1997 in Breckenridge. In 2000, they moved from Denver to Brian’s hometown of Okemos, Mich., a suburb of Lansing, the state capital. They have two daughters—Molly, 5, and Maeve, 2. Amy is the general counsel for the Lansing Board of Water & Light. She is the agency’s youngest and first female general counsel. Brian is a shareholder with Butzel Long in its Lansing office, which has offices all over the state and is the third-largest firm in Michigan with 200-plus attorneys. Last year Brian ran for an open seat on the Ingham County Circuit Court. He was one of the top two candidates in the primary election in August but was ultimately not successful in November, losing to the then-chief assistant prosecutor for Ingham County. Brian can be reached at 517-372-6622 or cavanaugh@butzel.com, and Amy can be reached at 517-702-6347 or amcl@lbwl.com.

EZEKIEL “ZEKE” J. WILLIAMS joined Faegre & Benson’s Denver office as special counsel in the litigation group, working with the oil and gas practice. Zeke brings more than 10 years of litigation experience to the firm and works extensively on matters affecting the oil and gas, mining, ski resort and natural resources industries. Prior to joining the firm, Zeke practiced with the law firm Arnold & Porter in Denver. He has also taught natural resources and environmental law for three semesters as an adjunct professor at the Sturm College of Law. After law school, Zeke served as a judicial law clerk to 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Bobby R. Baldock.

1995 [SANDY (JAMISON) HODGKINSON]

Sandy (Jamison) Hodgkinson is currently director for international justice at the National Security Council, where she provides policy guidance for the national security advisor and the president. Sandy also coordinates interagency efforts on international treaties, war crimes, detention, migration and trafficking in persons. She came to this job last spring after a year in Iraq as the senior adviser on human rights for the coalition and Iraqi authorities, fortunately working alongside her husband, Dave, with the Coalition Provisional Authority. Sandy and Dave met in 1999 as JAGs in the Navy and Army, respectively (they are still reservists), and took jobs together in the State Department in 2002. They enjoy living in Old Town Alexandria, and although it’s not Colorado, they take every chance possible to get away for a ski trip!
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1995 | LAURA RESLING

Laura Resling, now known as Laura Lasco, married husband Jerry in 1997. Their son Max is 19 months old and they are expecting a second baby. Their family lives in Houston, Texas, where they also own and operate three wine bars. Laura and Jerry landed in Houston after spending two years in West Texas, one year in Colorado and three years in Manhattan, all courtesy of the Air Force and Continental Airlines (for whom Jerry was a pilot prior to becoming an entrepreneur). In addition to the wine business, Laura's day-job title is senior counsel for Hewlett-Packard as a commercial and antitrust attorney for international transactions. She spent five years working in-house for a New York-based telecom company prior to moving to HP in 2004. Laura still loves to run, golf and travel. Although Laura misses Colorado, Texas is home for her, and she looks forward to raising her little Texans there.

1995 | DAVID THATCHER

David Thatcher is a new partner at Morrison & Foerster, a member of the corporate group in the firm's Denver office. His practice focuses on a broad range of corporate transactions, including public and private mergers and acquisitions, public and private offerings of equity and debt, secured and unsecured bank financings, general corporate representation, technology transactions and real estate transactions, including real estate financing. David joined Morrison & Foerster in 1998.

1996 | KORY S. BOOTH

Kory S. Booth just relocated back to Colorado with his wife and two children after practicing since 1997 in Los Angeles. Kory has accepted a position at Campbell Bohn Killin Brittan & Ray in Cherry Creek. He will be practicing in commercial litigation, construction litigation and other general matters.

1996 | JOHN T. KENNEDY

After working in the firm's intellectual property group since 1998, John T. Kennedy recently became a partner in the Denver office of Dorsey & Whitney. His practice includes counseling, supervising, preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a broad range of technologies, including computer hardware and software, aerospace, telecommunications, semiconductors and business methods. John also assists clients with proactive licensing and litigation activities and is a frequent speaker on intellectual property issues.

1996 | D. RICO MUNN

D. Rico Munn was recently made partner with Baker & Hostetler's Denver office. Rico is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in the area of commercial litigation.

1996 | MICHAEL J. ROSENBERG

Michael J. Rosenberg was made a shareholder in Roberts Levin & Patterson, effective Jan. 1, 2005, and continues to focus on insurance recovery and bad faith on behalf of policyholders.
**Class Notes**

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law Alumni**

1996 | Bob Stubblefield

Bob Stubblefield is currently general counsel for a large specialty contractor in Southern California. The Stubblefields had their third child (a boy) in December.

1997 | Class Scribe

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Please continue to send your updates!

Paul S. Enockson was recently named partner in the Denver office of Baker & Hostetler. Paul is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in the area of commercial litigation, including Federal False Claims Act cases and construction litigation.

Roger A. Jackson is a registered patent attorney and practices intellectual property law, with concentrations in patents, trademarks, copyrights, licensing, litigation, trade secrets, non-disclosure agreements and related legal matters. Roger can be reached at 303-271-9468 or roger-jackson@ricochet.com.

Paul G. Karlsgodt is also now a partner in the Denver office of Baker & Hostetler. Paul is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial and class action litigation.

1998 | Douglas D. Hendrick

Douglas D. Hendrick deployed with the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Maine Army National Guard, to Mosul, Nineveh, Iraq, in March 2004. He was attached to the Coalition Provisional Authority Nineveh – Projects Office until June 28, 2004, when the authority was dissolved. Since then, Doug has been attached to the U.S. Embassy Office in Mosul, where he is serving as an assistant economic development officer.

1998 | Robert Im

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Robert Im recently joined BMC Software to head up its public sector legal department. Prior to that, he had been in-house counsel for PeopleSoft.

1998 | David L. Isern

David L. Isern and his wife, Tiffany, recently had twin girls, Isabel Diane and Emma Jean, on July 19, 2004.
1999 | TRICIA McCARTHY


1999 | RYAN MONTGOMERY

Ryan Montgomery has closed his patent practice in Denver and accepted a position in the 16th Judicial District as a deputy district attorney, appearing in county court in La Junta and around Otero, Crowley and Bent counties. Ryan doesn't regret having to leave behind Denver's heavy traffic for the clean air and friendly small-town atmosphere of La Junta, Colo.

1999 | FELIX G. POGGEMANN

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Felix G. Poggemann has opened a law office in the Polson area of Sacramento, Calif., and is still concentrating on civil litigation and family law. He and his wife, Jenna, are expecting their fifth child.


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DU Law Class of 2000: A conspiracy appears to be developing among us. A number of people in our class are conspiring to fill the DU Law Class of 2000. Wow! So many of you are either pregnant or have a newborn! And there's other great news from our classmates as well. Here's a brief summary of what people have shared this time around.

MARISAH AMIN is still building her immigration and family law practice. She recently relocated her office to the Curtis Park area just a few blocks north of downtown. She's built this practice from the ground up and now has a full-time associate and several staff members. She's amazingly busy, but apparently, if you ever need to find her, you might try Paris on the Platte, where she has been known to hang out, typing away until obscenely late.

BRAD BENNING started at White & Jankowski in January (as did I), practicing primarily in the areas of water law and natural resources and environmental law. He and his wife, Kelly, just moved to Golden from Colorado Springs. They have a daughter Sophia and a son Chase Robert, who was born March 4.
JENNIFER CURTIS-JONES and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Penelope Anne, born on Feb. 17. Penelope joins Jennifer and her husband, Christopher Childs & Pogg, who she worked while studying for the Arizona bar, recently started their own law firm, Fontes Laboy. Their practice focuses on small business formation, with special interest in the Spanish-speaking community. They were recently featured in the April 22 issue of the Business Journal of Phoenix (www.phoenixbizjournals.com) and have enjoyed good success since the firm got rolling in March. Adrian and his wife also in on the Class of 2030 conspiracy. They are pleased to announce that they have a 7-month-old, Olivia Marie.

JENNIFER L. GRUBER has recently formed the firm of Miller, Gruber & Rosenbluth with Dianne Miller and Monica Rosenbluth. They will continue to practice special district law, municipal law and public finance. She can be reached at Miller, Gruber & Rosenbluth, 700 17th St., Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202, 303-285-5309 or jgruber@mgjlawfirm.com.

JOE and KRISTEN (CASSIA) GUERRIERO are the proud parents of twin boys, Anthony and Alex, who turned 1 on April 9. Joe and Kristen currently live in Bucks County, Pa., and invite any friends passing through the Philadelphia area to drop them a line at kcasias@aol.com.

JULIE E. HAINES recently traveled in Europe and has returned to Denver to continue doing trial work in medical malpractice defense with Kennedy Christopher Childs & Pogg. She also recently returned from Washington, D.C., where she lobbied on behalf of Colorado attorneys to the Colorado congressional delegation in support of legal services funding and student loan forgiveness programs for lawyers in public service. In her spare time (um, yeah), she has also served as chair of the Young Lawyers group for the Colorado Bar Association and currently sits on the board. Julie can be reached at Kennedy Christopher Childs & Pogg, 303-822-2700 or jhaines@kennedy-christopher.com.

JENNIFER LEE moved to the Gunnison Crested Butte Valley in October 2004, returning to private practice after a 3 1/2-year stint at the DA’s office in Fort Collins, Colo. She’s working in the Crested Butte office of Cleggert & Associates and enjoying work and play in the beautiful West Elk mountain range. The practice includes criminal defense, land use, local government, real estate and water law. She lives with her boyfriend, Adam, an ecologist who contracts with the Forest Service and the town of Telluride. They have two furry “babies,” a Labrador named Lucy and a blue heel-er named Chico, who are very spoiled at their home on the Slate River.
RYAN and ANNA (LITAKER) REIMERS are still living in California. Their son Owen is pleased to announce that he will have someone to pick on in the fall. Anna and Ryan are expecting No. 2.

MATT ROBY and his wife, Liz, and their daughters—Lily, 5; Madie, 3; and Vivi, 9 months—are doing well, and he is loving his law practice in Florida. Aside from that, he reports that they suffered hurricane damage from all three storms last summer. During Hurricane Charlie, a tree came through the roof and into the girls' room. The girls were actually asleep in bed. "It was quite an experience, although the only thing the girls remember is me jumping on them, which they thought was quite funny." They packed the car and went to stay at one of the Disney resorts. The Roby clan stayed at different Disney hotels for each storm. (The Disney hotels apparently have their own water, power supply and restaurants. Much of central Florida was without power and water for long stretches after these storms.) By the end of the summer, whenever the girls heard the word hurricane, they got really excited because they associated it with Disney. He's been busy at work since the house was repaired, doing probate, trust and real property litigation; commercial litigation; residential and commercial real property; and estate planning. "Beyond that, nothing really exciting is going on down here."

SERENA E. POLLACK, an associate at Hinshaw & Culbertson, has formally accepted a position on the United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet. Now in its 43rd year, its mission is to identify, recruit, educate and train young men and women of proven local leadership and abilities with the potential to be the future leaders of the North American community. Serena is a litigator whose practice encompasses liability issues pertaining to the defense of healthcare providers and municipalities. Her practice involves every aspect of healthcare liability defense litigation, including trial and appellate work.

JON WARD has been at Snell & Wilmer's Denver office for one year. He practices primarily in the area of products liability defense. He's enjoying it immensely and the travel that comes with it. Jon was also recently appointed as a board member to the Colorado AIDS Project.

GINGER V. GEISSINGER
Ginger V. Geissinger has accepted the position of deputy district attorney for the 13th Judicial District.

JASON SCOTT SIMON
Jason Scott Simon is a portfolio manager with the University of Colorado Foundation. Jason is married with two boys, ages 2 and 4. He is involved in community service as finance counsel for a Catholic parish.


Dave Stefanski and his wife, Nicole, just celebrated the birth of their son Christian David Stefanski on March 6. Dave is an associate at the Denver firm of Schlueter & Associates and practices in the areas of corporate and securities law and international business, which includes work in mergers and acquisitions, financings and regulatory compliance. He represents clients in the United States, Germany, Hong Kong and China.

After two and a half years at Dorsey & Whitney, Lyle A. Wallace has moved his practice to Minor & Brown. At Dorsey, he was practicing in the environmental and natural resource practice group, focused on corporate representation of oil and gas industry clients. At Minor & Brown, he is now focusing more on mergers and acquisitions and real estate transactions, and in the representation of privately held businesses of all types.

On the very last day of 2004, Mark J. Fidel left his position as an associate with Modrall Sperling of Albuquerque, N.M. He is now starting a consulting firm specializing in records and information management with clients in the insurance, legal, medical, real estate and mortgage broker industries. The move will provide him more flexibility in working with the Sturm College of Law’s Alumni Association.

Nicole Sayers is currently working as an independently contracted attorney in the field of insurance defense in beautiful and sunny Vista, Calif. She moved there with her husband in late 2003 after he was transferred to Seal Beach by the Boeing Co. Last August, they had their second child, Kayla. Their son Timothy is 2. Nicole hopes to establish a career in public interest and would like to work within the criminal law arena and/or with disadvantaged populations.
Janith "Yosy" Jansson and her husband, Joe, welcomed their daughter, Jada Lynn, on March 30. Yosy will continue working for Sage & Vargo on a part-time basis. She specializes in insurance subrogation and creditor’s rights.

HOLLY KIRSNER

After clerking for Montana Supreme Court Justice Jim Regnier, Holly Kirsner accepted a job as a water master for the state of Montana to assist in the statewide general stream adjudication. She relocated to Bozeman, where the court sits. Holly plans to enjoy the close proximity to the outdoors and ski Bridger Bowl and Big Sky ski resorts.

Jamal Assmiam

Jamal Assmiam Law is located in Islamabad, Pakistan. He is undertaking diplomatic study in international arbitration law via correspondence with the University of England & Wales.

Joshua Sermos

Joshua Sermos has undertaken the study of medicine and was appointed adviser to Guatemala's National Committee on Economic Development.

Jeremy Atencio

took three months off after the February bar and just returned from five weeks diving and sightseeing in Puerto Rico. Jeremy will spend the next couple of months visiting friends in Los Angeles and Hawaii. When he comes back, Jeremy will join Baker & Hostetler as an associate in the business law practice group.

John Becker

 stayed at DU an extra semester to work on his Ph.D. and finish up his L.L.M. He was then unexpectedly hired by the state Public Defender's Office in November and currently works in county court in Castle Rock, his hometown. John loves it, and perhaps because of the challenges. Paula, John's wife and a 2L, will be working as an intern in the office this summer. So she is becoming a family affair. Surprisingly, or perhaps not, John says none of their kids want to go to law school! I bet they wouldn't mind heading off on a Caribbean cruise at the beginning of May, though, which is what John and Paula did.
BEN BERTRAM took the Missouri Bar Exam in July 2004 and started working as an associate at his father's law firm, The Bertram Law Firm, in Kansas City. Father and son represent plaintiffs injured by defective drugs, medical malpractice and nursing home negligence and abuse. Fen-Phen litigation has been taking up most of Ben's time. Out of the office, Ben has managed to squeeze in a couple of bike rides and a Vegas trip.

BRENT CHICKEN and BRITTANY SCANTLAND received good news from the February bar.

TOM CLARK, in fine legal writing style, has learned to vary his sentence length for effect. He writes: "We graduated. I had a job. I passed the bar. I didn't have a job. I became a Dad again (No. 3). I found a job. Now, my wife (Jyl) and I have three kids: two boys (Adrian and Evan) and a brand new baby girl Amryn, who was born on Nov. 1." Tom is happily employed at Socha, Peczkal, Setter & Anderson, P.C., where he spends most of his time defending the world's largest pharmaceutical company in products liability litigation. Tom can be reached at thomasclarke@att.net.

LISA GEVER moved to Phoenix the summer after graduation and took the February Arizona Bar Exam. In the meantime, she is still working as a stock broker, which she did before and during law school. Out of the office, she spends time with friends, takes weekend trips and fixes up her new loft in downtown Phoenix.

JULIE HANSON has been working for several different attorneys around the state and reveling in her palindrone bar number.

JASON HARMS took August 2004 off after the July bar, and he and his wife, Amy, traveled to Italy for a couple of weeks. He currently practices commercial litigation with Featherstone DeSanto, and he and Amy live in the north Washington Park area of Denver. They are excited to report a new addition to the family: Miles the cat.

LISA FUNK has had a few good vacations since graduation. She decided to skip PABR in June and go directly to Maui after graduation to visit her younger brother who taught her family all about spear fishing and island fashion. After the bar exam, Lisa, HOLLY SHOOK, CHRISTA SCHULLER and a friend from undergrad went to Costa Rica to recover from studying with oceanside drinks and local surfers. Since the vacations ended, she's been working in the Eagle County DA's office. Even after writing numerous motions in the Kobe Bryant case, she hasn't tired of living in Eagle County and working as a deputy DA.

MIRO KOVACEVIC is enjoying his federal judicial clerkship experience with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Brownsville, Texas. He's less enthusiastic about the locale, though, and is eager to return to this corner of paradise this fall to start as an associate at Rucheger, Johnson, and Lyons.
DIANN LINDQUIST says her post-law-school life has been about waiting. After awaiting February bar results (she passed!), she has begun an associate position at Anne Whalen Gill, PC, where she has been writing appellate briefs and loving it. She has had two cases heard by the Colorado Supreme Court this year, but is still awaiting those decisions as well. In her personal life, she recently became engaged, but can’t seem to find time in the schedule yet for a wedding. She and her fiancé bought a new loft uptown, and they’re waiting for it to close before they send invites to the housewarming party.

TREY MAGEE is in Monroe, La., working as an associate at the Newman law firm. He says there’s lots of trial work in criminal defense and personal injury, with some divorce, child custody and municipal cases from time to time. Away from work, Trey says he’s been enjoying the local gumbo, crawfish and jambalaya quite a bit.

JIM MAHONEY and his wife, Laurie, moved down to Jim’s native Telluride, Colo., after the July 2004 bar, and Jim spent the winter making his friends jealous by e-mailing snow reports and stories of the steep and deep to his friends here in the city. Jim insists that his house is open to visitors. Anyone want to call his bluff?

After two months off to study for the July 2004 bar, BRIAN LEONARD MARTIN returned to his job at Duncan, Ostrander & Dingess in August and continued as a law clerk until the results came out and the firm promoted him to associate. The firm specializes in eminent domain and water law, which is exactly what Brian wanted to do while in law school. Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory Hobbs made Brian an offer he couldn’t refuse, though, and Brian begins his clerkship in September.

CARLOS MIGoya moved back to his native Miami, Fla., in May. He’ll have no shortage of visitors. CARLOS ARIAS is already there, having moved to Miami to take the July bar.

After graduation, TYLER NAUSEY passed on vacations or starting a job. He was back in class the following Monday at the Daniels College of Business. After completing the JD/MBA, Tyler moved to Southern California, took the February bar exam and is now hunting down a job.

DANEE PONTIOUS moved to Anchorage, Alaska, where she accepted a clerkship with a Superior Court judge. She passed the Alaska Bar Exam in October and is currently interviewing for positions in criminal law. Her clerkship ends in August 2005. Danee can be reached at dpontious@law.du.edu.

CARMEN REILLY works just down DTG Parkway from DAVID JONES at the defense litigation firm of Montgomery, Little, & McGrew. She is kept busy with a broad array of cases in medical malpractice, construction defect litigation, small claims court and before the Board of Medical Examiners. Carmen is quite excited about her recently acquired status as an aunt to her older sister’s new son.
Upon hearing the good news of passing the bar exam, GABRIEL SCHWARTZ and his partner, ANDREW SANDOMIRE, quickly formed The Law Offices of Sandomire & Schwartz. Gabe’s practice areas include personal injury, family law, tax law, commercial litigation, arbitration, administrative law, criminal law, and business formation and consultation. Gabe may be reached at 303-863-9998 or www.TaxResolver.US. Away from work, Gabe was recently elected as chairman of the 1st Congressional District for the Republican Party. Gabe served as chairman of the Denver County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner, an annual fundraiser for Denver Republicans, and also attended the 2005 inauguration of President Bush with his fiancee.

NICHOLAS STANCIL, after taking the bar, took a few weeks off in August 2004 and then began working at Wolf & Slatkin, where Nicholas had clerked for the previous year. The general civil litigation firm located in Cherry Creek specializes in real estate and construction litigation. Nicholas has been trying to ski most weekends and recently returned from a ski trip to Chamonix, France.

JULIE SHEGER works for the small Denver firm of Newman, practicing civil rights and criminal defense law.

ALISON ZINN had been working in a temporary position at Wheeler Trigg & Kennedy while studying for the February bar. She passed! Alison is looking forward to starting her legal career here in Denver.

JOEY WALTZ took some time off after the bar and went to Vegas and Mexico. When he was home, he mountain biked. Peter thought he had his job situation solved a few times, but getting settled took a little more time than he expected. He eventually landed at Hayes, Phillips, Hoffmann & Carberry, a firm specializing in municipal law. So far the job is going well. On a personal note, Peter and his longtime girlfriend, Andrea, have recently gotten engaged.
IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST


Dr. Gayle D. Smith, J.D. 1952, died January 27, 2005. The family has established a memorial scholarship fund in her honor at the Sturm College of Law.


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TUESDAY-FRIDAY
AUGUST 9-12
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 15
FIRST DAY OF FALL LAW CLASSES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
DU LAW'S PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25
WESTMINSTER NIGHTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
DERBY DAYS

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-16
ADVANCED ESTATE PLANNING DINNER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
"ALTERNATIVE LEGAL CAREERS IN THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY," PRESENTED BY THE DU LAW SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
11TH ANNUAL DU LAW STARS DINNER
MARRIOTT CITY CENTER, DOWNTOWN DENVER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
NEGOTIATIONS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY'S FALL BANQUET

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

FRIDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 21-24
HOFFMAN CUP MOOT COURT COMPETITION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
SBA TRICK OR TREAT STREET

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
TRANSPORTATION LAW INSTITUTE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
FALS (PARTNERS AT LAW)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
NATURAL RESOURCES MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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