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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It has been an incredibly exciting year at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Some highlights include:

Strategic Plan: We completed and adopted a new strategic plan. The plan, which was based on significant outreach efforts, includes two initiatives: the Modern Learning Initiative, which commits to produce more practice-ready lawyers by increasing experiential learning opportunities, and the Specialization Initiative, which commits to excellence and engagement in five subject matter areas (environmental and natural resources law, international law, workplace law, constitutional rights and remedies, and business and commercial law). The plan received nearly unanimous faculty buy-in and includes specific implementation plans – goals, timetables and responsibilities. We have already started implementing this plan and look forward to completing its implementation.

Bar Passage: DU Law first-time takers passed at a rate of 91 percent in July 2009, and our combined pass rate for July 2009 and February 2010 takers was 88 percent. This represents significant improvement and indicates that the nonadmissions portions of our bar pass initiative are bearing fruit. More importantly, it suggests that beginning in 2011, when we begin to see the effects of our new admissions policy, our students should routinely pass the bar at an extremely high level.

Fundraising: Despite the recession, we had our fourth best fundraising year ever. The gifts we received will improve all facets of our school, including our ability to offer scholarships to deserving students. Thank you to all of those who have contributed money – or time – to our mission.

New Hires: We hired seven new tenure track professors and one new lawyering process professor, all of them star quality. And we are now in the business of raiding top 50 schools for our faculty hires. We anticipate adding 10 new tenure track professors and two new lawyering process professors in the next four years.

Smaller Classes: We just graduated our last large class – 375 students. Our future classes will be smaller, at 300 students. This combined with our increasing faculty size will radically change our faculty/student ratio, improving the quality of our education.

DEAN MARTIN J. KATZ

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Financial Aid: We have institutionalized the Yegge Scholarship program, which provides $1.5 million per year for diverse students. And we initiated the Sturm Scholarship program, which provides $300,000 per year to foster excellence. These two new programs supplement our ongoing financial aid programs and allow us to recruit the best and brightest students.

New Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness: Professor Catherine Smith was appointed to serve as the nation’s first associate dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness.

New Chairs: Professor Roberto Corrada was appointed to serve as our Sturm College of Law Chair in Modern Learning. Additionally, Professor Eli Wald was appointed to the Charles W. Delaney, Jr. Chair. And new chairs were awarded to Professor Christine Cimini (Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director), Professor Nancy Ehrenreich (William M. Beaney Memorial Research Chair) and Professor Ed Zeigler (Robert B. Yegge Memorial Research Chair).

Conferences and Lectures: We hosted several important national and international conferences, including the first-ever conference on law school assessment. And we hosted several significant lectures featuring nationally prominent scholars, including our second annual Faculty Scholar in Residence, Stanford’s Pam Karlan (co-sponsored by the Chu Family Faculty Fellowship), New York University’s Samuel Estreicher and the University of Iowa’s Angela Onwuachi-Willig.

Scholarship: Our faculty was highly productive, publishing 35 articles, nine books, and 12 book chapters or supplements. Of these, 12 appeared or will soon appear in the top-ranked law reviews used in Michael Yelnosky’s national productivity survey. Many faculty members presented their work in prestigious academic venues and commented on their work in national news media.

Thank you to all of you for making this possible. I look forward to an exciting 2010-2011 academic year.

Martin J. Katz
Dean and Professor of Law
University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Dean Katz Delivers Strategic Plan from Coast to Coast

From the New York City skyline to the harbors in Seattle, Dean Martin Katz has been canvassing the country meeting alumni and friends of DU Law to talk about the future of the Sturm College of Law. Enthusiastic alumni have gathered to participate in open conversations with Dean Katz on topics primarily related to the multifaceted and newly minted DU Law strategic plan.

The strategic plan was developed in 2009 to direct the Sturm College of Law toward developing initiatives and best practices with a mindfulness toward educating legal professionals in a changing legal environment.

The plan contains two major initiatives: the Modern Learning Initiative and the Specialization Initiative. The Modern Learning Initiative outlines the Sturm College of Law’s commitment to producing more practice-ready lawyers by expanding experiential learning opportunities for its students; increasing the integration of skills and doctrine; and developing professional identity in its curriculum. The Specialization Initiative is based on a commitment to build distinctive excellence and engagement in five specific areas: environmental and natural resource law, international and comparative law, workplace law, constitutional rights and remedies, and business and commercial law.

In spring 2010, small groups of faculty and practitioners worked to create implementation plans for the key parts of the two initiatives. In May, the faculty adopted all of these implementation plans by an overwhelming vote.

To view the strategic plan in its entirety, please visit www.law.du.edu.

—Jenny Savage

‘Marty’ Gras

Last February, Martin J. Katz was officially named dean of the Sturm College of Law. To celebrate his appointment (the timing of which coincided with the annual Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans), the Student Bar Association (SBA) and various members of the DU Law community hosted “Marty” Gras in the law school forum. Pictured is Dean Katz donning his new leadership crown, scepter and traditional beads while Phil McGrane, JD’10, past SBA president, looks on. (Note: No floats were harmed during this event.)
Complex Asylum Law Gives Students Unique Exposure

Adjunct professor Regina Germain’s Asylum Law Practicum course affords students the opportunity to represent clients who are at an extremely vulnerable crossroads in their lives. Throughout the semester, students work with interpreters and hear from government officials, supervisory asylum officers and representatives from international nongovernmental organizations. They learn to write briefs to asylum officers and deal with emotional clients. Students are paired up in class and spend 150 to 300 hours preparing each case. During the spring of 2010, students worked tirelessly to grant asylum for a Sudanese man who fled his country after being arrested and harmed because of his political views.

“Working on an affirmative asylum case was one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life,” says Rachel Proctor, JD’10, who participated in the practicum during her last semester of law school. “What makes these cases so difficult is also what makes them so rewarding. There is no greater feeling than when you hear a client’s joy, relief and appreciation when discovering the news that they were granted asylum.”

Germain, who has witnessed the evolution of asylum law for more than 20 years, believes that immigration reform is imminent. She notes that attorneys who emerge from law school with the ability to prepare cases and work with experts in a complex facet of immigration law, such as asylum, will have increased marketability in the eyes of potential employers.

Germain, a nationally recognized asylum law expert, most enjoys watching her students become invested in their cases. “My favorite part of teaching is the energy of students,” says Germain. “They maintain a healthy sense of outrage.”

Proctor adds, “The entire experience gave me a new perspective on the practice of law and an enhanced understanding of the type of client-centered lawyer that I want to be. Being in a position to be able to help someone who truly needs representation and a voice in our country is very humbling.”

MSLA Program Debuts Law Practice Management Seminar Series

Through a recent survey distributed by the DU Law Communications department, alumni repeatedly expressed an interest in attending continuing education seminars related to the business management side of a law firm. In response the Master of Science in Legal Administration (MSLA) program developed the Law Practice Management Seminar series and held its first event May 27: a free, all-day continuing legal education seminar about starting and managing a law practice. The seminar was led by John Boyd, a management and strategy consultant to law firms and a longtime adjunct professor at DU Law. Topics discussed included firm financial matters, business development, strategic planning, marketing and technology.

“In a down economy, the conversation on opening a solo practice is particularly timely,” says Hope Kentnor, director of the MSLA program. “As more attorneys contemplate hanging their own shingle, our program is well-positioned to offer these professionals valuable resources and tools to go about doing so in an informed and intentional manner.”

The event was well-received by both alumni and students, who shared a long wish list of suggested topics with organizers for future seminars. Kentnor is working to organize at least two similar events during the next academic year, where she hopes to continue highlighting the value of an MSLA degree within the legal community.

The MSLA program, which was pioneered in 1972 by then Dean Robert B. Yegge, seeks to educate and train legal professionals in the business of managing and operating law firms, courts and legal organizations. By blending the study of business management with an eye toward legal culture in the context of legal and judicial administration, students in the MSLA program explore all aspects of the business of law.

For more information about upcoming seminars, contact Kentnor at hkentnor@law.du.edu or 303-871-6308.
The Advocacy Department: Year in Review

“Day One” Lab a Success

The Sturm College of Law continued its successful expansion of experiential education course offerings to its students by the recent launching of the highly anticipated “Day One” lab course series. The new course series commenced this past semester with the inauguration of “Day One: The Denver Civil Practice Lab.” The Day One courses are intensive, lab-based courses in which students witness, then simulate each stage in the life of a case – from the initial client interview to the eve of the trial. Students experience the initial client interview, drafting the retainer agreement, managing a Colorado Lawyer Trust Account Foundation account, researching and drafting jury instructions, preparing and presenting a client for deposition, taking an opposing party’s deposition, drafting the mediation memorandum, actually settling the case and preparing the necessary court documentation. The students also travel to each of the major district courses in the area, and they accrue sample documents for each stage of the process, thereby truly preparing to practice law on “Day One” of their careers. In the coming semesters, the Day One series will expand to include “Day One: The Denver Criminal Lab” and “Day One: The Denver Domestic Relations Lab.” The course will also be offered in January 2011 to interested recent graduates or alumni for continuing legal education credits.

Trial Team Advances to National Championships

After garnering the Professionalism Award and placing in the Elite Eight at the National Trial Advocacy Competition (NTAC) hosted in fall 2009 by Michigan State University, DU Law’s ABA-NTC National Trial Team advanced to the national championships in Dallas this past spring. Qualifying in the top 10 percent of the teams in the country (out of 260 teams), the ABA-NTC team returned to the national championship tournament for the first time in more than a decade. Team members were 3L students Nicole Quintana, Christopher Brown and Tricia Laylock, and 2L students Garrick Storgaard, Erika Reuer and Isabel Lenuzza. Professor David Schott and Craig Hess coached the team. All three graduating members of the ABA-NTC team were members of the Order of St. Ives (top 10 percent of their class). DU Law has three national trial teams (mock trial) and seven national appellate (moot court) teams.

VIS International Moot Court Team Scores from Europe to Asia

From a field of 250 teams, the DU Law moot court team, which competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration (Vis) in Vienna, advanced to the top 64 elimination rounds for the first time in school history. In the Hong Kong tournament, from a field of 75 teams, the DU Law team ranked fourth overall, placing the team in the top 5 percent. Individual awards included Coren Hinkle and Eileen Joy, honorable mention for Best Oralist; and Hillary Klug, Darren Stone, Coren Hinkle and Eileen Joy, honorable mention for Best Claimant Memorandum. The teams are coached by dedicated alumni Todd Wells, JD’07, and Ted Gleason, JD’07.

2010 Hoffman Cup Dates

DU Law’s annual crown jewel intra-school trial tournament, which is open to all 2L, 3L and evening students, will be held October 29-31, followed by the championship round to be held November 4. Last year’s champions were Nicole Quintana and Christopher Brown. Best Oral Advocate awards were earned by Max Gad, Tricia Laylock and Nicole Quintana.

Ideas and Suggestions

If you have ideas or suggestions for the Advocacy Department, or if you are interested in serving as a competition ruling judge or scoring juror, please contact department director David Schott at dschott@law.du.edu. —David Schott
Sturm: The Man Behind the Name

On April 12, DU Law students met the man whose name will one day be printed on their law degree: Donald Sturm. Sturm, LLB’58, visited the College of Law at the invitation of the Student Bar Association as part of its Legal Excellence series. He told students the story of his journey to Denver and why he has invested impactful resources, both time and financial support, in the University of Denver.

In February 1954, Sturm, originally from New York City, was drafted into the U.S. Army and ultimately sent to Montgomery, Ala. Because there wasn’t an Army base in Montgomery, he was living on what was called civilian component duty. There was an Air Force base in Montgomery (Maxwell), and as a member of the military, Sturm was entitled to accompany Air Force pilots on their monthly qualifying flights. Deciding to visit his sister in Denver, Sturm boarded his first-ever plane, a B-25 bomber, to take his first trip west of the Mississippi. Although the flight was hot and uncomfortable, Sturm was immediately taken with Denver. He met with then Dean Gordon Johnston at DU Law, who admitted Sturm to the college based on his background alone (subject to verification). Sturm completed his LLB in just over two years and eventually went back to New York University to complete his LLM in its night program. Over the next several decades he worked throughout the Midwest, including a stint in civil tax work for the government in Kansas City, and 28 years as a tax attorney for a construction company in Omaha.

Now living in Denver, Sturm shows no signs of slowing down or any interest in retiring. As a member of the University of Denver Board of Trustees since 1992, Sturm has had a hand in shaping the future of the university. His motivation for remaining in this position for the past 18 years has been a desire to invest his resources in pursuit of excellence and the overall betterment of the university.

The Legal Excellence session was largely driven by student questions. At the end of the seminar, a student asked Sturm to share his top three life lessons. Sturm paused thoughtfully, then answered, “Be lucky, work hard and use all the assets you have well.” He then added, “And do well for your society, and give back – you get five life lessons today.” —J.S.

Frank Bingham and Gov. Ritter Share Pearls of Wisdom with DU Law Graduates

On May 22 during spring commencement, 375 DU Law graduates joined the alumni community. Advice stemming from the perspectives of two very different speakers marked a memorable ceremony. Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter urged graduates to act as stewards of the law and understand the responsibility accompanying that role.

“The fate of the American legal system and of justice itself is in the hands of everyone who chooses law as a career,” says Ritter. “It will be incumbent upon you to breathe life into our justice system.”

Frank Bingham was selected by his peers to represent the class of 2010 as student speaker. Bingham’s law school experience was one marked by resilience, as he tragically lost his wife and two young children at the hands of a drunk driver in downtown Denver during his first semester of law school. Bingham encouraged his classmates to remember that life is about more than professional achievement and implored them to seek balance as they set out in their legal careers.

Students wore white ribbons in support of Bingham and surprised him at the end of his speech with a class gift to the Bingham Family Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship fund, which was established to support students interested in pursuing child advocacy, education and animal rights law, received 121 new gifts in the weeks leading up to commencement, growing the fund by 50 percent. —J.S.
Law School Welcomes Four New Faculty Members

Tom Romero

Tom Romero teaches and conducts research in the areas of legal history, race and law, and property. Romero is faculty advisor for Hamline’s interdisciplinary *Journal of Public Law Policy* as well as the school’s Latino Law Student Association. Prior to joining Hamline in 2004, Romero served as the Western Legal Studies Fellow at the University of Colorado at Boulder’s Center of the American West, Law School and Department of History. There, he completed a statewide survey of resources related to the legal history of Colorado and wrote a regular legal history column for the state bar journal, *The Colorado Lawyer*. Romero is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. While at the university, he was a contributing editor of the *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*, worked with the legal counsel of the student interveners in *Gratz v. Bollinger*, and was a consultant on 19th century American property law for Hernando De Soto in his book *The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else*. Romero has researched and presented extensively before academic conferences and bar associations on the legal history of the American West, social movements, and racial formation in law and society. In addition, Romero serves on the board of directors of Centro Legal, Inc. and on the advisory committee of El Fondo de Nuestra Comunidad.

Annecoos Wiersema

Annecoos Wiersema received her LLB from the London School of Economics in England and her Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in international and environmental law from Harvard Law School. Before joining the Sturm College of Law, she was an assistant professor at the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University. Prior to teaching, Wiersema worked in the Denver office of Arnold and Porter LLP as a litigation associate. Wiersema was the George W. Foley, Jr. Fellow in Environmental Law at Harvard Law School from 1999-2000 and a Visiting Scholar at the International Monetary Fund in 2001. Wiersema’s teaching and research interests span environmental law, international law, international environmental law, administrative law and property law. Her research focuses on ways to develop legal institutions, both nationally and internationally, that can effectively protect species and ecosystems in the face of ecological complexity and scientific uncertainty.

Jessica West, Visiting Faculty

Jessica West is visiting DU Law during the 2010-2011 academic year, teaching Criminal Procedure, Evidence and Administrative Law.

A practicing attorney for 17 years, West has handled death penalty and other complex cases at trial and on appeal. Generally, her research and teaching interests include evidence, procedures and the use of social science data to evaluate trial mechanisms. She has recently finished an article on post-verdict evidence of juror bias.

Steve Lee, Visiting Faculty

Steve Lee will visit DU Law in the spring of 2011. He will teach corporations and a course on economic development.
Catherine Smith Pioneers Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness Position at DU Law

In March, Professor Catherine Smith assumed a new role as associate dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness at the Sturm College of Law. In this position, Smith will work closely with Dean Martin Katz on several initiatives, including pipeline projects for admissions and outreach to the local minority bar associations. This targeted position is new to the legal community and pioneers as one of few, if not the only, of its kind nationwide.

“Having a tenured faculty member in this position gives us the ability to work strategically and move steadily toward our long-term goals for diversity and inclusiveness,” says Katz. “The person in this position has visibility, the ability to lead from a position of strength and the ability to pursue extended projects.”

Smith, who joined the College of Law faculty in 2004, has written extensively on civil rights and issues of social justice, and has been published in a number of journals nationwide. In the classroom, Smith teaches torts, employment discrimination, and sexuality, gender and the law. Before coming to DU Law, Smith clerked for the late Chief Judge Henry A. Politz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and for U.S. Magistrate Judge William M. Catoe Jr. She also served as a legal fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center before spending four years with the faculty at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

“Catherine is the perfect person for this position,” says Katz. “As a strong, energetic leader and person of great integrity, Catherine commands great respect from the faculty and the community. She has long been a champion of diversity and inclusiveness in the broadest sense, and has always acted in accordance with those beliefs.”

About her appointment, Smith says, “Our mission to train 21st century lawyers includes ensuring that our classrooms reflect the diversity of a 21st century society. People often ask what diversity means, and I think the answer is unique to each institution. To answer the question, one must look around and ask not only who is present but who is not – and why. I look forward to joining the many people, locally and nationally, who work on issues of diversity.”

—J.S.
DU Law Class of 1960 Celebrates 50 Years

The Class of 1960 gathered May 21-22 to celebrate five decades as DU Law alumni. The festivities kicked off May 21 with a reception and dinner where Dean Martin Katz gave a report of the status of DU Law today, then led the traditional Golden Barristers induction ceremony. On May 22, Golden Barristers were robed in official DU Law commencement regalia and marched in procession as honored guests during 2010 Commencement ceremonies. Later, the group lunched, heard from Judge John Kane, JD’61, and then enjoyed a performance from the legal parody group, “Burden of Spoof.” Congratulations, Class of 1960!

DU Law Class of 2000 Recognizes 10 Years

The Class of 2000 marked its first decade as DU Law alumni with an evening of celebration at Katie Mullen’s Irish Restaurant and Pub July 23.
Professor Miccio Recognized for the ‘Sum of Her Parts’

Professor Kris Miccio was recently selected by two internationally renowned programs: the Marie Curie Transfer of Knowledge Fellowship (MCToK) and the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program (FSS). Miccio’s work within these organizations aligns with her two great professional loves: an advocate for women and children, and an educator.

MCToK awards are granted by the European Commission, which accepts proposals from all areas of scientific and technological research of interest to the European Community. The awards are generally allocated only to European scholars, but Miccio’s extensive work on male intimate violence and state accountability clearly resonated with the commission. In this fellowship, Miccio will be working with Women’s Aid, the largest domestic violence program in the Republic of Ireland, where she will lecture throughout the country on the issue of male intimate violence and state accountability.

FSS awards aim to promote a connection between U.S. academics and professionals with their counterparts at universities abroad. These awards prioritize the strengthening and development needs of higher education institutions and do not fund personal research. Miccio was identified for this award because of her work in developing innovative teaching methodologies in the law school classroom. In her role in the FSS Program, Miccio will assist law faculty at the University College in Dublin (UCD) to reconceptualize the way they deliver knowledge to their students. Miccio’s background in education and as a trained educator, coupled with her work as a clinical law professor and classroom teacher, will assist the UCD as it works to move toward the integration of theory and practice into the classroom, in addition to implementing the use of experiential learning as a vehicle for the acquisition of knowledge.

“The award from Fulbright is especially rewarding because it recognizes the totality of my professional life – not just the part which began after law school,” says Miccio. “Both the MCToK and the FSS recognize that I am the sum of my parts – which were forged long before I became a lawyer or law professor.”

———J.S.

Dean’s Circle Dinner

On February 25, 2010, donors and friends of the Sturm College of Law gathered at DU’s School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management for the annual Dean’s Circle Dinner. Pictured are (l-r) Jack Hanley; student speaker Anna Alman; and Hope Kentnor, director of the Master of Science in Legal Administration program.
No one would blame a law student for hightailing it up to the Rocky Mountains for a ski-bum-inspired spring break or for seeking sun, surf and umbrella drinks south of the border to recuperate after spring semester midterms. But for 26 DU Law students, a working trip to northwest New Mexico in March was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Organized by the DU College of Law Chancellor’s Scholars and led by Alonit Cohen, Erin Snow and Sarah Millard, the program was intended to connect those students with an interest in public interest law and provide a community where they could explore that passion. The trip was open to all law students, who went through an application process in autumn 2009 before 26 were selected to make the trip.

Within the group, 12 students worked in Farmington, 10 worked in Gallup and four students traveled between small towns along the border of New Mexico and Arizona. Each group worked closely with the indigenous populations of Native American people living in the areas.

In Farmington, students led wills workshops with the elderly, participated in domestic violence clinics and “Know your Rights” seminars at the Juvenile Detention Center, helped to write video scripts on the process of filing a restraining order and pamphlets regarding the appropriate course of action when fired from work inappropriately, and discussed how to properly address a judge. One 3L student had the opportunity to voir dire a jury, and 1L students were allowed to stand up in a court to represent real clients. New Mexico law allows students to represent clients with signature approval from the dean of their law school.

In Gallup, students participated in legal counsel through work with DNA Legal Services, wrote amicus briefs from both sides of an argument concerning judicial review at the Navajo Supreme Court and met with a delegation from the United Nations that was visiting the area. The level of student involvement was high – early in the week, young attorneys working at DNA Legal Services gifted the students with a stack of real cases to dive into headfirst. The students distributed information related to disability law and took time to meet with and educate the parents of special needs students on
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their right to additional support and Individualized Education plans.

At the end of long days, the students had opportunities to hike, eat authentic New Mexican food and meet with local bar association members, who enthusiastically supported their efforts.

Lindsey Webb, director of the DU Law Public Interest Program, worked closely with the students to transform their vision into a reality. What she witnessed in New Mexico has her bursting with pride. “Erin, Alonit and Sarah developed, organized and managed the entire program, from fundraising to contacting the organizations to arranging for student transportation,” says Webb. “Because the program was student-run, the energy was more organic. Their leadership and vision made this fantastic idea a reality.”

Alonit Cohen, one of the program organizers, agrees that the experience was one of a kind. “As Chancellor’s Scholars, we are extremely grateful to the school for its investment in us,” says Cohen. “It sounds cliché but our motivation for this program stemmed from a desire to give back to the school and to the larger community in which we hope to one day serve. We had a dream and we exceeded it.”

During the annual end-of-year student awards ceremony, the group was honored with the “Most Innovative Program Implemented Outside the Law School Community” award. Due to the great success of the program’s inaugural year, there are already plans to continue the program next spring. ■ —J.S.

Race to the Bottom Blog Continues to Thrive

Operating as the only law blog of its kind in the country, Race to the Bottom is a collaborative effort between the University of Denver Sturm College of Law faculty and students to examine and participate in the conversation on corporate governance, securities and other legal matters that apply to the modern corporation.

Since its launch in 2007, Race to the Bottom has added many feathers to its cap. The blog has been cited by at least 10 law reviews; is commonly cited by highly respected legal blogs such as Scotus, the blog of the Supreme Court of the United States; and The Volokh Conspiracy, which examines current legal events, and was recently cited by a Delaware court in a case involving shareholder inspection rights. Last year, the blog had 485,000 page views and was listed as one of the top 100 law blogs listed on Justia.com.

Students who participate in the blog have the opportunity to develop legal expertise in the business arena, an awareness and understanding of litigation techniques, and writing skills with a premium on accuracy. Students have also found themselves in a unique position to closely examine and participate in the dialogue during high-profile cases such as the Joe Nacchio and Ward Churchill trials, both of which generated national buzz for the blog.

“A lot of practitioners read the blog every day with their morning coffee,” says Katharine Jensen, 3L and editor-in-chief of the blog. “It’s pretty incredible to have that kind of prestige as a student.”

Jensen also recognizes the value in acting as a collaborator with DU Law faculty when developing blog content.

“Engaging in discourse with members of the faculty is incredibly rewarding,” says Jensen. “The opportunity to develop connections with professors outside of class is a unique educational experience.”

For Professor Jay Brown, who pioneered the blog and has continued to champion its place in the legal blogosphere, the success of the blog is evidenced by the scope of its voice.

“The true measure of success has been in becoming a highly regarded source in matters of corporate governance,” says Brown. “We look forward to continuing to play a role in the conversation.” ■ —J.S.
Supreme Court Justice Shares Secrets, Passions During DU Visit

Many of the questions asked of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor during her visit to the University of Denver Sturm College of Law August 26 came from students trying to talk like lawyers. The Justice’s answers sounded like a lawyer talking to students: simple, straightforward and from the heart.

Justice Sotomayor spoke about how duties as a justice kept her from being with her recently hospitalized mother; how the most touching part of being nominated to the high court in 2009 was learning that her brother loved her; how she overcame growing up in a public housing project; how she had to work two jobs at Princeton University even though she was on full scholarship; how she spent summers reading grammar books to improve her writing; and how she dealt with her anger when confronted by racism.

“I kept getting knocked down and I kept getting up,” she says. “That’s really hard to do. But getting up to try again helped me to succeed.”

Her honesty made a strong impression with some of the 250 high school and college students who attended Sotomayor’s visit to the Sturm College of Law.

“She wasn’t afraid to say what was real,” says Will Wytias, a senior at Denver’s East High School.

“There was no fluff. She spoke eloquently and slowly so that everyone could understand. She spoke like a person speaking to people rather than a figure talking down.”

Ameerah Kindle, also a senior at East, agrees.

“She showed she’s real, just like any of us, even though she’s a Supreme Court justice,” Kindle says. “It was inspiring.”

Sotomayor, who was nominated to the court by President Barack Obama to replace Justice David Souter, came to DU at the invitation of the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence and DU Law. The visit coincided with a judicial conference in Colorado Springs, where Sotomayor was both speaker and participant.

“Justice Sotomayor said she didn’t want to talk to lawyers; she wanted to talk to students,” says Kathleen Nalty, executive director of the campaign. The group accommodated her request, inviting scores of students from a range of schools.

The result was a freewheeling hour of questions from the students and answers that sometimes surprised them, including one about the daunting feeling of being on the Supreme Court, where she feels there are “eight brilliant people and me.” Or that the debate experience she got in high school...

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York helped her in every phase of being a lawyer and judge. Or that her first year on the court was “full of strangeness with a measure of magic – like living a fantasy.” Or that she wasn’t sure she even wanted to be a judge when in 1998 President Bill Clinton appointed her to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. But opposition emerged so fast and furiously that “I couldn’t let them beat me.”

But there was more than reminiscence. Sotomayor had plenty of advice, too.

“I believe in getting into debt for education,” she says. “Get the best education at whatever the cost. There is no greater opener of doors than education. It lets you think about things more deeply and more sensitively.”

The first Hispanic justice, Sotomayor, 56, grew up in the Bronx, one of nine children of Puerto Rican parents. Her father spoke only Spanish and died when she was 9. Her mother, a nurse, raised the family as a single mother. Sotomayor became interested in law watching an episode of “Perry Mason” on TV and reading Nancy Drew mysteries. She earned her way into Princeton, where she graduated summa cum laude in 1976. She got a law degree from Yale University three years later. She worked as a prosecutor in New York and at a private law firm before starting her career as a federal judge.

Sotomayor urged the students to learn to write well, saying it doesn’t matter how well you speak: “If you’ve made a strong case in your papers, you’re going to win.”

She also urged civic activism, saying that the most important time to influence society is when laws are being shaped.

“Waiting for the courts to rule is waiving your rights of citizenship,” she says. “Change requires more legislative action than court action.”

—Richard Chapman (originally posted on DU Today; reprinted by permission)
FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ERIC LUNDSTEDT

DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

The recent economic times may have been challenging for many of you as they have been for the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. It appears, however, as if the worst times may be behind us. Support for the College of Law, although not back to prerecession levels – or our potential – has rebounded.

We closed fiscal year 2010 in June of this year at $4.7 million in new commitments to the College of Law. This represents a 31 percent increase in commitments over fiscal year 2009 of $3.6 million. More importantly, this most recent fiscal year is also our fourth best fundraising year ever – especially surprising and welcome given the challenging situation we faced six to eight months ago.

As you can see in the multiyear comparison chart at right, fiscal year 2010 is not only a recovery from the prior fiscal year but also a reflection of the increased focus on attracting major gifts – both outright and deferred – by the administration. This focus is critical given the upcoming university campaign, of which the College of Law will be a crucial component.

Personally, I believe we are seeing the beginnings of a longer term pattern of growth in giving driven by a compelling vision for the future of the College of Law.

For example, the chart highlights a continued growth in outright gifts (green) and a significant recovery in testamentary pledges (grey). Near-term pledges (light brown) remain depressed, which is not surprising given donors’ unease with the market’s performance and their unwillingness to “make promises they cannot keep.” Bequest distributions (brown) dropped off from both prior fiscal years but represent an approximate historical average for the college.

This overall recovery in giving may be attributed to a number of factors: the settling of the financial markets, modest gains in the legal market or donors’ growing confidence in the future of the school. Personally, I believe we are seeing the beginnings of a longer term pattern of growth in giving driven by a compelling vision for the future of the College of Law.

As Dean Martin Katz has related elsewhere in this magazine, the College of Law has a well-thought-out, broadly endorsed and actionable plan for pursuing excellence.
Donors are responding to this vision for the future with larger gifts that enable that vision to be realized.

The Development Office staff along with Dean Katz will continue to reach out to our alumni, parents and friends throughout the fall as we lead up to the campaign launch. I would ask each of you to consider taking time to meet with us, whether a campaign gift is possible for you or not, so that we may begin or continue the conversation about the College of Law and its path to excellence.

Again, I look forward to your feedback and to seeing you on campus or on one of our upcoming trips.

Warmest regards,

Eric Lundstedt
Executive Director
of Development
Sturm College of Law
The University of Denver Sturm College of Law received a gift of more than $4 million from the estate of Robert B. Yegge, DU Law alumnus, professor and dean, at the time of his death in 2006. Since then these funds have been invested in areas of particular interest to Yegge, including establishing two new funds in the Master of Science in Legal Administration (MSLA) program and endowing a scholarship Yegge had previously created for Hispanic students.

The purpose of the MSLA program is to educate professionals working in the court system, law firms and legal organizations. Yegge was an important part of developing the program into the stellar curriculum it is today.

“That he envisioned the need for this degree 40 years ago is incredible,” says Hope Kentnor, director of the MSLA program, regarding Yegge’s vision. “Bob believed in blending work experience with academics by bringing in the best and the brightest to inform students of law practice management.”

—Hope Kentnor

The Robert Yegge MSLA Distinguished Professorship Endowed Fund will help the Sturm College of Law to attract the best and the brightest legal professionals into the classroom. The first Yegge Distinguished Professor is slated to begin teaching this year; this professorship will allow students to gain exposure to legal professionals who are able to share firsthand knowledge of their experiences.

The Robert B. Yegge MSLA Endowed Scholarship Fund “provides opportunities for students in need who would otherwise be unable to attend,” according to Kentnor, “especially for working professionals who need financial support.” Kentnor also endorsed the continuing need for programs of this type: “Bob believed in it, and the need is more pronounced now than it was then because so many people have opened up their own shops.”

Also close to Yegge’s heart, the Robert B. Yegge Hispanic Endowed Scholarship has recently been endowed to provide assistance for students of Hispanic descent. This endowment illustrates a commitment to providing legal assistance to Hispanic constituents. This fund has already supported many students at the College of Law and will continue to provide access to education as a part of Yegge’s commitment to the Hispanic community.

—Lindsey Bieging
The legacy of Bruce B. Johnson, JD’70, continues to resonate within the Denver legal community. Known as a rainmaker of sorts who made it a habit to initiate dialogue and resolve matters of contention between people of diverse backgrounds, Johnson commanded a respect from others while maintaining his natural charm and general enthusiasm for each of his many endeavors. Operating as a young but veritable powerhouse for nearly three decades, Johnson was also a loyal champion of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Shortly after his passing, family, friends, colleagues and clients honored Johnson’s life by establishing the Bruce B. Johnson Endowed Scholarship at the Sturm College of Law in 2000. The scholarship, which recognizes and supports DU Law students with an interest in pursuing business law and a commitment to contributing to the greater community, is awarded annually.

Pete Perry, a longtime friend and business associate of Johnson, is one of several keepers of the Bruce B. Johnson Endowed Scholarship, including Johnson’s widow, Maureen Regan Cannon. For nearly a decade, Perry has tirelessly poured over scholarship applicants searching for character traits and aspirations that would have resonated with Johnson. Prior to his involvement with the scholarship, Perry had no relationship with the University of Denver. Yet these days, he frequently conducts student interviews, enjoys coffee with Johnson Scholars, and mentors former scholars as they embark on their careers. Perry dutifully attends the Named & Endowed Scholarship reception each January, and supports Johnson Scholars by attending events of significance such as their graduations and weddings.

For Perry, the selection of recipients is of paramount importance and must include an in-depth review. “Identifying who the student is is the most important step in this process,” says Perry. “We look for a strong connection and need to be able to envision the footprint [the student has] the potential to bestow upon the Denver legal community.”

Perry hopes that the impact of the scholarship will continue to grow and that past Johnson Scholars will eventually become partners in the selection process. “We invest in this process,” Perry continues. “We really get to know our scholars and because of that, I believe many of them will remain committed to the continuation and betterment of the scholarship in the future.”

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Kara Franker already has two externships under her belt – one with a judge, another with a prosecutor – and she will be doing a third this fall at the United States Attorneys’ Offices. The third-year law student has completed the “Day One” practicum, contributes to the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy and works for a Washington-based organization that combats human trafficking. When she graduates in December, Franker will have more hands-on experience than many lawyers who are two – even three – years out of law school.

That’s just the sort of education Dean Martin J. Katz wants every graduate of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law to have – and the sooner the better. The Sturm College of Law has long been a leader in experiential learning, but under a new strategic plan that was created in just four months and adopted late last year, the school will place even greater emphasis on teaching practical skills. That means expanding and improving the school’s clinics, trial advocacy, externship and mentorship programs as well as infusing traditional courses with hands-on components. It also means doing a better job coordinating the various opportunities to give students cohesive hands-on learning experiences.
WHAT TO EXPECT - “There is much to be done.” Dean Marty Katz

The law school’s new strategic plan was prompted by two reports – Best Practices in Legal Education and the Carnegie Foundation’s Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law, both issued in 2007 – which took U.S. law schools to task for failing to produce “practice-ready” lawyers. The reports were no small vindication for schools like DU Law, whose emphasis on the nuts and bolts of lawyering has long been dismissed by many top law schools (not to mention the purveyors of law school rankings) in favor of purely doctrinal curricula. Now those same schools are scrambling to establish clinics, while DU Law has quietly built one of the most extensive experiential learning programs in the country.

That doesn’t mean the College of Law will be resting on its laurels, though.

“Very few faculty believe we don’t have anything to do,” says Dean Katz. “There’s a sense that we can do this. There’s a sense that this is important. And there’s a sense of excitement about being one of the leaders in this area.”

Students and alumni can expect a bevy of new programs and initiatives over the next two years, all aimed at expanding and improving experiential education at the Sturm College of Law.

Highlights include:
- Piloting half and full year “all-experiential” curricula for third-year students.
- Adding three new clinics – Transactional, Appellate and Asylum – to the Student Law Office for a total of eight.
- Opening a mentorship center on the Sturm College of Law’s third floor for easy access to all new and existing mentorship resources.
- Expanding Day One, the professional skills lab offered by the Advocacy Department, to include civil, criminal and domestic relations practice areas and possibly a Continuing Legal Education option for attorneys. (See Advocacy Department sidebar, page 29.)
- Creating the Chair of Modern Learning position to help faculty make greater use of simulations, labs and other techniques in doctrinal settings. (Professor Roberto Corrada was chosen to be the position’s first occupant.)

Challenges to these efforts remain, of course. Much is made of the philosophical contest between those who favor a doctrinal approach and those who advocate for more hands-on education. “It’s a battle,” says one faculty member. “It’s always been a battle.”
Q & A - With Professor Don Smith

Professor Don Smith is the director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program (ENRLP) at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Smith also pens a blog, Environment21, centered on news and events within the Environmental and Natural Resources graduate programs (LLM/MRLS), which can be found at http://www.enrlgp.blogspot.com/.

Q: How does experiential learning figure into the Environmental Law program today?

A: There has always been an awareness in the department that what students are learning has to be linked to what is actually going on beyond DU’s walls. Simulations like buying and selling carbon credits or negotiating provisions for international environmental protocols help do this and have been incorporated into the classroom. We’ve also integrated field trips to places such as coal-fired power plants, drilling rigs, mines and wind farms to understand how they work. This is invaluable to students in understanding the kind of issues potential clients are dealing with.

Q: It seems you work quite closely with the Externship Program.

A: Despite the obstacles, few people disagree that students need both legal expertise and lawyering know-how to be successful after law school. The consensus is especially strong outside the school among professionals doing everyday legal work. Judge Robert McGahey handles criminal matters for the 2nd Judicial District and also teaches trial practice at DU Law and elsewhere. He sees firsthand the impact of poorly trained lawyers and says there is simply no substitute for hands-on training and experience.

“You didn’t learn to ride a bike by reading a book about it or watching your dad ride a bike. You learned by putting your butt in the seat and doing it—falling over, skinning your knees, getting back up. Why would writing contracts or cross-examining a witness or trying a case be any different?”

But perhaps a more pressing challenge is funding. “Clinical education is expensive,” says Professor Christine Cimini, director of Clinical Programs. Clinics typically have just eight students per faculty member, a fraction of the ratio in large doctrinal classes. And faculty unaccustomed to incorporating experiential components in their courses will need help doing so. Dean Katz estimates that the school will need to “step up our fundraising” by 20 percent to 30 percent to fully implement the new initiatives.
A: Absolutely. There’s a plethora of opportunities for our students right here in Denver, with prestigious environmental and natural resource law firms; NGOs; [and] governmental agencies like the EPA, the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture. There also are laboratories like the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, think tanks and other interest groups. We’ve also developed some very good relationships with environmental and natural resources law firms in Venezuela, Argentina, Peru — countries with major environmental and natural resources issues. And I think there will be more opportunities like this in the future.

Q: What are some of the changes you are working on in terms of classes or curriculum?

A: One is the Sustainable Natural Resources Development Series. We’re at the very beginning, but it’s a series of four courses. The first three are doctrinal and [are] offered as intensive, one-week courses in January, May and August. The fourth class is a semester-long experiential class where students will work through a specific, real-life issue for the whole semester. The end goal is for students to present their recommendations to the company, interest group, community group — whoever they’ve been working with — about how they should resolve the issue.

Q: How does experiential learning fit into the department’s larger mission?

A: There’s a sense among [the faculty] that this is a very important time. Students [need to] be prepared to go out there, to look at different opportunities, to think in ways they haven’t thought of before. That’s what we’re trying to develop. The experiential piece is one way to prepare our students to meet those opportunities and to help build a world that is more sustainable, more energy-efficient.
Q & A - With Professor J. Robert Brown

Q: Could you tell us about the new business law specialty at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law?

A: The program, which will be phased in after this academic year, is going to have a defined track of classes that students will have to take in order to be certified as having expertise in this area. Some of [the classes] are doctrinal but the program also will have an experiential and critical thinking component.

Q: How will experiential learning be incorporated into the department?

A: First, we’ll have a writing class that will require writing in a problem context. It’ll be “Here’s a problem. Let’s try to solve it. Now, draft the contract.” And we’ll [offer] problem-based classes where maybe one class is going over legal analysis and a second class is going over specific fact patterns to come up with a solution to a problem. There will be internships in corporate environments – law firms, corporations, the Securities and Exchange Commission office here in town – and we’re also going to have a transactional law clinic.

Q: What are some of the challenges you foresee?

A: I think the main challenge [is that] everybody who teaches these [experiential learning] classes is going to have to be trained. I’m talking about adjuncts; I’m talking about full-time faculty. We want them to teach in a comprehensive, cohesive way [so that] students get a similar experience in all the classes, and to assure that the quality of those classes is high.

Q: How big a shift are the ideas in the Carnegie Foundation report and the new strategic plan in terms of the emphasis on experiential learning?

A: Experiential learning has been something discussed in law schools since I started teaching. Whenever this issue is debated – when it was debated 20 years ago, when it’s debated today – it’s not about a lack of appreciation for the skills that come from experiential learning. It’s about resources. So it’s an issue of “Is it so important that we will take resources away from something and devote them to this?” And I think, increasingly, the answer to that question is “Yes.”

Q: What makes changes like these so important now?

A: We find that when we talk to people in the [Colorado] Bar, what they want the most – in addition to the usual good writing skills and the traditional things that law schools produce – are students who can begin early in their careers to be problem solvers: to understand what their clients need and try to come up with a way legally to get to where their clients need to go. We don’t pretend to be able to teach that as a finished matter – that’s an ongoing process. But we will certainly begin the process of teaching students to approach the practice of law in that way.

Q: Where do you see the Corporate & Commercial Law program in five years?

A: I have a feeling that this will be big. There is tremendous demand for people with corporate and business experience, and not just in corporations. If you understand business, you can be a more effective litigator, too. I think employers will figure out that students who go through our program will have a skill level that they need, and that it’s better than what a student would have without going through a program like this.
Clinical Programs - “It was baptism by fire.” Paul Padilla, 3L

It doesn’t get more hands-on than clinical work where students, supervised by professors, handle real clients and real cases in all levels of the court system. The Student Law Office (SLO) at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law has five clinics: Environmental Law, Civil Rights, Civil Litigation, Criminal Representation, and Mediation and Arbitration. The SLO will be adding three more clinics – in transactional, appellate and asylum law – as early as 2011. Below are highlights from two clinics, Mediation and Arbitration, and Civil Rights.

Mediation and Arbitration

The first case Paul Padilla handled as a student mediator was a landlord-tenant dispute. Ostensibly about a $750 rental deposit, the case has become embroiled in Section 8 violations, contempt of court charges, even competing restraining orders.

“It was baptism by fire,” says Padilla, a third-year law student.

It was one of scores of cases that the Mediation and Arbitration Clinic fields every semester, from small claims and county court matters to employment disputes for the City & County of Denver and the Social Security Administration.

About three-quarters of the clinic’s cases are successfully resolved, says Professor Jeffrey Hartje, who helped launch the program in 1989. He says mediation is a skill that's often undervalued, despite the fact that the vast majority of cases are resolved through negotiation.

“Litigation is a very alienating process,” says Hartje. “You’re operating from a win-or-lose perspective. We try to explore alternatives that both parties might be satisfied with.”

Students learn mediation and arbitration techniques in the classroom and work in teams (supervised by Hartje) when handling cases. Often there is little time for preparation: Many mediations are last-ditch sessions held right before trial. For Padilla, who hopes to open his own practice, the clinic offered a fast-paced, ground-up approach to conflict resolution. And while some cases are a bit unusual – like the one where the runner-up of a Battle of the Bands contest sued the promoter for fudging the scores – he says the work is invaluable.

“There's not a lot of help out there for people trying to resolve disputes over a rental deposit,” he says. “It may not be newsworthy, but to the people involved, it's critical.”
Civil Rights

There is no shortage of news coverage about some of the cases handled by the Civil Rights Clinic, including that of Thomas Silverstein, a convicted murderer who has been held in solitary confinement for 27 years – longer than any other federal prisoner. DU student lawyers sued the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on behalf of Silverstein for cruel and unusual punishment and denial of due process. Professor Laura Rovner, who oversees the clinic, says there is no way to simulate the pressure and responsibility of a “live client” experience.

“It’s not pretend. It’s not role-playing. It’s not, ‘I didn’t study so hard for my exam and I’m the only person who can be hurt by that.’”

Clinical students handle all aspects of the cases, including conducting discovery and taking depositions. In 2007, students argued – and won – a three-day bench trial about free speech rights for federal prisoners.

For Nicole Godfrey, JD’09, the Civil Rights Clinic cemented her desire to practice law. Today, she is a staff attorney for Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York in Buffalo.

“I was somewhat disenchanted before that,” she says. “I wasn’t sure that being an attorney would help me meet my broader goals in terms of advocating for social justice.”

Ultimately, it is the clinic’s clients who have the most to gain or lose. Silverstein, who remains in solitary confinement, makes elaborate pen drawings for students who work on his case. One such picture shows a fire-breathing dragon on a medieval battlefield with a raw, if imperfect, message emblazoned across the bottom: Civil Liberality Warriors Ain’t 4 Sissies.

Legal Externship Program

Of all the experiential education opportunities at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, the Legal Externship Program is by far the most extensive. Last academic year, the program placed 424 students in law offices spanning the gamut of practice areas, including corporate firms, sole practitioners, nonprofits, criminal prosecution, criminal defense and judicial. Two-thirds of all DU Law grads complete at least one externship, and nearly half do two or more, yet the program has openings to spare. In fact, DU Law has more unfilled positions – about a hundred most years – than many law schools have in their entire program.

For students, externships are a chance to gain skills and to see firsthand how lawyering really works, from office politics to sizing up a judge. Externs work 10 to 20 hours per week for 10 to 16 weeks. About 25 percent of the externs work in judicial offices, where they typically conduct initial reviews of matters before the judge, from ruling on motions to reviewing resentencing requests. Others assist with specialized legal projects, from establishing legal clinics in area hospitals to representing asylum seekers. Chris Michael, a third-year law student from Cincinnati, did back-to-back externships at the DNA Justice Review Project, which is reviewing more than 5,000 murder, manslaughter and sex offense convictions in Colorado, looking for cases where modern DNA testing may uncover wrongful convictions.
“I was really honored,” he says. “I couldn’t believe the responsibility I had as a law student.”

Michael’s supervising attorney, Michael Dougherty, says the project got as much from the externs as the externs got from the project. Externs made the sheer volume of cases manageable and were involved in every step of the process, from reviewing cases to preparing memos.

“They’ve exceeded all my expectations,” he says of Michael and others. “I’ve given them work I’d normally give to lawyers.”

In addition to fieldwork, externs are required to keep detailed journals, to create “learning agendas” with their supervising attorney, and to complete a skills evaluation before and after their placement. There is also a classroom component (including several new two-credit courses, ranging from law office management to practical and ethical issues facing criminal defense attorneys) and growing coordination between doctrinal professors and the Externship Program.

Professor Lindsey Webb, who co-directs the program with Professor Ann Vessels, says externships just make sense.

“There comes a point when you have to stand up next to someone whose freedom is on the line,” says Webb. “If you can do that for the first time when you’ve got a professor or a supervising attorney looking over your shoulder guiding and helping you, that’s so much better than having to do it on your own on your first day on the job.”

Advocacy Department

What most people think of as the Trial Advocacy Department is actually called the Advocacy Department—a minor distinction to some, but not to Professor David Schott, who was tapped in 2008 to create the program pretty much from scratch. That’s because the department includes far more than just Trial Ad; it also covers pretrial advocacy, appellate advocacy, even client advocacy – DU is one of few law schools to adopt this approach. Even the trial advocacy portion is unique, with courses like Advanced Trial Practice (aka the Mentoring Practicum) in which law students hone their courtroom skills by coaching mock trial teams at local high schools.

Of course, the Advocacy Department remains home to the law school’s own mock trial and moot court teams. The Sturm College of Law has three national trial teams: the American Bar Association (ABA) team, the American Association for Justice (AAJ) team, and a new Ethics Trial team, which will be competing for the first time this year. The school recently earned an invitation to Baylor University’s Top Gun Tournament—only 16 law schools are invited nationwide—and the ABA team competed in the national championships this year, reaching the quarter final match.
Then there’s Day One, a six-day, professional skills course taught by Professor Schott and launched last June. The course guides students through the major stages of a civil case – like Anatomy 101 for lawyers. Writing assignments cover everything from client retainers to jury instructions, while guest speakers range from judges and clerks to private investigators and malpractice insurance brokers. The class also covers common pitfalls, from being rude to clerks to mishandling client trust accounts, both of which can have serious consequences on a case (and a career) yet rarely are discussed in law school courses. The idea, Schott says, is to give students the tools they need to start practicing law from their first day on the job.

The response to Day One has been enthusiastic, to say the least.

“Out of all the classes I’ve taken, this was by far the most helpful,” says one student. “I finally know what the practice of law is supposed to look like,” says another. Many students say they’ve been able to put their Day One skills to work almost immediately at summer jobs or externships. Third-year student Kyle Sawyer described having practiced writing motions in Day One, and just a day later being asked to write a real motion at his summer externship.

“My supervising attorney loved it,” Sawyer says, not without a trace of amazement. “He made one or two corrections and sent it off.”

Day One will be offered again this fall – three civil and three criminal courses – and Schott hopes to add a domestic relations practice area as well as a CLE version for practicing attorneys by spring 2011.

Professor Schott says labs and simulations—whether mock trial competitions, courses like Day One or simple role-playing exercises—are an essential part of experiential learning and legal education in general. They’re more hands-on than ordinary classes, but unlike clinics, which are beholden to the timetable of the courts, they guarantee that all students have a chance to participate in all aspects of a case or process. More importantly, they are a bridge between the safety of classroom work and the real-world pressure students will encounter once their law school years are complete.
The law school’s Mentoring Program is getting a new home. Plans are in the works to convert the west end of the third floor into an office for students, faculty and mentors interested in mentorships. The idea, says its director Professor Mike Massey, is to place the school’s various mentoring options “under a single umbrella,” making them more accessible to all.

Professor Massey has been the driving force behind the school’s mentorship program since 2005, when he began connecting Lawyering Process students with attorneys he had met over 30+ years of practice. He now has a database of more than 300 mentor-lawyers, enough for every incoming student who wants one; last year, about 85 percent of 1Ls participated.

DU Law’s program has an unusual degree of structure, including a set number of meetings (seven, over two semesters) and preset topics of conversation (legal research, ethics and more) to ensure fruitful interactions. It simply works better that way, says Massey, having tinkered with numerous arrangements over the years.

Massey hopes to expand the program to include 2L and 3L students, and to begin matching mentors and mentees according to shared interests. He would also like to improve communication among various on- and off-campus groups that offer mentorships (from the law school’s Christian Legal Society to local Inns of Court) to improve visibility and ideally to minimize duplicating efforts.

If you are interested in being a mentor for current law students, please contact the professional Mentoring Program: mentor@law.du.edu.
Andy Gibbs, JD’01, and his law partner, Chris Young, in front of their Gaylord Street office.
ANDY GIBBS: 10 YEARS OUT
A leap of faith pays off in life and in law for this DU Alumnus

By Gary Chandler

After nearly a decade in Denver’s legal trenches, Andy Gibbs knew exactly what he wanted and exactly how to get it. Last January, he and fellow attorney Christopher Young, both senior associates at a nationally recognized firm, broke off to form GibbsYoung, LLC, a small firm specializing in real estate and construction litigation.

“We didn’t want to go make a million dollars. We didn’t want to be a 17th Street firm. We didn’t want to be on the cover of magazines – all that stuff,” Gibbs recalls. “We just want[ed] to do really good work and have a really good lifestyle.”

For the 35-year-old former member of the ski patrol, the plan included not having to wear a suit and tie to work every day.

“I always pictured myself in an old mansion, where I could ride my bike to work, and there’d be a dog on the floor.”

Sure enough, GibbsYoung’s offices are on the ground floor of a grand restored mansion on a leafy street near City Park. A bike leans on the porch, and most days a big chocolate lab named Bella lounges on the polished wood floor. (For the record, Gibbs wore a tie to our interview, but no jacket.)

But Gibbs’ laid-back demeanor belies a laserlike focus on his goals and a self-assurance that comes from years of hustle and hard-nosed litigation. His first job out of law school in 2001 was with Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, a midsize insurance defense firm. He did yeoman work for modest pay, mastering the nuts and bolts of trial work while litigating scores of cases, from small claims to state court. After two years, he jumped to The Hustead Law Firm, where he continued in insurance defense while also branching into commercial and real estate law.

In September 2005, Gibbs jumped again, this time to Fisher, Sweetbaum, Levin & Sands (now Sweetbaum, Levin & Sands). He divided his time between defending production home builders like Lennar and David Weekley Homes and litigating a hodgepodge of commercial and civil disputes. More importantly, he learned about client development, a skill (and actual book of business) that would prove invaluable in reaching his ultimate goal of opening his own shop.

Gibbs and Young submitted their resignations on January 4 of this year. (A paralegal made the leap as well.) Eleven days later GibbsYoung, LLC was open for business.

“That was a really, really scary process,” Gibbs recalls. “Some of the clients we thought...
For Young, 34, a 2002 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, one important payoff has been flexibility; he recently spent three weeks in Wisconsin with his father, who has stage IV cancer. Young continued working, thanks to his laptop and mobile phone, but it was the sort of extended leave that’s all but impossible in most large firm settings.

“You can’t put a monetary value on that,” Young says. “Time is very precious right now.”

Growing up in Tucson, Ariz., Gibbs had always intended to follow in his father’s footsteps and become a doctor. But after struggling in science classes at the University of Arizona, he realized medicine was not his calling. He turned to law school, and Denver quickly emerged as a good fit.

“I wanted to be a ski bum with a real job,” he quips.

Gibbs admits to being a middle-of-the-road law student. But what he lacked in academic prowess, Gibbs made up for in drive and common sense. He proved especially prescient about his own strengths and weaknesses, and what classes and experiences would prove most valuable. Instead of interning at a law firm between semesters, he signed up for a 10-week comparative law course in Nairobi, Kenya. He also understood the importance of grasping the reality of lawyering, not simply the rhetoric and theories of law.

“By second and third year, I tried to take classes from local practitioners instead of academic professors,” he says.

“These were attorneys who practiced for decades, who came in and said, ‘This is how it’s done. This is how it’s not done.’”

Even so, as Gibbs entered the work force, he was dismayed to discover huge voids between what he had learned in law school and what he was expected to know as a practicing lawyer. He wishes, among other things, that core classes like civil procedure and contracts had focused less on rarely encountered concepts like long arm jurisdiction and contract consideration, and more on the ins and outs of a typical lawsuit. Likewise, knowing the theoretical underpinnings of property law doesn’t say much about a day in the life of a real estate lawyer, especially whether it is something you will be good at or enjoy doing.

It is encouraging to note that many of the gaps Gibbs describes have been closed or narrowed in recent years. The law school’s clinical, externship and mentoring programs are larger than ever, and the new “Day One” program offers precisely that step-by-step approach to civil procedure that Gibbs wishes he had received. (See page 20 for more about the University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s experiential learning programs.)

Perhaps the biggest challenge suggested by Gibbs’ experience is an interior one: helping law students to reflect honestly on themselves, to define and understand their goals and aspirations, their abilities and limitations, their options and obstacles. Only by doing that can students begin to create a career they will find rewarding and a life they will enjoy living.

“It was always ‘Get that first job,’” he says. “But they never told you how to get your last job.”
1. Travel. “You will never have another opportunity to see the world like you do in school. Take advantage of the ability to leave the country for large blocks of time. It will change your life.”

2. Read *The Art of War*, by Sun Tzu. “The main tenets are know yourself, know your strengths, know your weaknesses. A lot of people aren’t honest with themselves and four years into [their career], they realize, ‘What am I doing?’”

3. Exercise restraint with student loans. “Everyone thinks they’ll make a lot of money. Everyone thinks the bills won’t be that bad. [But the bills] don’t just go away like you think they will.”

4. Treat partners as equals. “Go in there with as much confidence as you can muster. Look at them like a person. Don’t talk to them like a potential boss. It makes a big difference.”

5. Treat staff members like royalty because they will make or break your work product, your reputation and your sanity. “I wish someone had come to me earlier on and said, ‘Your career will be shaped by how you act in your office. Attorneys who are jerks are treated accordingly.’”

6. Learn to write succinctly; then speak like you write. “[Learn] to say as much as possible in as few words as possible. It’s a heck of a lot harder to write a three- to five-page motion than it is to write a 10- to 15-page motion.”

7. Recognize that a surprisingly large number of attorneys do not like their job, and learn how not to become one of those attorneys. “[Law schools] talk about the work-life balance, but they never really tell you how to do it. It’s OK to take a day off and go ski or play golf or whatever it is you want to do.”

8. Make it a goal to meet one new person a week. “Go out and do whatever it is you love to do – and join those clubs – whether it’s mountain biking or tennis or whatever. The more people you know, the better off you’ll be in your career, regardless of what you’re doing.”

9. Take risks. “Starting our firm was one of the scariest things we ever did. You gotta be willing to fall flat on your face, and fall hard.”

10. Be patient and plan ahead. “You’ve got to figure out do you want to be on your own or do you want to be a senior partner? Do you want to be in-house counsel? [Decide] what you want to be and map out how to get there.”
Rachel Arnow-Richman

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

Rebecca Aviel

MEDIA
Interview, Grand Junction Free Press, about the alleged plagiarism by Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott McInnis, which could lead to disciplinary action from the Colorado Bar (July 14, 2010).

Jay Brown

MEDIA
Interview, The Wall Street Journal, about the acquisition of Black & Decker Corp. by Stanley Works and the effectiveness of regulations set up to ensure an independent board review of corporate-governance matters like compensation (March 10, 2010).

Interview, Portfolio.com, about Garmin Ltd.’s decision to move from the Cayman Islands and incorporate in Switzerland. Garmin, which made its name pioneering GPS navigation, might be motivated by impending tax changes in Congress (March 22, 2010).

Interview, CNBC, regarding hedge fund salaries and whether they are justified (April 1, 2010).

Interview, NPR, about Goldman Sachs Group and its first-quarter earnings of nearly $3.5 billion, which was announced just days after the Securities and Exchange Commission sued Goldman for fraud (April 20, 2010). Other media quoting Brown include WBUR.org, Boston (April 20, 2010); CBS News (April 21, 2010); and NewsInferno.com (April 21, 2010).

Interview, The Washington Post, about a federal lawsuit claiming that Goldman Sachs defrauded its clients (April 22, 2010).

Interview, Daily Herald (Illinois), about an Associated Press analysis, which found evidence that the median amount chief executives received in perks fell by 15 percent in 2009 as companies cut back on benefits like the use of corporate jets for personal travel and fewer chief executives received guaranteed cash bonuses (May 8, 2010). Other media sources reporting this story include KARE 11 (NBC Minneapolis–St. Paul) (May 9, 2010); The Portland Press Herald, Portland, Maine (May 10, 2010); The Daily Reporter, Columbus, Ohio (May 10, 2010); Financial Chronicle, India (May 11, 2010); Indiana Gazette, Indiana, Pa. (May 11, 2010); Kuwait Times, Kuwait (May 12, 2010); PennLive.com, Central Pennsylvania (May 12, 2010); Jamaica Observer, Jamaica (May 12, 2010); Alaska Journal of Commerce, Anchorage, Alaska (May 14, 2010); Cape Cod Times, Hyannis, Mass. (May 16, 2010); and TH Online.com (Dubuque, Iowa) (May 16, 2010).

Interview, TheLearnedLawyer.com, about Race to the Bottom – the only student/faculty collaborative legal blog in the United States (May 20, 2010).

Blog post, TaxProf Blog, about the growing organization of the legal blogosphere (May 24, 2010).

Interview, CNN Money, about the possibilities of a settlement between Goldman Sachs and the Securities and Exchange Commission (June 10, 2010).
Interview, *The Denver Post*, about negotiating executive pay (June 21, 2010).

Interview, KXAS (NBC, Dallas), about the 2,300-page financial reform bill intended to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis (July 16, 2010). Other media sources reporting this story include National Public Radio (July 16, 2010); MSNBC.com (July 15, 2010); and CNBC TV (July 15, 2010).


Interview, *The Washington Examiner*, about President Barack Obama’s handling of the Gulf oil spill and garnering a $20 billion commitment from BP (July 25, 2010). More than 250 other media outlets reported this story, including *The San Francisco Examiner* (July 24, 2010); *The San Diego Union-Tribune* (July 24, 2010); *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (July 24, 2010); *The Kansas City Star* (July 24, 2010); *The Seattle Times* (July 24, 2010); Yahoo Finance, Yahoo.com (July 24, 2010); Forbes.com (July 24, 2010); *The Houston Chronicle* (July 24, 2010); *San Francisco Chronicle* (July 24, 2010); *Las Vegas Sun* (July 24, 2010); and *The Boston Globe* (July 24, 2010).

ETC.
While at Hastings last fall, Professor Brown wrote an amicus brief filed in the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Merck v. Reynolds*, about the application of the statute of limitations to securities fraud suits. The opinion came down on April 27. (http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/09pdf/08-905.pdf). The brief was on the winning side of the case and received two citations in a concurring opinion by Justice Antonin Scalia. Of the approximately 20 amicus briefs filed in this case, only this brief and the brief filed by the Solicitor General received cites in the opinion.

**Bernard Chao**

**PUBLICATIONS**


**Federico Cheever**

**PRESENTATIONS**
Panelist, “Fire in the Eastern United States,” Penn State University (April 1, 2010).

**Alan Chen**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

MEDIA
Interview, The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo., about the Colorado Springs Police Department’s selective enforcement of the fireworks ban (July 10, 2010).

ETC.
MainJustice.com mentioned Professor Chen as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

CHRISTINE CIMINI
PRESENTATIONS
“Nuts and Bolts: What Do We Mean by Outcomes and Assessment?,” AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Baltimore (May 5, 2010).

APPOINTMENTS
Professor Cimini was appointed to hold the inaugural Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director chair (May 2010).

ROBERTO CORRADA
AWARDS
Professor Corrada received the first annual Excellence in Public Service Award from DU Law’s Public Interest Law Group.

APPOINTMENTS
Professor Corrada has been appointed to the Sturm College of Law Chair in Modern Learning.

K.K. DUVIVIER
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


MEDIA
Interview, DailyFinance.com, about safety enforcement at Massey Energy’s Upper Big Branch coal mine in West Virginia (April 7, 2010).

Interview, Coloradoan.com, about in situ leach mining (April 16, 2010).

Interview, The Aurora Sentinel, about medical marijuana dispensaries opening in Aurora (April 10, 2010).

Interview, The Denver Post, about Professor DuVivier’s energy-efficient green home (June 27, 2010).
Interview, NPR.org, about the controversy over a proposed uranium mine in Nunn, Colo. (June 30, 2010). Also reporting on this story was KUNC Radio (June 30, 2010).

APPOINTMENTS
Professor DuVivier was appointed to the Executive Committee for the Section on Natural Resources of the American Association of Law Schools (January 2010).

Professor DuVivier is a founding member of the Renewable Energy Steering Committee for Interdisciplinary Colloquia Series across the University of Denver (March 2010).

NANCY EHRENREICH

APPOINTMENTS
Professor Ehrenreich was named to the inaugural William M. Beaney Memorial Research Chair (May 2010). This chair, which is a two-year appointment (renewable for a third year based on productivity during the next two years), was awarded based on recent scholarly production.

Professor Ehrenreich was honored at a DU Pioneers basketball home game as part of the “DU Academic Spotlight.” She was presented with the game ball signed by the team and several of her scholarly accomplishments were read while she was recognized on the court (August 6, 2010).

ETC.
MainJustice.com mentioned Professor Ehrenreich as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

ROBERT HARDAWAY

MEDIA
Op-ed, “Health Care Bill Would be Disaster for the Poor,” Buffalo News, about provisions in the 2,000-page health care reform bill for cutting the already-strapped Medicare program by billions of dollars and expenditures on county hospitals currently serving the poor (February 1, 2010).


Interview, The Mike Rosen Show, 850 KOA Radio, regarding the National Popular Vote movement (July 8, 2010).

MIKE HARRIS

PUBLICATIONS


“A Culture of Failure,” High Country News blog (June 7, 2010).


ETC.
In the case of Friends Of Animals et al. v. Ken Salazar (U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action 10-357), Professor Harris and the Environmental Law Clinic obtained a court order that requires Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to determine whether 12 parrots warrant federal protection.
SCOTT JOHNS

MEDIA

Interview, Daily Finance, providing media insights on volcanic ash creating European air safety concerns (April 16, 2010). Also reporting on this story was The Denver Post (April 16, 2010).

SAM KAMIN

MEDIA

Interview, KCFR, “Colorado Matters,” regarding medical marijuana laws (March 9, 2010).

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Kamin was named research professor for the 2010-2011 academic year. He will have one semester of course relief and will present his research to the faculty at the conclusion of the research professorship or in the semester following the appointment. Professor Kamin’s research project looks at medical marijuana as a sociolegal phenomenon.

ETC.

Professor Kamin moderated a series of debates between Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and Attorney Rob Corry at the Sturm College of Law about medical marijuana-related issues (April 2, 2010). Other media sources reporting this story include The Denver Daily News (April 5, 2010); KDVR.com (April 7, 2010); CBS4Denver.com (April 7, 2010); 9NEWS.com (April 7, 2010); KRDO.TV.com (ABC, Colorado Springs) (April 7, 2010); KJCT.com (ABC, Grand Junction, Colo.) (April 7, 2010); WKRG.com (CBS, Mobile, Ala.) (April 7, 2010); The Denver Post (April 7, 2010); and SF Examiner.com (April 7, 2010).

MARTIN J. KATZ

APPOINTMENTS

Martin J. Katz was appointed dean of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law February 9, 2010. Katz had served as the interim dean since July 2009. Media reporting this story include Law Week Colorado (February 9, 2010); The National Law Journal (February 10, 2010); ABA Journal (February 10, 2010); Denver Business Journal (February 9, 2010); Orlando Business Journal (February 9, 2010); South Florida Business Journal (February 9, 2010); Wichita Business Journal (February 9, 2010); San Francisco Business Times (February 9, 2010); Classactionlawg.com (February 9, 2010); Colorado Higher Ed News (February 10, 2010); The Denver Post, “People on the Move” (February 10, 2010); Offeroncompromise.com (February 10, 2010); and The National Jurist (February 11, 2010).

JUSTIN MARCEAU

ETC.

MainJustice.com mentioned Prof. Marceau as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

KRIS MICCIO

PRESENTATIONS

“Lesbian Parenting: Same or Different” (with Professor Catherine Smith and Professor Caryn Aviv), Motherhood: Reclaiming Our Past, Transforming Our Future, Sturm College of Law, Denver (March 13, 2010).
Interview, The Denver Post, about a contractor and a building inspector who were indicted on homicide charges in connection with the 2008 carbon-monoxide poisoning of a Denver family at a vacation home near Aspen, Colo. (July 27, 2010).


Professor Miccio received a Marie Curie Scholar Award from the University of Dublin School of Social Welfare for her research, scholarship and advocacy on behalf of battered women in the United States and Ireland. The award is granted by the European Commission through a member state university. The award will enable Miccio to lecture in Ireland about male intimate violence and state accountability, work with doctoral students at the University of Dublin law school and School of Social Justice, work with nongovernmental organizations on battered women’s issues, and meet with members of the academy and Irish Parliament (Spring/Summer 2010).

Professor Miccio received the Fulbright Senior Specialist Award. She will assist in the development of simulation-based learning at the University of Dublin law school. She will also teach U.S. criminal procedure and run faculty workshops (Spring/Summer 2010).

Professor Miccio received a PROF Grant Award to fund her research on the impact of mandates in domestic violence cases on the battered women’s movements in the United States and Ireland.

ETC.

MainJustice.com mentioned Professor Miccio as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

Professor Miccio received a Distinguished Scholar Award, John Marshall Law School, Chicago (March 2, 2010).

2010 Asian American Heroes of Colorado Award, Colorado Asian Culture and Education Network (May 15, 2010). With this award, he will be featured in the next issue of Asian Avenue magazine.

Immigrant Liberty Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Colorado (June 30, 2010).

Litigation of International Disputes in U.S. Courts (with David Pansius) (Thomson West, Spring 2010).


PRESENTATIONS

“The Need for Immigration Reform – The U.S. and European Experience,” Interfaith Alliance of Colorado (March 11, 2010).


“Nuclear Proliferation and International Law,” Montview Presbyterian Church 49ers Club, Denver (April 11).

“Afghanistan and Pakistan: Why Should We Care?” Glenmoor Rotary Club (May 7, 2010).

“UN Peacekeeping Operations,” Montreal Rotary Club (May 19, 2010).

“Climate Change and International Environmental Law,” Fairfield, Iowa, Rotary Club (May 28, 2010).

“Rights of Indigenous Peoples Under International Law,” Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Sovereignty Symposium, Oklahoma City (June 3, 2010).

“U.S. and Europe: Convergence of Interests,” The Hague Rotary Club, Netherlands (June 24, 2010).

“International Criminal Tribunals and the International Criminal Court,” Honolulu Rotary Club (July 13, 2010).


Chair, “The Law of War,” and speaker, “Human Rights Protection Depends Upon Effective UN Monitoring of National Implementation Plans,” University of the West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago (August 5-6, 2010).

MEDIA
Op-ed, The Denver Post, about senior American and Russian officials’ belief that the successor to the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty will be finalized in the near future, to replace the prior treaty, which expired in December (February 5, 2010).

Op-ed, The Denver Post, about the national elections and political future of Iraq (March 14, 2010).

Interview, CBS4Denver.com, about the tradition of diplomatic immunity that can be traced back to the Hindus, Greeks and Romans (April 11, 2010).

Op-ed, The Denver Post, about the Obama administration’s three major initiatives on nuclear policy (April 16, 2010).

Op-ed, The Denver Post, about revisiting laws on drone use (June 18, 2010).

Regular contributions and appearances on electronic and print media, including radio and television interviews in Trinidad and Tobago.

STEVE PEPPER
PRESENTATIONS
Presenter and panelist, Daniels College of Business Faculty Symposium, highlighting the book Good Business: Exercising Effective and Ethical Leadership (Routledge, 2010).

**ROCK PRING**

**BOOKS**


**PUBLICATIONS**


**PRESENTATIONS**

“Environmental Law in the U.S.” and “U.S. Administrative Law,” Brazilian Judges Association’s Judicial Seminar on United States Law, Sturm College of Law, Denver (February 15-18, 2010).

Interview, with Japanese journalist Hiro Ugaya on the prevalence in Japan of Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (February 22, 2010).

**MEDIA**


Study (with Catherine Pring), The New York Times, featured in an article about the number of courts and tribunals specializing in environmental issues, which has doubled during the past decade, prompted by increasingly complex regulations and growing concerns about natural resources (April 20, 2010).


Interview, TIME, commenting on SLAPPs in the age of Twitter (July 26, 2010).

**ETC.**

A link to Greening Justice: Creating and Improving Environmental Courts and Tribunals is now on India’s Ministry of Environment and Forests with the announcement of its new 2010 National Green Tribunal Act.

The term strategic litigation against public participation (SLAPP), which was coined by Professor Pring and Penelope Canaan in Getting Sued for Speaking Out, was featured on NewMatilda.com (January 29, 2010) and Frontline (India) (May 22, 2010).

**PAULA RHODES**

**ETC.**

MainJustice.com mentioned Prof. Rhodes as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

**HOWARD ROSENBERG**

**ETC.**

MainJustice.com mentioned Prof. Rosenberg as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a
February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

Laura Rovner

MEDIA
Interview, Westword blog, about the Civil Rights Clinic’s involvement in the case against Thomas Silverstein, a convicted murderer who has been held in solitary confinement for 27 years — longer than any other federal prisoner (March 24, 2010). Other media sources reporting on this story include CNN and CNN International (February 25, 2010); Law Week Colorado (March 24, 2010); Think Outside the Cage blog (March 24, 2010); The Denver Post (March 25, 2010); KRDO (ABC, Colorado Springs) (April 5, 2010); 9NEWS.com (April 12, 2010); the Colorado Springs, Colo., Gazette (April 25, 2010); the Associated Press; KCNC (CBS, Denver) (undated); KDVR (FOX, Denver) (undated); and KJCT (ABC, Grand Junction) (undated).

“Talking Texas Tough,” Prison Law blog, a profile of the Civil Rights Clinic students who are representing longtime federal solitary confinement inmate Tommy Silverstein (April 30, 2010). Other media outlets reporting on this story include KCNC (CBS, Denver) (undated); TradingMarkets.com (April 25, 2010); Vail Daily (May 3, 2010); KOAA (NBC, Colorado Springs) (May 3, 2010); DU Clarion.com (May 18, 2010); KJCT8 (ABC, Grand Junction/Montrose) (undated); the Associated Press (undated); Newser.com (undated); and Colorado Connection (undated).

In 2007 the Civil Rights Clinic won the case of Jordan v. Pugh, challenging the constitutionality of a Bureau of Prisons regulation that prohibited prisoners from “acting as a reporter” or “publishing under a byline.” After a three-day bench trial in 2007, the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado held that the regulation violated the First Amendment and issued an order enjoining its enforcement. According to an article on MainJustice.com, the Bureau of Prisons has decided to depublish the regulation, which will have nationwide effect. Congratulations to Michelle Berge (JD’07), Don Bounds (JD’07) and Jack Hobaugh (JD’07) for their excellent work and its ongoing positive effects!

The Civil Rights Clinic is assisting barristers in the UK as they work on behalf of clients charged with terrorist crimes. They are fighting extradition of their clients to the United States on the grounds that if convicted, these men would likely face prolonged detention at ADX, where they assert that the conditions violate Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which prohibits “torture or ... inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The European Court of Human Rights recently issued a decision in the case requesting the UK government not extradite the applicants until further notice. The University of Denver and the Civil Rights Clinic are mentioned by name in the court’s opinion. Other media sources reporting on this story were Telegraph.co.uk, New York Daily News, Independent, The Guardian, BBC News and Channel 4 News (Denver).

Tom Russell

MEDIA
Interview, Denver Business Journal, about the precedence of criminal actions over civil actions if a person is involved in both (February 8, 2010).

Interview, Law Week Colorado, about product liability waivers (week of February 15, 2010).

Interview, CBS4Denver.com, about limited settlements in suits against government agencies (April 7, 2010).
Interview, KHOU (CBS, Houston) (Associated Press), about Simkins Residence Hall, the last all-male dormitory at the University of Texas (UT) named after William Stewart Simkins, a UT law professor for 30 years and a leader of the Ku Klux Klan. Professor Russell recently published a scholarly article examining Simkins’ record and calling for the removal of his name from the building. Fifty-five years after opening the dorm, the university is conducting a review that could result in the removal of Simkins’ name from the building (May 21, 2010).


On July 15, 2010, University of Texas regents voted unanimously to rename the Simkins Residence Hall. “This Just In,” the CNN news blog, named Professor Russell one of “Friday’s Intriguing People” (July 16, 2010). Other media sources reporting on this story include Baltimore Sun, Hartford Courant, Boston Globe, Kansas City Star, FoxNews.com, Portland Press Herald, Austin American-Statesman, MSNBC.com, Billings Gazette (July 15, 2010).

Ann Scales

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Scales was recently named research professor for the 2010-2011 academic year. She will have one se-
mester of course relief and will present her research to the faculty at the conclusion of the research professorship or in the semester following the appointment. Professor Scales’ research project looks at statutory solutions for tort law causation issues on sex-specific cancers.

ETC.
MainJustice.com mentioned Professor Scales as one of more than 400 law professors who urged the U.S. Senate to vote on Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel nominee Dawn Johnsen at the “earliest possible date.” In a February 1, 2010, letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, the professors wrote that delays on Johnsen’s confirmation are “extraordinary” (February 26, 2010).

CATHERINE SMITH

APPOINTMENTS
Professor Smith was named the new associate dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. During the course of the next year, she will work with Dean Katz on several initiatives, particularly those involving pipeline projects for admissions and outreach to the local minority bar associations. She will also work to develop a full description of the position as it evolves.

MEDIA
Professor Smith’s appointment as the new associate dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness at the Sturm College of Law was reported by The National Law Journal (March 15, 2010). Other media sources reporting on this story include TaxProf blog (March 16, 2010); “Clusterstock” in Business Insider (March 16, 2010); and Chicago Defender (May 19, 2010).

DON C. SMITH

AWARDS
Professor Smith received an internationalization grant to work on the Jean Monnet documentary project (May 4, 2010).

JOHN SOMA

MEDIA
Interview, Technology.Inc.com, about monitoring e-mail in the workplace (January 27, 2010).

JOYCE STERLING

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS
“After the JD II: What is the Picture for Women Lawyers After the 7th Year of Practice?” Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Summit, Sturm College of Law, Denver (March 16, 2010).
MEDIA
SSRN Abstracting Journal, about the gender gap in lawyers’ incomes (March 2010).

DAVID THOMSON
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

“Teaching Contract Drafting Online,” with Susan Duncan (University of Louisville), as part of the Transactional Law Teaching Conference at Emory University Law School (June 5, 2010).

“A New and Urgent Role for the LRW Professorate: The Impact of Technology on the Law and the Legal Profession,” with Ian Gallacher (Syracuse), Ellie Margolis (Temple), Kristen Murray (Temple), as part of the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Fla. (June 29, 2010).

“Mile High Summit on Training” (co-presented with Molly Peckman, Dechert LLP; Linda-Jean Schneider, Cahill Gordon & Reindell, LLP; and Tommy Preston, University of South Carolina School of Law), Denver (July 11, 2010).

ETC.
Professor Thomson was elected to the Legal Writing Prof Blog board of directors (March 8, 2010).

ANN VESSELS
PRESENTATIONS
“Designing Externship Courses in Specialized Areas and Class Content that Engages Students” (co-presented with Denise Platfoot Lacey, University of Dayton, and Carl Circo, University of Arkansas), Externships V Conference, Miami, Fla. (March 5, 2010).

Eli Wald
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS
“The History and Future of Denver’s 17th Street’s Large Law Firms,” Davis, Graham & Stubbs, LLP (February 2010).

Panel participant, “How to Effectively Network During an Economic Downturn, or Don’t Burn the Bridges You’re Trying to Build!” Sturm College of Law, Denver (March 2010).


“Judges (in) Civility and the Media, Judicial Ethics and Accountability: At Home and Abroad,” University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Calif. (April 9, 2010).

“Jack Abramoff Exposed: The Integrity of the Legal/Lobbying Profession in a Money Culture,” Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, Denver (April 13, 2010).

“Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context,” co-sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at the University of Buffalo Law School and the University of Connecticut, Buffalo, N.Y. (April 23, 2010).


“The Ethics of Attorney-Client Communications and Expectations’ Management,” Continuing Legal Education, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP (June 2010).

“Glass Ceilings and Dead Ends: The Future of Women Lawyers at Large Law Firms,” Dorsey & Whitney, part of the summer Continuing Legal Education series through the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (June 2010).

“Law Practice as a Morally Responsible Business: Reintegrating Ethics into Economics and Law” (co-presented with Professor Russell G. Pearce, Fordham Law School), Stanford Law School (July 16, 2010).

MEDIA

Interview, TheDenverChannel.com, about the Colorado Ethics Watch complaint filed against Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott McInnis saying that state attorney regulators should determine if McInnis violated the rules banning dishonesty and fraud for attorneys (July 14, 2010).

ED ZIEGLER

PRESENTATIONS

“Private Property Rights, the Rule of Law and Economic Prosperity in the United States: A National and International Perspective,” visiting scholar lectures at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain (February 9, 2010).

“Local Bouillabaisse Regulation: A Critical Overview of the New American Landscape,” Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Annual Conference, Sturm College of Law, Denver (March 4, 2010).


APPOINTMENTS

Professor Ziegler was named to the inaugural Robert B. Yegge Memorial Research Chair (May 2010). This chair, which is a two-year appointment (renewable for a third year based on productivity during the next two years), was awarded based on recent scholarly production.
**Adjunct Faculty Highlights**

**Regina Germain**

**Presentations**
Presenter, “Immigration Law Basics and Hot Topics,” The Metropolitan Corporate Council, sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association (May 21, 2010).

**Media**
Interview, *The Denver Post*, about Arizona’s controversial immigration measure and the federal government’s concern that all 50 states could try to pass their own immigration-enforcement laws (July 12, 2010).

**David Kopel**

**Books**

**Publications**
Entries on Samuel Colt, Richard Gatling and Hudson Maxim in *Great Lives from History: Inventors and Inventions* (Salem Press, 2009).


**Presentations**
“State Court Standards on the Right to Arms,” Santa Clara Law School (January 22, 2010).

“*McDonald v. Chicago* – The Supreme Court and Second Amendment Rights,” University of Chicago (co-presented with Lee Walker, president of the New Coalition and senior fellow at the Heartland Institute, and Douglas Krick, founder of Pink Pistols) (March 3, 2010).

“The Privileges or Immunities Clause” (co-presented with Kurt Lash), Sturm College of Law, Denver (March 11, 2010).

**Visiting Faculty/Scholars**

**Pamela S. Karlan**

This past April, Pamela S. Karlan joined DU Law as its second annual Faculty Scholar in Residence. Karlan is the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of Public Interest Law and co-director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at Stanford Law School. She is a prominent scholar in the fields of constitutional law, voting rights and federal courts as well as a highly accomplished appellate litigator and frequent commentator on legal issues in the national media.

**Jessica West**

**Media**
Interview, *Law Week Colorado*, about a convicted second-degree murderer in Cortez who was overwhelmed by six sheriff’s deputies, forcibly restrained, shackled, hooded and placed in a belted chair before being taken to a February sentencing he didn’t want to attend (July 28, 2010).
Education Experts

Thousands of articles have been published about student evaluations of teaching. Many articles have reviewed this literature, and there have even been review articles reviewing review articles. A 1987 review concluded that student evaluations of teaching “are clearly multidimensional, quite reliable, reasonably valid, relatively uncontaminated by many variables often seen as sources of potential bias.” A 2007 summary concluded that “numerous studies have shown [student evaluations of teaching effectiveness] to be valid in relation to a variety of outcome measures broadly accepted by classroom teachers … .”

Law Professors

In contrast, a number of law professors have written about student evaluations, focusing on their shortcomings. For example, William Roth reported in 1984 on a survey of student evaluation of teaching practices of American law schools. He asserted that “no one really believes that the process does much good,” and that examination of evaluation forms from 156 schools showed “shocking” differences among them. In 1990, Richard Abel published a heartfelt and frequently cited article seeking “to document error and bias … to understand how they enter the evaluation process and to consider how we might reduce them.” A recent article by Professor Deborah J. Merritt argues that there is a link between nonverbal behavior and teaching evaluations that “hinds that conventional evaluations bear little relationship to student learning.”
Acknowledging Concerns

Regardless of whether law professors’ concerns reflect a true understanding of how well student evaluations may work, the persistence of that view is a fact. So it would make sense to use student evaluations of teaching in ways that respect professors’ skepticism, to increase the perceived legitimacy of decisions to which those data contribute. This requires a balance between 1) whether the context involves judgments that can be made usefully only with precise information, and 2) the size of the risk associated with acting on imperfect information.

Thus, using student evaluations should vary according to context. For example, for a school’s assigning of professors to courses, options are typically few. A general impression of teaching styles and a general sense of an instructor’s relative performance in large-enrollment and small-enrollment courses would probably be sufficient to provide some useful information relevant to this function. Using information from student evaluation forms only to identify outliers – instances where the array of evaluations seems extremely better or extremely worse than typical evaluations in a school – could make a sensible contribution to this analysis. Broad and qualitative impressions are probably useful. And the costs of a wrong decision are certainly low in this setting. These decisions almost always involve tradeoffs and vague predictions of faculty and student preferences. Similarly, for students who want information to help in selecting elective courses, the need for precision is low and the costs of error are low.

For professors’ self-improvement, the best feedback would be specific and frequent, but typically student evaluations of teaching involve a single report at the end of each semester. Thus, current practice involves a large gap between the ideal of specific and frequent and the practice of general and rare. However, doubts about the reliability of student evaluations of teaching are unimportant in the context of professors’ self-improvement, since faculty members can supplement their institutions’ data collection in a variety of ways.

For promotion and tenure decisions, two conclusions seem justified in light of the controversy about whether student evaluations of teaching provide useful information. First, because of substantial support in the academic literature for the validity and reliability of these evaluations, they should receive some consideration. Second, the consideration they receive should be constrained. When an instructor’s evaluation scores are much worse than typical scores at an institution, or when the narrative responses to open-ended queries seem heavily weighted towards negative reactions, an institution ought to be extremely cautious about promotion and tenure. Students’ evaluations should be just one of many components of a full evaluation of an instructor’s performance. But against the background

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1 Ideally, an institution should provide a clear statement of the ways in which it will use student evaluation data for promotion and tenure decisions. It may be common, however, for schools to be vague about this. See, for example, Daniel Keating, “A Comprehensive Approach to Orientation and Mentoring for New Faculty,” 46 J. LEGAL EDUC. 59, 65-66 (1996) (each voter in the tenure process can decide personally how to use student evaluation data at the author’s school; a description of the process provided to junior colleagues stated that numerical evaluations are considered in light of narrative comments). Courts have supported institutions’ use of student evaluations in personnel decisions. See, e.g., Agarwal v. Regents of the Univ. of Minn., 788 F.2d 504, 508 (8th Cir. 1986) (explaining that poor student evaluations were among the factors that supported a finding of good cause for termination of university professor’s employment); Broussard-Norcross v. Augustana Coll. Ass’n, 935 F.2d 974, 976 (8th Cir. 1991) (stating that negative student evaluations are a legitimate factor for tenure evaluation). See John D. Copeland & John W. Murry, Jr., “Getting Tossed from the Ivory Tower: The Legal Implications of Evaluating Faculty Performance,” 61 MO. L. REV. 233, 243 n.25, 268-69 nn.173-75 (1996), for an article citing these cases.
of significant scholarly conclusions that student evaluations of teaching are reliable and valid, using them for the purposes of gross rather than fine distinctions seems legitimate.

The possibility that improper biases can affect evaluations should lead those who use the data to ignore small variations among instructors. But to disregard student evaluations entirely because of the risk of improper bias would be to act as though improper influences are likely to have large effects on overall evaluations. For gender biases, studies have shown only small effects. For racial biases, studies have not shown such effects, although the number of studies is small.

For another reason, student evaluations of teaching should be used only for rough sorting. Most law school personnel who might be tempted to use evaluation scores for subtle distinctions are probably ignorant concerning how the size of numerical differences, the number of respondents and the degree to which the responses were bunched or spread out all affect the likelihood that a difference was due to chance.

Communicating Ideas to Students in the Evaluation Process

Studying the forms law schools use for student evaluations of teaching shows that they may deliver messages about what aspects of teaching schools consider important. The forms studied for this article overwhelmingly convey the idea that learning is passive and that teaching is a one-way delivery process, with information and skills directed to students by the professor. Rarely represented is the view that learning is a collaborative enterprise with work to be done by both instructors and students.

Many forms use questionnaire items similar to “How successful was the instructor in arousing your intellectual interest and excitement?” This puts the responsibility for interest and excitement on the professor. An alternate approach to the same topic would be “Did you become intellectually interested and excited by this course?” This style focuses on the student’s experience. The table on page 53 shows examples of framing topics to recognize either the professor’s or the student’s conduct. Classifying these questions naturally involves debatable judgments. But the intent of the table is to compare questions that identify and respect a student’s own participation in the teaching-learning process with questions that ask a student to comment only on the conduct of the professor.

Applying the style of categorization represented in this table to all of the questions on 39 schools’ forms analyzed for this study, out of a total of 695 questions, only about 14 questions recognize the student’s role in teaching and learning. These forms almost exclusively direct attention to the work of the professor and fail to recognize the value of active engagement by students. Good students probably understand that being deeply engaged with a course contributes to learning, but it seems unfortunate that almost all of the questions in the forms convey the implicit idea that a student is a passive audience member.

A comparison illustrates this point. One form asks, “How successful was the instructor in imparting substantive knowledge of legal rules?” Another form’s parallel item is “I learned a great deal in this course.” Obviously a student’s degree of learning in a course will be connected to attributes of the instructor. But phraseology that ignores the student’s role could reinforce a false and unhelpful view of reality. Whether propagating this false view actually causes any harm is an empirical question suitable for future
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Research. However, acknowledging the risk that this may occur is easy to do, and rewriting some questions so that they lead students to focus on “I …” statements rather than on “The professor …” statements might help orient students to the importance of their own contributions to their learning.

**Conclusion**

Professors’ typical antipathy towards student evaluations of teaching might well be moderated by paying attention to the need for accuracy and the size of the stakes in each of the many circumstances in which schools use evaluations; in promotion and tenure decisions, for example, schools should use the evaluations to identify extreme instances of poor teaching rather than for making subtle distinctions among instructors. Schools should also pay attention to the chance that evaluation forms give students the false impression that their role is passive; while the forms are only a small source of acculturation, they might be significant and it would be easy to adjust their style to protect against this risk.

**Schools’ Questionnaire Items Focusing on Professor’s or Student’s Role**

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<td>Organization</td>
<td>The course was well prepared and organized.</td>
<td>I understood the professor’s organization of the course.</td>
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<td>Pace</td>
<td>Was the course so organized that the goals were clear, and was the pace and emphasis of instruction appropriate?</td>
<td>I was able to keep up with the workload.</td>
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<td>Rapport</td>
<td>Professor’s relationship with students.</td>
<td>I was comfortable asking questions in this course.</td>
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1952 | LARRY LITVAK

For the past 35 years, Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. has focused on family law. Since its inception, 5280 Magazine has named Larry Litvak a “Best Lawyer,” and he also was recognized by the magazine as one of “Denver’s Top Lawyers” in 2001. In addition, Larry is a Colorado Super Lawyer and a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He continues to be active as special counsel to the firm and in the community where in addition to other charitable works, he served on the board of the National Asthma Center for 25 years. Larry is also a past president of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.

1954 | BERTLEN F. TURNER

Bertlen F. Turner recently turned 80 years old and still practices law on a part-time basis. In season, he does a lot of turkey hunting and ice fishing. He has four children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is interested in antiques and collectibles, hunting and fishing.

1956 | JERRY SNYDER

After years of solo practice, Jerry Snyder joined Litvak Litvak Mehrtens & Epstein in 2002 as special counsel. Recognition for his outstanding contributions to the legal community includes being named in Best Lawyers in America each year since its inception, fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a listing in “Denver’s Top Lawyers” and being named a Super Lawyer. Jerry has authored numerous articles concerning property and tax issues in divorces. Among his many accomplishments, Jerry was the very first chairperson of the fledgling Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

1958 | W. H. MCDERMOTT

W. H. McDermott has been living outside of Taos, N.M., for the past 14 years. He was semiretired until recently completing a two-year project with a major oil company. He is now fully retired at age 84. He has five children and nine grandchildren. He is devoting his time to enjoying his family, golf, tennis, writing and sculpting, with a few trips thrown in. He has a good life and wishes the same to all.

1961 | 50-YEAR REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1961

We are beginning to plan the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1961, which will be held during graduation in May 2011. If you are interested in rallying classmates to attend, please contact Laura Dean at ldean@law.du.edu or 303-871-6122.

1961 | DAVID CALVERT

David Calvert began practicing law with his brother, Robert A. Calvert; they were both admitted to the bar April 13, 1962. Later, Robert’s wife, Joan, became an attorney, followed by two of his sons, Randall Moody Calvert and D. Chadwick Calvert. Robert is currently practicing law full time in the areas of personal injury, workers’ compensation and criminal law. Robert and Joan have been married 55 years and currently live in Heritage Hills. They have six children, 24 grandkids and three great-grandkids. Robert has been very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as well as in community and charitable organizations, including the Kiwanis. He has been a bishop in his church and served in the stake presidency of the First Littleton Stake, as a counselor for 10 years in the Colorado Denver Mission Presidency and as president of the mission for Jamaica/Grand Cayman/Cuba from 1994 to 1997.
1964 | Hugh Fleischer

Hugh Fleischer was deeply honored to receive an honorary degree of law from the University of Alaska – Anchorage in 2008 and then was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alaska ACLU in January of this year. Hugh can be reached at the Law Offices of Hugh W. Fleischer, LLC, 310 K St., Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99501, 907-264-6635, 907-264-6602, email: hfleisch@aol.com.

1965 | Michael Canges

Michael Canges has merged his firm Canges Iwashko Bethke & Bailey with Senn Visciano Rosenstein P.C. to form Senn Visciano Canges Rosenstein P.C., 1801 California St., Suite 4300, Denver, CO 80202-2604, 303-298-1122, email: mcanges@sennlaw.com.

1965 | Allan Shaw

Allan Shaw and his wife, Jenny, took Amtrak from Naperville, Ill., where they now live, to Denver for his 52nd Evanston (Ill.) High School reunion, which was held in Broomfield, Colo., in June. They also visited Colorado State University, from which they both graduated (1962 and 1965, respectively), and the new University of Denver Sturm College of Law on the DU campus. Patti Marks was most hospitable and provided a wonderful tour of the new building. What a change from 14th and Bannock!

1966 | Rebecca Bradley

Bradley & Carroll, P.C. is a mother-daughter law firm dedicated to helping people who are disabled, injured or denied their legal or human rights. Located in Aurora, the firm has served the greater metropolitan area for more than 40 years. Bradley & Carroll, P.C. regularly takes on insurance companies that refuse to pay just claims. The firm also helps families with divorce, custody and adoption as well as wills, living wills and medical powers of attorney. Rebecca Bradley can be reached at 10800 East Bethany Dr., Suite 250, Aurora, CO 80014, 303-369-3450, 303-369-3453 (fax).

1967 | Jerry E. McAdow

Jerry E. McAdow has been practicing law with the firm of Lathrop & Clark LLP in Madison, Wis., since graduating from the DU College of Law. He has been a partner in the firm since 1971 and was partnership chairman for 10 years. He resigned from that position December 31, 2009. He considers himself a transactional attorney representing various business entities in negotiating, drafting and enforcing many different kinds of contracts. He also represents several banks with both new loans and workouts and enforcement procedures on loans that have become “troubled.” He also has an extensive practice in real estate and municipal law. He has had a Martindale AV rating since about 1975 and is regularly included in Wisconsin’s list of Super Lawyers. He has been fortunate to consistently enjoy the practice of law and continues to do so. He and his wife, Carol, have two children (a daughter and a son), nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Carol and Jerry travel frequently with the Madison Ski Club since they are avid downhill skiers. They come west to the Rockies or British Columbia a couple of times per year and occasionally ski in Europe. Jerry enjoys bicycling and bikes about 3,000 miles each year. He bikes to and from work about eight months of the year and has done so for more than 30 years. He has biked coast to coast and is currently biking the length of the Mississippi River in stages with his brother. He is gradually working his way into retirement but has found it difficult to accomplish because he continues to enjoy almost everything that he does. Jerry can be reached at home at 5518 Dorsett Dr., Madison, WI 53711, or 608-257-7766.
1967 | **David Weinstein**

Peru’s National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property asked Denver trademark/copyright attorney David Weinstein to provide comments and guidance in Lima regarding Peru’s accession to the Trademark Law Treaty.

1971 | **Jack R. Ott**

Hon. Jack R. Ott will retire January 5, 2011, after 33 years of service as a judge on Nebraska’s 10th Judicial District County Court bench. His predecessor on the bench, the late Hon. Bernard Sprague, was also a University of Denver College of Law graduate.

1972 | **Jim Nicholson**

Jim Nicholson has been named national co-chairman with Seán Cardinal O’Malley, archbishop of Boston, to the Episcopal Advisory Board of the Catholic Leadership Institute. The organization provides leadership and media training to Catholic clergy throughout the United States. Nicholson is the former secretary of Veterans Affairs, served as U.S. ambassador to the Holy See and was chairman of the Republican National Committee. Currently, he is senior counsel with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, working primarily from the Washington, D.C., office.

1974 | **Michael Kaminski**

Michael Kaminski, 61, passed away May 29, 2010, in Seattle. Michael was an accomplished attorney, Realtor and financier. He was a member of the state bars of California, Colorado and Washington state. As a young attorney, Michael served in both the Denver and Arapahoe District Attorney’s offices. Michael held both a General Securities and Financial and Operations Principal license from the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was the principal of Kaminski & Company, Inc., which he founded in 1985 in Denver. In 1986 he was appointed the County Attorney of Adams County. Michael moved to Washington state in 1990 where he was a real estate broker, licensed escrow agent and mortgage broker. From 1990 until 2003, he was the principal shareholder, chairman of the board and president of Preferred Funding, Inc. At the end of 2003, Michael founded Funder’s Choice, LLC, where he was an agent and negotiator for financially distressed home owners. Shortly thereafter, he founded Strategy Legal Group, PLLC and taught national online courses for certified short sale specialists. Michael is survived by his wife, Constance; four children, Mary Catherine Anderlo-nis (JD’05) and her husband, Timothy; Frank; Meredith Anderson and her husband, Michael; and Krystle Lamb; and two brothers, Ken and Larry.

1975 | **Ted Banks**

In 2005 Ted Banks, as a board member of the Jewish National Fund, visited the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in Israel. This unique school provides undergraduate and graduate level courses in environmental protection, and also actively recruits students in Jordan and the Palestinian territories to live and study with students from Israel and other countries. For many of the students, it is the first time that they have met an Arab or an Israeli. The students spend the first two weeks of
each program in peace-building activities, which usually means a lot of arguing. But after a couple of weeks, the students come to respect each other and the result is not only great communications among a cadre of trained environmental professionals throughout the Middle East, but also the development of lifelong friends. In 2006 Ted, who was also on the board of Keep Chicago Beautiful, initiated a six-week internship program in Chicago for students from the Arava Institute to broaden their understanding of environmental issues by spending time with government agencies, manufacturers, recyclers, law firms and others. At the same time, the interns would speak to community groups about the positive activities occurring in the Middle East today and explain how it was possible to overcome years of conflict and work together. Ted is of counsel to the firm of Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Scharf, and is president of Compliance & Competition Consultants, LLC. He was formerly chief counsel, Global Compliance, at Kraft Foods. In his spare time he is also adjunct professor of law at Loyola University Law School in Chicago.

1975 | Michael S. Burg

Michael S. Burg, founder and shareholder of Burg Simpson Eldredge Hersh & Jardine, P.C., has been appointed president of The American Trial Lawyers Association for 2010. Michael’s one-year term became effective February 15, 2010. Michael has served as lead trial counsel in more than 150 trials, trying complex commercial, product and personal injury cases. He is also counsel for investors in litigation and asset-backed security litigation. He currently serves as co-lead counsel on major lawsuits seeking redress for investors defrauded through the use of collateralized debt obligations. He recently received a landmark decision from a Connecticut state court judge who ordered UBS to post a $35 million bond. Michael lectures frequently, both locally and nationally, on a variety of topics including personal injury, proving damages, complex commercial cases, starting and building a law firm, effective settlement negotiations and legal ethics. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and currently serves on the school’s Alumni Council. He has received numerous accolades and national awards for legal service in the past 30 years and has achieved the highest rating from his peers for quality of legal work, professionalism and ethics by receiving an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He has been named to Colorado Super Lawyers 2006-2010 and is listed in Best Lawyers in America 2007-2010. Michael has earned the rank of Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and was awarded the title of Life Fellow by the organization. He is a Sustaining Fellow of the Roscoe Pound Institute and has also been recognized as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, membership of which is limited to less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.

1976 | Diane Carlton

Diane Carlton joined Litvak Litvak Mehtrens and Epstein, P.C. in 2008. Before joining the firm, she served as an associate judge in Aurora, Colo., and was in private practice and public service as a deputy public defender. Diane has been prominent in private practice of family law in metro Denver. She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a Colorado Super Lawyer, and has been named in Best Lawyers since 1996. Diane was named to the 18th Judicial District Judicial Performance Committee for four years and served on the Alternate Defense Commission.

1977 | Brenda Hollis

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Brenda Hollis as prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

1977 | Jacqueline St. Joan

Jacqueline St. Joan is the author of a new novel, My Sisters Made of Light, which will be available from Press 53 on October 1, 2010. Inspired by true stories, My Sisters Made of Light is a novel about the extraordinary courage of ordinary people living in the closed society that is Pakistan. It is a story of a storyteller, a witness to women’s stories of violence. Spanning 40 years and three generations, the story introduces Western readers to Pakistan’s
fascinating cultures – from the mystical Sindhis in the south to the noble Pathans in the Northwest Province, the Punjabis in the east and the Balouchis to the west. Jacqueline’s literary interests focus on the intersection of law, literature and the voices of contemporary women. She is co-editor of *Beyond Portia: Women, Law, and Literature in the United States*, published by Northeastern University Press. Her writings have appeared in a variety of print and online media, including *Ms.*, *The Denver Quarterly*, *Harvard Women’s Law Journal*, *Empire Magazine*, *The Denver Post* and *Thinking Women*. She has won writing awards from Colorado Council on the Humanities, The Rocky Mountain Women’s Institute, *Chrysalis Reader*, The Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, University of Colorado and the Denver Press Club, among others.

**1981 | Nancy Cohen**

Nancy Cohen has joined the trial law firm of Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell as of counsel effective June 15, 2010. Nancy was with the Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation since 1999 and served as chief deputy regulation counsel since 2002. In this capacity, she investigated and prosecuted lawyers for violations of ethical rules, implemented a nationally recognized attorney-regulation system and gave hundreds of presentations to lawyers and other groups on legal ethics issues. As a trial lawyer in private practice from 1982 to 1999, Nancy handled complex commercial, employment, product-liability and lawyer disciplinary matters.

**1981 | Leslie Fields**

The partners of Faegre & Benson LLP elected Leslie Fields to the firm’s management committee on March 1, 2010. An expert and author in the area of eminent domain law and complex land valuation and litigation, Leslie has been influential on all sides of the acquisition and valuation process. She has argued numerous precedent-setting cases before the Colorado Court of Appeals, resulting in published decisions that impacted the legal industry. Leslie also has written extensively on eminent domain law and legal principles and procedures, including a Colorado textbook, *Colorado Eminent Domain Practice*. Prior to her election to the management committee, Leslie served as chair of Faegre & Benson’s diversity committee, leading initiatives to promote and maintain a culture of diversity within the firm and in the extended legal community. The Sam Cary Bar Association recently named Leslie a “Women of Wisdom” honoree for her professional achievements, community outreach and commitment to the African-American population. Leslie is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as co-chairman of the American Law Institute and American Bar Association’s longest-running national conferences on eminent domain and land valuation.

**1981 | Nina Iwashko**

Nina Iwashko is now of counsel with Senn Visciano Canges Rosenstein P.C. Nina can be reached at 1801 California St., Suite 4300, Denver, CO 80202-2604, 303-298-1122, email: niwashko@sennlaw.com.

**1981 | John Works**

John Works is senior investment officer with the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program Office in Washington, D.C. The Loan Guarantee Program provides loan guarantees for cutting-edge alternative and renewable energy projects now being considered by the private sector – notably in the sectors represented by solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal and nuclear projects. Generally speaking, DOE is able to provide loan guarantees for projects that may not yet be able to attract ordinary and customary forms of capital from private sector banks and financial institutions. John leads a
team responsible for the review and processing of loan guarantee applications, the negotiation of loan guarantee agreements, and the long-term monitoring and managing of the continuing operations of projects receiving loan guarantees until final loan repayment or closeout. Given the recent focus on alternative energy as an eventual way to wean the country away from its dependence on foreign and eventually domestic sources of oil and gas, particularly in light of the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, this position is of particular interest to John from a long-term career perspective. John was editor-in-chief of the Denver Journal of International Law & Policy under faculty advisor Professor Ved Nanda. In 2000 John endowed the Chizzie Works scholarship, which supports continuing students who demonstrate an interest in trusts and estate law.

1983 | Lucien J. Dhooge

Lucien J. Dhooge was appointed director of the global MBA program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta where he serves as the Sue and John Staton Professor of Law. Lucien spent the spring and summer traveling and teaching in Europe and South America. He completed his one-year term as president of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business in August. His latest books – International Business Law and its Environment and Dynamic Business Law – will be published by Cengage Learning and McGraw-Hill Irwin, respectively, later this year. Lucien can be reached at the College of Management, Georgia Institute of Technology, 800 West Peachtree St., N.W., Office Number 416, Atlanta, GA 30308-1149, 404-385-7312, 404-894-6030 (fax).

1984 | Anthony Carroll

Anthony Carroll is an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. He is vice president at Manchester Trade Ltd. where he specializes in trade, development and investment in Africa.

1984 | Cynthia King


1985 | Allan Hale


1985 | Lynda Hettich-Knowles

Lynda Hettich-Knowles has been legal counsel at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science since 2007. Her office is in the basement and she says it is all you might expect from watching A Night at the Museum. Despite careful attention, she has yet to see anything move in the dioramas, but hope springs eternal. The legal issues there run the gamut from licensing and copyright to Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), with much transactional and corporate work in between. She has had a few DU Law School interns and has been uniformly impressed with the caliber of these candidates.

1985 | Richard Westfall


1986 | Barbara Jensen

Barbara Jensen began her legal career as a deputy district attorney in Jefferson County and co-established the Crimes Against Children unit. She established her own firm, Frolich & Jensen, LLC, emphasizing family law, juvenile law, criminal defense and appellate
law. Barbara is a shareholder in the firm and *Super Lawyer*. Her most recent presentation was about the effects of domestic violence on children. Barbara also focuses part of her practice on rights of grandparents and other nonparents.

1986 | **Ron Litvak**

Ron Litvak joined his father at Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. in 1986 and built his reputation quickly in the family law community. In 1991, Ron became the managing shareholder. He is a frequent lecturer and presenter to the legal community. He has been identified as *Best Lawyer* since 1995, a *Super Lawyer* and one of “Denver’s Top Lawyers.” Ron is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a past president of its Colorado chapter.

1987 | **Tim Mehrtens**

Tim Mehrtens joined Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. in 1991. Tim is a shareholder of the firm and is a frequent Continuing Legal Education presenter. He has been president of the Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee where he worked to further the education of professionals from both the legal and mental health communities who work with families engaged in the legal system. Tim is the current president of the Colorado chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is recognized as a *Best Lawyer* and a *Super Lawyer*.

1987 | **Paula Smith**

Paula Smith joined her classmates at Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. in 1999 after working 10 years as a deputy district attorney with the Arapahoe County Family Support Division. Paula is a shareholder at the firm. She is active in the Colorado Judicial Institute on the parenting time issue subcommittee and volunteers at the Arapahoe County pro se clinics. She has given presentations on paralegal ethics and case law updates and continues her interest in family support issues through presentations and authorship of several articles on child support.

1988 | **Richard Bainter**

Richard Bainter, his wife and two young boys have recently settled in San Diego, and Ric has opened his own law firm specializing in international law for nonprofits and small businesses. Ric has been working abroad for the past 11 years, most recently as legal counsel to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia. He authored several chapters in a recently published commentary to the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has also been advising the United Nations Development Programme on issues related to the upcoming referendum on independence for Southern Sudan. Ric is licensed to practice law in California as well as Colorado. He can be reached at 4370 La Jolla Village Dr., Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92122, 858-546-4399, 858-345-7251 (cell).

1989 | **Timothy S. Tomasik**

Timothy S. Tomasik, partner at Clifford Law Offices, will be speaking at the Aviation and Space Law Litigation seminar in Washington, D.C., in October. The two-day program, sponsored by the American Bar Association, will feature some of the country’s best and brightest in the field of aviation law. Tim also recently obtained some multimillion dollar settlements, including a $5 million settlement against a hospital and physician on behalf of a 45-year-old mother who died. He also has been serv-

1990 | **Leslie F. Kline Capelle**

Leslie F. Kline Capelle is the senior attorney adjudicator with the Office of Disability Adjudication & Review. Leslie can be reached at 12121 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90025, 866-748-2089, ext. 17833, 310-479-3370 (fax).

1990 | **Colin Wayne Clarke III**

Colin Wayne Clarke III most recently served as the chief operating officer of the National Empowerment Fund (NEF) in South Africa where he headed the group operations as well as asset management, marketing and communications, and strategy and planning. The NEF has assets under management of US$700 million. Colin has many years of international legal and corporate finance experience with multinational organizations such as BP Amoco, where he served as legal counsel in the acquisitions department. He has also held the position of deputy director for trade and investment at the African America Institute and program director for the Africa Regional Assistance Electoral Fund, established to assist African countries’ transition to democracy, located in Washington, D.C. In an advisory capacity, Colin was instrumental in the purchase of 15.1 percent of the equity in Telkom SA from SBC Corporation for US$1 billion on behalf of a South African consortium. Colin gained extensive private equity experience in Africa having served as legal counsel and partner with two South African focused private equity funds: US$120 million Southern African Enterprise Development Fund and Sloan Financial Group’s US$100 million New Africa Advisors Fund. He has served as managing principal for Cable Partners Africa, a technology-focused private equity group, and as director for the special projects division of Lonrho Africa Plc where he oversaw its fast-moving consumer goods division and was directly responsible for acquisition strategies in the water and related products group. Colin was admitted as an Advocate to the High Court of South Africa and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Managers (UK) as well as a member of the Institute of Directors (SA). He has served on the board of directors of ATIO – SA, MSI (now CelTel), FP du Touit and Renu Energy (now Connex). Colin is married to Dr. Angela Mathee, and they have a nine-year-old daughter, Kiera Jordan Clarke.

1990 | **Tom DeVine**

Tom DeVine joined Faegre & Benson in March. His practice is concentrated in all aspects of real estate development and real and personal property secured finance, including general and specialized commercial finance transactions and real property transactions.

Tom can be reached at 3200 Wells Fargo Center, 1700 Lincoln St., Denver, CO 80202, 303-607-3765, email: tdevine@faegre.com.

1990 | **Robin Wright**

Robin Wright just celebrated her 21st wedding anniversary and works in Internet marketing along with her husband, Bill, in Colorado. Their daughter was recently married, and they are waiting patiently for grandchildren. Robin wishes best regards to one and all. She can be reached at wrightreal@aol.com.

1992 | **Zoe Cole (formerly Kristin K. Rasciner)**

After putting her law degree to a variety of uses since graduation (securities broker-dealer, corporate compliance and ethics, family law and municipal judging, among others), Zoe Cole has returned to DU as a joint Ph.D. student. She continues to freelance in corporate compliance and ethics while studying theology, philosophy and cultural theory. She also keeps her license current as a municipal judge in Lone Tree, Colo. — Don’t
speed there! – and is looking forward to contributing to the formation of the next generation of lawyers. If you have any ideas for her, contact her on Facebook, but look for L. Zoe Cole (since 2000) rather than Kristin K. Rasciner.

1992| **CHARLES E. FELDMANN**

Charles E. Feldmann is the Military Justice International litigation team leader for all cases located in combat areas of operation and a partner in the law firm of Feldmann Nagel, LLC. He travels to the Middle East, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Israel, Japan and all of Europe to handle the most complicated and difficult client cases. Nearly all of his experience has been focused on winning cases at the court-martial level. Charles was a former trial and defense counsel in the U.S. Marine Corps and a former Colorado state prosecutor in Steamboat Springs. He is a frequent lecturer and instructor at the U.S. Navy Justice School, the Department of Defense and previously with the National College of District Attorneys. Charles has taught numerous classes for beginning prosecutors and defense counsel for the Department of the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Department of the Air Force. He was previously an adjunct professor in the areas of criminal and constitutional law. Charles can be reached at Feldmann Nagel, LLC, 866-477-8616, email: cfeldmann@colo-lawyers.com.

1992| **S. GABRIELLE FREY**

Contrary to previous reports, Gabrielle Frey is not deceased. Gabrielle continues to work in the Denver metro area in the field of conflict resolution. Founding a nonprofit Community Mediation and Restorative Justice Center called Resolution Works in 2008, Gabrielle provides training and mentoring for new mediators. She has also been a leader in the implementation of innovative restorative justice programs in collaboration with the 18th Judicial District Attorney’s office, and works closely with schools, law enforcement and community groups to educate about conflict resolution techniques. Gabrielle is an adjunct professor at University College at the University of Denver, teaching graduate level courses in conflict resolution and restorative justice.

1993| **JOHN M. SPEСIA**

Successfully arguing that expert testimony is not necessary to prove a claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress, John M. Spesia has learned the Illinois Supreme Court has upheld the earlier decision of the Third District Appellate Court in a 2000 medical negligence case. The verdict affirmed a $700,000 award for John’s client, Toni Thornton. The case went to the Illinois Supreme Court after the doctor’s attorney claimed that Thornton failed to support her claim with expert testimony. But John successfully argued that expert testimony was not required in such cases, and the high court agreed. John is a partner with Spesia & Ayers in Joliet, Ill.

1994| **LAYNE RANDOLPH**

Layne Randolph is currently in-house counsel with Italian fashion house Fendi, S.r.l., in Rome, Italy, specializing in intellectual property enforcement, anticounterfeiting and international transactions. Fendi is a subsidiary of Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton S.A. Group (LVMH), owner of more than 50 luxury brands including Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior, Givenchy, Marc Jacobs, Donna Karan, Dom Perignon, De Beers, Veuve Clicquot, Emilio Pucci and Fendi. Layne established The Randolph Law Firm, P.C. in Denver in 2001 to provide franchising and trademark legal services to businesses. She later obtained a master’s degree in intellectual property law from the Università di Torino in Turin, Italy. She continues to provide legal consulting services through The Randolph Law Firm on matters related to fashion law and international expansion. Layne currently lives in Rome, Italy.
1995 | Douglas R. Penn

Douglas R. Penn is pleased to announce the opening of the Law Offices of Douglas R. Penn, LLC at 1266 E. Main St., Suite 700R, Stamford, CT 06902. He will continue representing clients with business and family immigration matters. Douglas has been practicing in the field of immigration and nationality law since 1997 and currently serves as the chair of the Connecticut Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association. He regularly gives presentations to community and business groups in Fairfield County and throughout Connecticut on immigration matters. He has been named in Naifeh’s and Smith’s publication, Best Lawyers in America. He is licensed to practice law in Connecticut and Colorado. He may be reached at 203-539-6158, email: dpenn@attorneypenn.com.

1996 | Brad Varmo

After nearly 12 years as a prosecutor for both the Lakewood City Attorney’s Office and the Adams County District Attorney’s Office, Brad Varmo has joined the firm of Gutterman Griffiths P.C. as a senior associate. Brad will handle all family law matters including high-conflict divorce, parenting challenges, post decree and juvenile issues. Brad can be contacted at 10375 Park Meadows Dr., Suite 520, Littleton, CO 80124, 303-858-8090, email: bvarmo@ggfamilylaw.com.

1997 | Constance Smith

Constance Smith changed firms and is now a director at Fairfield and Woods, P.C. She is also listed in Best Lawyers in America, Colorado Super Lawyers in 2010 and is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. She is still specializing in lifetime and death wealth transfers through trusts, estates and business succession planning. She can be reached at Fairfield and Woods, P.C., Wells Fargo Center, Suite 2400, 1700 Lincoln St., Denver, CO 80203-4524, 303-830-2400, 303-894-4474, 303-830-1033 (fax).

1997 | Kory S. Booth

Kory S. Booth can be reached at Friedman, Stroffe & Gerard, P.C., 19800 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 1100, Irvine, CA 92612-2440, 949-265-1107.

1998 | Janet Dolan

In August 2009, Janet Dolan was recruited to do volunteer work for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense. She belongs to the Ombudsman group and does mediation on behalf of service members who have issues with employers due to their military service. She loved law school and is delighted to use her legal background as she tracks the applicable law (Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act), federal regulations and relevant case law. Each case is different, which makes her volunteer job interesting, challenging and fun! She also has two grandchildren – they are a great gift in her life. Janet can be reached at jv85dv@msn.com.

1998 | Lisa McDaniel

1998 | **Maureen McInerney**

Liam McInerney just celebrated his first birthday. Momma Maureen McInerney could not be more proud!

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1998 | **Michael Switzer**

Michael Switzer joined Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. in 1998. A shareholder at the firm, Michael has lectured on financial matters, common law marriage and alternate dispute resolution issues. He was recognized as a Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2009 and 2010.

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1998 | **David Thomson**

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson announced the appointment of David Thomson to the 1st Judicial District Court in Santa Fe. David has been with the New Mexico Attorney General’s Office since 1999 and has served as deputy attorney general for the past four years. Before becoming deputy, David was director of its litigation division. David began his legal career as a law clerk for the Hon. Bruce D. Black, U.S. District Court Judge. David has been a member of the State Bar Association for 10 years and also serves on the State Bar Disciplinary Board.

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1999 | **Nathan Dowell**

Nathan Dowell joined the firm of Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. in 2001. Recognized as a Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2009, Nathan attended the Harvard Mediation Program and has added an alternate dispute resolution focus to his practice. Nathan has co-authored, edited and presented various family law issues and currently sits on the policy committee for the Autism Society of Colorado.

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1999 | **Harold E. “Wynn” Miller III**

In his spare time, Harold E. “Wynn” Miller III teaches skiing in Breckenridge, Colo.

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2000 | **Jennifer Siegal-Miller**

Jennifer Siegal-Miller along with her husband, Rabbi Adam Miller, and their twin two-year-old sons Jonah and Gabriel relocated from Framingham, Mass., to Naples, Fla., in June 2010, where Adam became the senior rabbi of Temple Shalom of Naples. Jennifer worked for Rosin Steinhagen Mendel in New York City, a child advocacy law firm, from 2000 to 2007 when Jonah and Gabriel were born. Jennifer was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 2008. Since 2007, Jennifer has been doing contract work for Rosin Steinhagen Mendel remotely.

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2001 | **Frank Debick**

Frank Debick is an attorney in the corporate department of Fairfield and Woods, and his practice primarily focuses on corporate, tax and securities issues. He is a member of the Denver Inner City Parish board of directors. The Denver Inner City Parish is a nondenominational, nonprofit agency dedicated for the past five decades to serving the secular and spiritual needs of Denver’s low-income community. The Parish offers a “familia” model of support that provides holistic educational and human services, all of which help develop self-sufficiency for people of all ages. Frank was selected to Rising Stars by Colorado Super Lawyers in both 2009 and 2010, and in 2009, he was recognized as one of Colorado’s Up-and-Coming Lawyers by Law Week Colorado.
2001 | **Jesse Witt**


2002 | **Alexander St. John**

Alexander St. John recently moved back to New York. He can be reached at 800 Sixth Ave., Apt. 15D, New York, NY 10001, 917-225-3329.

2002 | **Wendy Smock**

After receiving her JD, Wendy Smock moved from being a law clerk to associate attorney in Litvak Litvak Mehrtens and Epstein, P.C. She is active in committee work for the Colorado Judicial Institute, examining parenting time forms and recommendations, and has co-authored and edited chapters of *Colorado Domestic Relations Law*. In addition, Wendy has presented programs on financial disclosures and the dissolution process.

2002 | **Petra von Ziegesar**

Petra von Ziegesar attended the Korbel reception in New York City in February and had the opportunity to meet Madeleine Albright.

2003 | **Thomas J. Herbert**

Thomas J. Herbert has recently celebrated the second anniversary of his solo practice, focusing on business litigation and bankruptcy. He can be reached at 11 Riverside Dr., Suite 210, Cocoa Village, FL, 32922-8209, 321-633-3505, www.tjherbert.com.

2003 | **Elizabeth M. Sexton**

Elizabeth M. Sexton has joined the law firm of Guterman Griffths P.C. as a senior associate. Elizabeth comes to the firm from the 13th Judicial District Attorney’s Office and will practice in the area of family law, bringing her experience in juvenile issues, medical and mental health challenges, and resolving conflicts equitably. Elizabeth can be contacted at 10375 Park Meadows Dr., Suite 520, Littleton, CO 80124, 303-858-8090, email: esexton@ggfamilylaw.com.

2004 | **James DeVore**

James DeVore was recently appointed to clerk of court for the Logan County and District Courts in Sterling, Colo. James previously worked in the Office of Court Administration for the 20th Judicial District in Boulder, Colo. He can be reached at 970-526-5320.

2005 | **Heather Gwinn**

Heather Gwinn is now with Caplan and Earnest. She can be reached at 1800 Broadway, Suite 200, Boulder, CO 80302, 303-443-8010, www.celaw.com.

2005 | **Michelle Martinez**

Michelle Martinez received the Outstanding New Hispanic Lawyer Award at the 2010 Colorado Hispanic Bar Association Banquet.
2005 | **Stacy Porto**

Stacy Porto was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as deputy director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she works on projects involving civil rights, childhood hunger, local farming and community outreach. She also works as an associate for the White House, where she plans events and coordinates logistics for President and Mrs. Obama’s domestic and international engagements.

2005 | **Max Stich**

Max Stich has started his own firm, Tiemeier & Stich, with partner Gregory Tiemeier, JD’86. The firm’s interim location is 857 Grant St., P.O. Box 300249, Denver, CO 80203, 303-531-0022, 720-473-7524, 303-531-0021 (fax), email: mstich@tslawpc.com.

2006 | **Jason Astle**


2006 | **Tasha Newland**

Vincent Andrew Newland was born at 7:11 a.m. February 15, 2010, to Drew and Tasha Newland.

2006 | **Liz Titus**

Liz Titus was named president of the Colorado GLBT Bar Association.

2006 | **Michael R. Zecher**

Michael R. Zecher is a patent attorney with the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He can be reached at 600 Dulany St., Madison East – Room 9D34, Alexandria, VA 22314-9797, 571-270-3032, email: michael.zecher@uspto.gov.

2007 | **Michelle Young Berge**

Michelle Young Berge is now with Reilly Pozner LLP. She can be reached at 511 Sixteenth St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202, 303-893-6100, 303-302-7863, email: mberge@rplaw.com.

2007 | **Keiven D Cosgriff**

Keiven D. Cosgriff recently accepted a position with Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., working for the supply management, contracts & compliance team. He can be reached at Encana Oil & Gas USA, Inc., 370 17th St., Denver, CO 80202 keiven.cosgriff@encana.com.

2007 | **Christopher “Kip” Hale**

Christopher “Kip” Hale is currently working as a legal consultant in the Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, which is a United Nations supported tribunal created to prosecute the surviving senior members of the Khmer Rouge regime. He has worked in this office for more than two years and is still very much enjoying this line of work. Kip was a member of the prosecution team in
the court’s first trial, which recently resulted in a guilty verdict against Kaing Guev Eav, alias Duch, for his role in the torture and execution of more than 12,000 individuals at the infamous Tuol Sleng (S-21). Kip can be reached at 855-013-705706, 855-023-219814, ext. 6206, email: kiphale@gmail.com, hale@un.org.

2007 | **Noah Klug**

Noah Klug opened a successful solo practice in November 2009. The Klug Law Firm, LLC, located in Summit County, Colo., is a general practice law firm emphasizing business, real estate and litigation. Noah also writes the “Mountain Law” column for the *Summit Daily News*. Noah, his wife, Kristina, and their son John Carter Glass Klug (aka Jack, 21 months) are also awaiting the arrival of little brother Samuel Lee Glass Klug. Noah can be reached at P.O. Box 6683, Breckenridge, CO 80424, www.thekluglawfirm.com.

2007 | **Linda Lee**

Linda Lee was on *Nancy Grace* July 27, 2010, as an expert panelist. She is also a legal commentator for ABC News and met with *Good Morning America* and all of ABC’s law and justice unit.

2008 | **Evelyn R. Hernandez**

Evelyn R. Hernandez got married in April 2009 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. She and her husband bought their first home that same year and have been loving and enjoying it. After clerking on the Arizona Court of Appeals for a year, Evelyn went to a small firm for a month to get some experience. She recently joined a new firm, Schneider & Onofry, and has been there since January 2010. She does commercial and complex civil litigation there and loves it. She recently joined a local Inn of Court and has been asked to serve on the Board of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association. Last year she became certified to teach Zumba and now is teaching Zumba classes at two local gyms twice a week. She’s also working on starting a local DU Law alumni network in Phoenix, so please contact her if you would like to participate. Evelyn can be reached at 602-751-8154, email: e hernandez09@cox.net.

2009 | **Jason Crow**

Anderson Robert Crow was born February 11, 2010, at 1:11 p.m. at Rose Medical Center. Father Jason Crow is very proud! Jason has also been named “Volunteer of the Year” by the Denver Bar Association.

2009 | **Erik Estrada**

Erik Estrada is with Davis Graham & Stubbs. He can be reached at 1550 17th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202, 303-892-7488, email: erik.estrada@dgslaw.com.

2009 | **Charlene Hunter**

Charlene Hunter has a solo practice, Hunter Law, LLC, which retained its first client February 1, 2010. In the past six months, the firm has grown to a full-fledged practice in family law, landlord-tenant issues, small business and wills/power of attorney authorizations. She has been working from a virtual office, assisted by Ned Heppenstall’s generous use of his conference room, and has just leased space at 1547 Gaylord St., a few feet north of Colfax. She volunteers weekly in the Denver Probate Court and several times a month with Metro Volunteer Lawyers’ Family Law Court Program. She is also a member of the DU Sturm College of Law Alumni Council. Her 12-year-old daughter lives with her and is in seventh grade at the Denver Waldorf School where Charlene has just agreed to join the board of directors. While her emphasis in law school was on transactional business law, she has found that she truly enjoys helping people with the crisis and opportunities in their lives. She is very thankful for the scope of her legal education and for the vast network of generous DU alumni who are willing to answer any question a newbie lawyer can throw at them.
REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE LOST

Harry G. Shapiro, LLB’38, died April 19, 2010, in Phoenix, Ariz.
Toshio Ando, LLB’44, died February 1, 2010, in Denver, Colo.
Max C. Wilson, JD’44, died April 22, 2010, in Canon City, Colo.
Frank E. Evans, JD’49, died June 8, 2010, in Denver, Colo.
Alvin J. Meiklejohn, JD’51, died March 1, 2010, in Arvada, Colo.
Douglas L. Waldorf, JD’51, died April 25, 2010, in Fort Myers, Fla.
Theodore P. Koeberle, JD’65, died July 23, 2010, in Cedar Crest, N.M.
Mark C. Hinman, JD’69, died March 2, 2010, in Logandale, Nev.
Lawrence Hammerling, JD’73, died June 20, 2010, in St. Paul, Minn.
Barry E. Glasgow, JD’85, died July 1, 2010, in Denver, Colo.
James S. Covino, JD’88, died April 1, 2010, in Littleton, Colo.
Martha Louise Collie, JD’98, died May 13, 2010, in Benton, Ky.

In the summer issue of the magazine, Gabrielle Frey, JD’92, was mistakenly listed as deceased. We are happy to report that Ms. Frey is very much alive (see her class note on p. 62) and we regret the error. -ed.
2010|OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 7, 2010**
Global Security Career Fair (at HRTM)
*Co-sponsored by the Career Development Center and Josef Korbel School of International Studies*

**Thursday - Sunday, October 7-10, 2010**
LatCrit XV Conference
"The Color of the Economic Crisis: Exploring the Downturn from the Bottom Up"

**Friday, October 8, 2010**
Mile High Educational Summit
*Co-sponsored by the Mile High Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators and the University of Denver Master of Science in Legal Administration program*

**Thursday - Saturday, October 14-16, 2010**
All Alumni Weekend

**Thursday and Saturday, October 14 and October 16, 2010**
PALS (Partners at Law)

**Thursday, October 21, 2010**
Colorado Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Continuing Legal Education & Movie Night

**Thursday, October 28, 2010**
Career Development Center Fall Open House

2010|NOVEMBER

**Thursday, November 4, 2010**
General Counsel/Managing Partner Roundtable
*Presented by the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE)*

**Friday, November 5, 2010**
Privacy Foundation

**Friday - Saturday, November 5-6, 2010**
Sutton Colloquium

**Thursday, November 11, 2010**
Colorado Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Seminar for Young Lawyers and Students

**Thursday, November 11, 2010**
University of Colorado/University of Denver Government/Public Interest Career Fair (at CU)

2010|DECEMBER

**Thursday, December 17, 2010**
Graduation Reception

2011|JANUARY

**Thursday, January 27, 2011**
Named Scholarship Reception

2011|MARCH

**Friday, March 4, 2011**
Recent Graduate Reunion

**Monday - Tuesday, March 14-15, 2011**
Legal Inclusiveness and Diversity Summit
*Presented by the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE)*

*All events held at the Sturm College of Law unless otherwise noted.*
SAVE THE DATE!

October 14-16, 2010

All Alumni Weekend

Held in conjunction with the University of Denver’s Homecoming

THE DU LAW ALL ALUMNI WEEKEND WILL FEATURE:

- Several free CLE (Ethics) opportunities
- Open classes
- Dinner & brunch with students
- All Alumni reception
- Dinner-by-decades at the Law School
- Reunion celebrations for classes that end in 0 & 5

For more information or to register:

Please visit www.law.du.edu/alumni (click on All Alumni Weekend)

Friday, March 4, 2011

Recent Graduate Reunion

Reception & Hockey Game

DU Pioneers v St. Cloud State Huskies