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Dear Alumni and Friends:

In my very first column for this magazine, I told you about our efforts to improve the performance of our graduates on the Colorado bar examination. I am delighted to inform you that 82 percent of the May 2007 graduates of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law passed the July 2007 bar examination. The faculty and administration of the law school continue to work with the Alumni Council’s Bar Passage Committee and the Board of Trustee’s Bar Passage Committee and I will report to you in the future on some of the additional steps we are undertaking to ensure that our graduates succeed on the bar examination.

One of the factors in our improved bar passage rate appears to have been the success of the free bar preparation workshops we offered this past summer to all of our graduates taking the exam. We will continue to offer these workshops at no charge. If you are a graduate of the Sturm College of Law and you have not passed the bar examination, I invite you to participate, no matter how long ago you graduated. Information regarding the workshops is available at www.law.du.edu/barPrep/index.cfm.

As we begin to craft a new strategic plan, I am meeting with small groups of alumni to learn what they believe is required to prepare our students to be competent lawyers in the 21st century. While I have primarily met with Denver-area alumni, I have also met with alumni in New York City and will soon meet with alumni in Los Angeles. If you would like to participate

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in these gatherings, please contact Mike Meyers, director of alumni relations, by e-mail at mmeyers@law.du.edu.

As the strategic plan is developed, we will need to consider critiques posed in two recently published evaluations of legal education: the Carnegie Foundation’s *Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law* and the Clinical Legal Education Association’s *Best Practices for Legal Education*. Both challenge legal educators to do a better job of ensuring that law students receive training in the broad range of legal skills required of lawyers today. With the participation of the entire Sturm College of Law community, we will meet that challenge.

Warmest regards,

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Clinical Fellowships Debut at DU Law

Though the snow-capped peaks of the Colorado Rockies are magnificent and the city of Denver teems with activity, the thing that brought Raja Raghunath to Colorado was the opportunity to pioneer clinical fellowships at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Designed with both service and teaching components in mind, clinical fellowships will emphasize and strengthen the Student Law Office (SLO) at DU Law. Professor Christine Cimini first proposed the idea of a clinical fellow in early 2007. Cimini, along with fellow DU Law clinical professors Laura Rovner and Tammy Kuennen, had benefited from clinical fellowships prior to coming to DU Law and felt DU would benefit greatly from a similar program.

Working specifically as a Civil Rights Clinical Fellow, Raghunath will spend three years in the SLO serving an intermediate role between student and professor. He will assist students in the SLO in handling their cases with expertise and teach them valuable skills about developing client relationships.

“Our students are representing unpopular clients and unpopular causes that are, most often, difficult claims to win,” says Raghunath. “By representing the people society has turned against, students emerge from this process not only with valuable experience, but with the understanding that their abilities as a lawyer go beyond making money. I think it gives them a greater respect for the law.”

Raghunath, who received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, has practiced privately in both New York City and Los Angeles. His experience includes both professional and pro bono work in the areas of federal wage and hour litigation on behalf of undocumented immigrant restaurant workers and guardianship proceedings in New York State Family Court. –Jenny Savage
Law Student Elected to Englewood City Council

The University of Denver community walks the halls of power across the country, from DU alumna and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to U.S. Senators Pete Domenici (N.M.), Byron Dorgan (N.D.) and Mike Enzi (Wyo.) and speaker of the Colorado State House and DU law student Andrew Romanoff.

Extend that reach a little bit further: DU Sturm College of Law student Joe Jefferson recently upended a long-time incumbent to take a seat on the Englewood City Council.

Jefferson, 28, a lifelong Englewood, Colo., resident and a third-year law student, says he had been thinking about getting more involved in his community for a few years. After serving on an Englewood beautification board and paying closer attention to the city finances, he says the city’s deficit struck him as a critical issue. Jefferson had a tough challenge running against an incumbent. He set a goal of knocking on every door in his district of slightly less than 9,000 people. “That’s the advantage of being in a small community. It’s the opportunity to get involved, to make a difference that you might not get in a bigger city,” he says. “At first, it was a little intimidating, knocking on strangers’ doors. But it was fun getting to know people.”

Built on a platform of fiscal responsibility and dedication to service, Jefferson’s campaign struck a chord. The local newspaper, Englewood Herald, endorsed him over the experienced candidate and on Election Day in November, he won with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

Englewood Mayor Jim Woodward says he’s looking forward to working with Jefferson. “I’m very optimistic. He’s asking the right questions. It’ll be refreshing to have his perspective,” Woodward says.

Taking a full complement of classes while fielding calls from residents and preparing for city meetings is a lot of work, Woodward says. “As a third-year law student who ran a campaign while in school and working, it’s quite an accomplishment,” Woodward notes. “But he will come away from this experience having learned a whole lot.” –JS
Attorney General Shares Expertise with DU Law Students

It’s Thursday evening and Colorado Attorney General John Suthers has just asked you to defend the notion that crime has become too federalized. No pressure.

Such was the reality for students in John Suthers’ Fall 2007 seminar course, “The Prosecutor as Protagonist,” who had the unique opportunity to spend 14 weeks examining the role of the prosecutor in the justice system with the current Attorney General of Colorado. The course was designed to provoke wide-ranging discussions and debate about crime and punishment and featured an impressive lineup of guest speakers.

Judge Karen Ashby showed up to put in her two cents about the prosecution of violent juveniles; Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Allison spoke on the over-criminalization of society; Executive Director for the Colorado Coalition for Criminal Justice Reform Christine Donner shared her expertise on victim’s rights and inmate advocacy groups. Even Colorado Governor Bill Ritter showed up at the end of August to speak with the class. The varied perspectives of these guests from the community, along with a host of other experts that included reputable civil rights lawyers and district attorneys, afforded students the opportunity to form their own, well-informed perspectives on a wide variety of interesting topics.

Though this was his first teaching experience at DU Law, students responded to the course with so much enthusiasm that Suthers has agreed to return in Fall 2008 to teach the course again.

“This seminar course is part of a broader reach out to the community,” said Penelope Bryan, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at DU Law. “It will benefit both our community and our students,” she said. –JS

DU Shines in ABA Student Tax Challenge

In its first year of competition in the American Bar Association’s Law Student Tax Challenge, the University of Denver Graduate Tax Program placed three teams in the final rounds of the LL.M. competition in Las Vegas, Nev. In the competition’s seven-year history, no university or law school had ever placed more that two teams in the finals.

The DU students captured three of the four finalists spots for the oral portion of the competition and won the written competition outright. More than 50 teams from 35 schools entered the competition.

Cindy Schlegel and Melissa Weber won the writing portion of the competition. Kelly Young and Hailley Joiner were the first-runner-up team in the oral competition. And Michelle Jez and Julie Karavas wrote one of the four best papers in the competition. All in all, it was a dominating academic performance by the LL.M. Taxation Program. –JS
DU Law Hosts Labor & Employment Law Scholarship Colloquium

In September 2007, Labor and Employment Law experts from across the country flocked to the DU Sturm College of Law to take part in the Second Annual Labor & Employment Law Scholarship Colloquium. The event, hosted in conjunction with CU Law, has become the premier stage for scholars of Labor and Employment Law to gather and discuss the most recent trends in the field, network, and most importantly, present and receive feedback on a wide range of scholarly papers.

The Labor and Employment Law Scholarship Colloquium debuted in 2006 at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. During this first gathering of scholars, it became apparent that DU Law had a huge presence in the world of labor and employment law scholarship. DU Law houses six full-time professors who not only teach and write in the field, but also participate in a writing group with a number of professors from CU Law.

The Second Annual event attracted 90 participants, including members of the local Labor and Employment Law Bar and scholars from as far away as Australia. DU Law professors Nantiya Ruan, Marty Katz, Rachel Arnow-Richman and Roberto Corrada all presented papers throughout the course of the event.

Hot topics proved to be causation in employment law and the current restatement of employment law by the American Law Institute (ALI). New this year to the Colloquium was a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) opportunity for participants, set up in conjunction with the DU Law CLE department. –JS

16th Annual Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Conference slated for spring

In March 2008, a diverse group of professionals and faculty from around the globe will gather at DU Law for the 17th Annual Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute Conference to discuss and debate critical regulatory, environmental and land development issues.

Growing steadily since its 1992 inception, the Land Use Conference has become the largest conference of its kind in the United States, now attracting several hundred participants from a global scope. In recent years, professionals from British Colombia, Slovenia and Spain have all attended as members of conference panels. The 2008 conference will seek to explore the prospect of “Sustaining the Next 100 Million.” New this year is a Water Law Symposium sponsored by the DU Water Law Review, a day-long symposium which will discuss alternative methods of water creation and allocation.

Supported by DU Law, the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute (RMLUI) prides itself on serving as a leading interdisciplinary, nonpartisan forum for research and education on the legal and public policy dimensions of development growth management and the environment. For more information or to register for the March 6-7, 2008 Land Use Conference, visit www.law.du.edu/rmlui/. –JS
El Centro Extends Warm Thanks to DU Law

Students and faculty of the Civil Litigation Clinic at the DU Student Law Office (SLO) recently received some special recognition from their partners at El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores.

El Centro Humanitario, a nonprofit organization that promotes the rights and well-being of day laborers in Denver through education, job skills, leadership development, united action and advocacy, partnered with the Civil Litigation Clinic six years ago. By staffing El Centro Humanitario’s free, drop-in Monday night legal information and referral clinic, DU Law students have had the unique opportunity to gain real-life experience in legal representation while actively promoting social justice as well.

In addition to the Monday night clinic, students have lobbied for more aggressive statues in Colorado that penalize employers who fail to pay wages, advocated with the Division of Labor and participated in local task forces such as the Immigrant Workers’ Rights Task Force of the larger Colorado Immigrants’ Rights Coalition. They have written and distributed various “know your rights” materials, such as a guide for workers who must file pro se in small claims court and a guide for subcontractors working in the construction industry.

Over the summer, El Centro Humanitario presented DU Law with a quilt and plaque to express their appreciation to the students and staff for their tireless efforts. –JS

Mitt Romney Makes Campaign Stop

Mitt Romney made a campaign stop at the DU Sturm College of Law in early October 2007 to speak with hundreds of supporters and a handful of skeptics. The Republican presidential hopeful from Massachusetts delivered a campaign speech in the in the Forum of the Ricketson law building, then took questions from the audience on subjects ranging from immigration law to economics to gay marriage.

Romney was careful to separate himself from current Republican leadership and his fellow GOP presidential hopefuls, even going so far as to call himself the only true Republican in the race. He preached the values of smaller government and lower taxes as the key to a brighter future and spoke about his desire to protect the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. Said Romney in regards to the 2008 Presidential race, “If Republicans don’t act like Republicans, we’re going to lose.”

A small but determined group of protestors chanted outside the building throughout the event. –JS
Ved Nanda Center Hosts First Event

The Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law hosted its first event this fall at the DU Sturm College of Law during the 2007 International Student Law Association (ISLA) Conference.

Hundreds of attorneys, supporters, alumni and students gathered to witness the first-ever presentation of the Cox Price Human Rights Award to Sherry P. Broder. Among her many accomplishments, Broder served as class counsel for the 9,500 victims of torture, summary execution and disappearance in the Philippines during the dictatorship of President Ferdinand Marcos. She won a $2 billion verdict, believed to be the largest personal injury verdict in U.S. history. The award was presented to Broder by Connie Cox Price herself, a 1978 alumna of DU Law and an enthusiastic supporter of the Ved Nanda Center.

The event also carried a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) component in conjunction with the DU Law CLE Department. The Henry and Mary Bryan Lecture, “Corporate Responsibility in International Business,” featured Lucinda Low, an international law partner at the Washington D.C. firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

Launched in 2006 and named in celebration of Ved Nanda, Director of the International Legal Studies Program at the DU Sturm College of Law, the Ved Nanda Center strives to encourage the stimulation, promotion and dissemination of quality writing and research materials in the field of international legal and comparative law studies. Through passionate leadership, the Ved Nanda Center tirelessly promotes the importance of international law in public and private international affairs in addition to encouraging communication and interaction among the DU Law community. –JS
Living History Visits DU Law

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor could have entered the DU Sturm College of Law through the VIP garage entrance but she opted to walk across campus and let herself in through the west entrance of the Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building instead. It should come as no surprise to anyone: O’Connor’s intelligence, spunk and ability to stay grounded have rocketed her to great heights throughout her entire extraordinary career.

Students, admirers and curious bystanders alike packed the law building’s Forum October 10, 2007 to hear what the first female Supreme Court Justice had to say. They lined the stairwells, hung over the railings and clustered in the hallways. And at 77 years old, she brought down the house.

O’Connor spoke about the dynamic she initially faced by being a women in a field that had long been dominated by men. She spoke about her first job experience, in which she shared a desk with the secretary and worked for free. She shared Stanford law school stories and the experiences and trials she saw filter into the Supreme Court. She encouraged students to have patience and truly dedicate themselves to their passions.

Paula Holt, a second year law student at DU with judicial aspirations, was rejuvenated by the realities of Justice O’Connor’s journey to the Supreme Court. “It was refreshing to hear that through a lot of hard work, passion and perseverance, you truly can get to the great places you seek,” said Holt. –JS

Join Your PALs

The Alumni Office is looking to expand its popular Partner’s at Law (PALs) program this spring. PALs is presented once a semester as an opportunity for students to interact with alumni and friends of DU Law in an informal dinner or brunch environment. The event provides students with an invaluable forum to ask questions about the practice of law or law-related professions and gives alumni the opportunity to share their insight with the next generation of DU Law alumni. For more information about this program please visit http://www.law.du.edu/alumni/pals.htm or contact Jenny Savage directly at 303.871.6398 or jsavage@law.du.edu.
A Lifetime of Thanks: DU’s Vigil Recognized

For Dan Vigil, a lifetime achievement award doesn’t mean he’s done achieving in this lifetime.

But the assistant dean and adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law allows that it’s nice to be remembered for decades of work, even if it all went by so fast.

Vigil, 60, is being recognized with this year’s lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. The award honors those who have made significant contributions to the Hispanic community, and recipients must be approved by an overwhelming majority of the association’s board.

“This is a nice marker for 25 years of work,” Vigil says. “But I’m not done yet. I don’t think I’ll ever retire. As long as I can continue to teach and be of service to DU, I’ll stay here.”

Vigil got his start in the army and later went on to work for the U.S. government before graduating from the University of Colorado School of Law and accepting a clerkship with a District Court judge, then going into private practice. It was while he was working as a private trial lawyer that his former instructor from law school took him to lunch and unexpectedly asked him to come to work at CU, Vigil remembers.

“I said no,” he says with a smile. “I wanted to stay in private practice…They were very persistent.”

After taking the job as an assistant dean for student affairs at CU Law, Vigil’s love of teaching and his intense desire to help others through life and school took over. Teaching a class of law students is always a thrill for him. “It’s like going to trial in front of a very smart jury that has read everything you’re going to talk about,” he says.

He came to work at DU in 2003 and has no plans to leave, teaching as an adjunct professor and working as assistant dean of student affairs. The job, he says, is rewarding and challenging and affords him a chance to help students find their way along a difficult path. From helping students through marital problems, offering comfort when a student experiences a death in the family, or guiding someone through tough financial times, Vigil says he’s seen it all. “Anything that can happen to someone in the world can happen to students,” he says.

Joe Ramirez, president of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association, says support for Vigil’s selection for a lifetime achievement award was vast. Letters of nomination even came in from the University of Colorado, and when the matter came up, nearly every member of the CHBA board had a story to tell about how Vigil helped them along the way. “He’s a special man,” Ramirez says. “He’s touched a lot of lives.”

In his personal letter to Vigil congratulating him for the award, Ramirez writes, “You are well loved by this organization, and we want you to know how much we appreciate the work you have done for the Hispanic legal community.”

Vigil accepted the award Jan. 26 at the CHBA annual banquet in Denver. –JS
If our economy slides into a recession, there’s one sector that won’t be worried about layoffs. In fact, if history holds true, they may have trouble keeping up with demand. That sector? America’s law schools. But in the face of this boomtown, the business of law school has become seriously competitive. Increasing a law
Law School: The Machine?

Guished Alumni, Prestigious Faculty & Money.

Contributing Writer  J.L. Sommars

School’s ranking depends heavily on the caliber of graduates produced. Luring the top candidates has become far more difficult and depends largely on a school’s ranking as well as the possibility of a financial aid package. In the end, what keeps all the gears moving in the right direction are these graduates and their philanthropy.
“The last recession took place in 2001 with the combination of the tech industry tanking and the attacks on 9/11,” says Iain Davis, assistant dean of admissions and financial management at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (SCOL). “Back then, undergrads fully expected to be courted by big firms and to earn big salaries. There were stories of kids going for interviews in L.A. and being picked up by a limousine at the airport. Then things changed overnight. And, suddenly, many of them realized, ‘I’m not going to get a job. So I’ll go to grad school.’”

Now, the numbers are changing. Applications at Sturm College of Law averaged around 2,700 each year previous, but spiked to a high of 4,000 in 2003. Mirroring national trends, the numbers have steadily declined ever since.

“There are 85,000 people who take the LSAT every year,” Davis explains. “Half of them will apply to law school. So there are about 40 to 50,000 people out there looking for schools.” Some 3,200 of them applied to SCOL last year and, from that pool, Davis and his colleagues selected 375 for the incoming day and night class.

Although the application numbers have dropped, the competition between students and law schools themselves has never been more intense. “There are fewer applicants, yes, but these people are applying to more schools than ever before,” says Heike Spahn, who specializes in advising law school applicants for Virginia-based Admissions Consultants. “When I applied to law school in the early ’90s, it was common for people to apply to three to six schools. Today, I have clients who are applying to 20.”

She cites two driving factors for this change: the Internet and credit cards.

“The LSAT Web site makes it really easy to apply,” she says. “There’s a common information form that automatically populates each application. So somebody can sit down and do 10 applications over the course of a weekend. They see the extra $75 application fee as money well spent. When I applied, you
with a number of schools. They have a lot of money to throw at students. We’re just not there yet."

Davis encourages applicants to apply to a couple of ‘dream schools,’ as well as two or three good schools where they have a fighting chance to be accepted. Then, as insurance, he suggests a few ‘safety schools.’ “The problem arises when they get accepted to both a dream school and a safety school, but the safety school offers them a full-ride scholarship,” he says. “Money makes a huge difference. It’s $160,000, on average, for a private school over three years if you include living expenses. So it can be very attractive to get an offer from what they perceive to be a ‘lower’ school, especially if they want to go into public interest law.”

“We compete with a number of schools in public interest, tax, environmental and international law,” Davis continues. “They have a lot of money to throw at students. We’re just not there yet.” This is yet another reason why students are applying to five, six, 10 law schools: they want to see the money and they know it’s out there somewhere, so they seek out those law schools with the highest ranking and the largest pool of scholarship funds. Today’s prospective student finds herself with the upper hand, pitting one school against another in a race for scholarship funds.

“The chancellor has launched a billion dollar endowment campaign, so we obviously recognize the need. This is a big issue for us if we want to continue to attract top-flight students to DU,” Davis says. And attracting today’s best student translates to increasing the value of a DU Law degree for all DU Law alumni. “The notion of alumni “giving back” is not simply a trite catch phrase—it’s what greases the wheels of the DU Law machine,” says Meghan Howes, director of communications for DU Law. “Location is not enough. The finest law building in the nation is not enough. We built it, and they are coming, and in too many cases, we must turn them away due to a lack of scholarship funds.”
85 percent of DU’s law students participate in federal or private loan programs. Only 25 percent receive financial aid in the form of scholarships. DU awarded a mean average of $10,000 in grant money last year to those students who qualified. As a comparison, Loyola Law School, at the top of the list for private law schools, awarded an average of $31,880, according to 2008 statistics.

“U.S. News and World Report (USNWR) has also changed the way applicants work through the process,” says Spahn. “I had one client who was admitted to School X in his home town and was on a wait list at School Y. School Y was one ranking higher in USNWR. My client was willing to forfeit his money and relocate, just to move up one ranking.

“I had another client who really wanted to do health care. Two of the better schools in this field are St. Louis and Houston. But he wouldn’t put them on his list. ‘They’re not in the top 20,’ was his response.”

According to the most recent USNWR rankings, DU tied for 77th among the top 100 law schools in the country. The school’s environmental and natural resources program ranked 16th and its tax law program tied for 21st.

Sturm College of Law Dean José Roberto “Beto” Juárez, Jr. agrees that these ratings overly influence the application process. But he’s more concerned about what he calls “their pernicious effect on who’s being left out of our nation’s law schools.” He blames USNWR for two of the most disturbing trends facing the legal education community today: the decline of female enrollment and the decline of minority enrollment.

Changing Statistics

“Women were about 50 percent of the entering class and that has been going steadily down,” says Juárez. “It’s somewhere in the 42 to 46 percent range among all law schools. Here, at DU, it’s 42 percent.”

“There are a number of theories about this,” he continues. “The only one I can come up with is the USNWR ranking system. It pushes all of us in the law schools to really focus on LSAT scores. This has an effect on gender because, taken as a whole, women score about 0.6 points lower than men. That may not seem like much, but it’s amplified because the rankings place so much weight on the LSAT.”

Juárez believes this obsession with rankings is even more disadvantageous to people of color. “Minority enrollment peaked in 1995,” he says. “Since then, we’ve added a number of new law schools. Although total enrollment has increased, the percentage of minority students has not.” The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) reports that in the 1994-95 school year, 9,681 African-American students were enrolled in 177 law schools. LSAC’s most recent data, from 2006-07, includes 14 additional schools, yet total enrollment of this group has slipped to 9,529.
According to Davis, DU Law was recently cited in *The National Jurist* as fifth in the country in improving minority enrollment. People of color make up approximately 19 percent of the student body, up from single digits in the 1990s. “One of the things we know from the data is that, taken as a whole, African Americans and Mexican Americans score lower than the rest of the applicant pool on their LSATs,” says Juárez. “If you’ve got this as a predominant factor in the admissions decision, we shouldn’t be surprised that there’s going to be an effect in terms of the overall enrollment of these groups.”

Not all the blame should go to USNWR, Juárez admits. “We really have to question the commitment of law schools and the legal profession to diversity. The medical schools draw from the same pool of people, but do a much better job of producing diverse graduates than the law schools. They really do have the commitment to diversity that we say we have in legal education.”

But Juárez, the Mexican American from Texas who entered law to make a difference in society, is also a realist. “We’re not going to do away with USNWR. There will continue to be this focus on LSAT scores as one of the indicators of the quality of a law school. So the question becomes, within that context, what is doable?”

Juárez believes the first step is to increase the amount of financial aid available to all students. “This is especially critical for diverse applicants because those with high scores are going to be attracted to other schools. We’re able to admit these high quality students, but many of them don’t come because we don’t have the scholarship money to offer them,” he says.

“The second step requires a lot of discussion within the profession and within the DU Law community about being willing to think outside the box about individual applicants.

“There are going to be diverse and non-diverse applicants who don’t have the traditional indicators of success. So while they may not have the high LSAT scores, they might be coming to us from another career where they were high achievers. We have to be willing to take a chance on those kinds of students and we have to be willing to commit the resources to those who are not doing as well as they should in law school.”

“That’s why we recently hired a second faculty member to our academic achievement program,” Juárez goes on to explain. “Scott Johns will be focusing on bar passage. And we’ll be hiring a third faculty member later this year.”

“We’ve got to give students who may have come from educational backgrounds where they haven’t had the opportunity to obtain all the skills that other students have the chance to learn those skills,” says Juárez. “And once they’ve done that, they’re going to be just as good or better than anyone else in class.”
Changing Strategies

In the meantime, how can a school like DU, with its imposing private school tuition, a 77th place national ranking and a modest scholarship fund, compete with others for high caliber minority and non-diverse students?

“DU has to demonstrate to applicants that the rankings don’t matter,” says Spahn. “For example, I tell my clients to look at a school’s career services data. That’s the best indication of the perception firms have of a school.”

“Employers aren’t necessarily looking at the USNWR rankings when making their hiring decisions. They’re going to the schools that they’ve found produce graduates who make the best employees. These numbers are important because people go to law school to ultimately get a job,” Spahn says.

If applicants take Spahn’s advice, they should be impressed with DU’s performance. As of October 2007, close to 70 percent of students had a job waiting for them at graduation and approximately 93 percent were employed within nine months.

“I know the faculty hates looking at it this way, but our job is marketing,” admits Davis. “Some people still regard Denver as a ‘cow town’ and have no idea there is a university here.

“So it really is a case of waving the flag more briskly so people know who we are and what we offer. Once we’re noticed, the quality applicants are there. The challenge is, with fewer applicants in any subgroup, the competition is higher. You just can’t get away from that. And that’s where money becomes an issue.”

“Every year, we in the Admissions Office start over and our goal is to bring in a better class than the last one,” Davis adds. “And what I consider a better class is smarter and more diverse, because smart and diverse go hand-in-hand.

“The one thing that absolutely keeps me going is that we will never be as diverse as we want to be. The day that statement ceases to be true will be the day that we stop trying.”

A Student Perspective

“I considered five law schools, but chose DU because I was living in Denver. My son was in middle school and I made a promise we wouldn’t be moving around any more. I’m on a committee to increase Indian Law course offerings and am also president of the Native American Law Student Association. For me, that’s been a real journey of growth. A lot of these opportunities came to me through the network of the school.

“There’s a vitality to diverse schools. You can feel it. You see it reflected in the make up of our classmates and in the people who are teaching you. It’s also good to see that members of the Native American community are invited and welcomed at the law school. That’s important to me.

“As a Native person, I know the numbers have been very high for the past few years because of DU’s recruitment method, which is a one-on-one relationship. That’s where you make the connection that puts the seed or the germ or the idea in the student’s head that, ‘yeah, you can achieve this if you really want it. Here’s a place for you to come. We want you.’”

Martina Gauthier, J.D. Candidate 2008, enrolled member of the Menominee Tribe.
Building Bridges
DU Law’s Legal Internship Program Is A Cut Above The Rest

Brendan Harrington | Student Outreach

Law school is a notoriously cerebral institution. Years of grueling study and rigorous academic benchmarks are designed to prepare students for an enduring career in law. Highly experienced professors bestow their wisdom upon pupils seeking direction and any bit of knowledge that may help them succeed in an extremely competitive environment. But all the research, writing and testing is limited to a classroom environment. How are students to prepare for, to comprehend, the real world of law? How can they steel themselves for the pressures of a legal career? One answer is in practical experience through the University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s Legal Internship Program.
The Legal Internship Program is one of the largest of its kind in the country. Placing more than 400 students into real-world positions each year, the program bridges the gap between classroom discussion and courtroom debate. It provides practical experience to prepare students for a career in law. It teaches professional values and presents students with true ethical situations. It clarifies what area of law a student may be interested in, and it builds connections between students and the community they are pledged to serve.

In short, the Legal Internship Program is a dynamic way to introduce students to their legal career and teach them what it truly means to be a lawyer.

“It’s the only time you can ‘drop in’ and get a feel for a job,” says Internship Director Ann Vessels. Vessels believes that students should have three or four different work experiences before they graduate, in order to feel completely confident about their career choices. Often-times, students will change their opinions and goals after working as an intern because they gain a better understanding of their chosen field.

The Legal Internship Program offers placement with corporate counsel, private firms, government agencies, judges and more. While working with a mentor, an intern will actively participate in all aspects of the practice, from drafting briefs to appearing in court. It is a win-win situation for student and mentor. While the student gains invaluable experience, the mentor actually gets a little bit of unpaid assistance with the work at hand.

The Application Process
With more than 500 mentors in the database, there are ample opportunities for students to land a quality internship. In choosing a mentor, students focus on the type of law they want to practice, review the nature of a particular firm or agency and meet with Vessels to discuss the availabilities. Then, Vessels explains, it’s up to the student to send out cover letters and resumes to mentors with whom they’re interested in working. “We treat it like they’re getting a job,” says Vessels. She urges students to have a solid conversation with the potential mentor and decide for themselves if it feels like a good fit.
Internships teach the people-skills you just can’t learn in the classroom

In this sense, students pick up another priceless piece to a successful career: networking skills. The process of researching mentors, applying for positions, interviewing and, finally, spending time in the profession teaches students the people skills that they simply cannot learn in a classroom. It gives them a chance to network with established professionals in their chosen fields. An internship, Vessels stresses to her students, does not guarantee a job within the same firm, but it does allow a student to make important professional contacts.

The internship experience is most valuable when a student can get deeply involved with all areas of the practice. Vessels’ hope is that intern and mentor will be “Joined at the hip,” she says, so that a student can learn what it really takes to succeed. Of course, this requires dedication on the mentor’s part and a willingness to teach an intern some tricks of the trade. But this, according to Vessels,
is the very thing that makes her program such a success: the mentors.

The Legal Internship Program, Vessels explains, “Offers a wide variety of opportunities for students. And while most law schools offer a professional internship program, many limit the possibilities.” And it is the rich pool of committed mentors that makes this possible.

**The Academic Angle**

An internship does count for academic credit and, therefore, comes with academic responsibilities. Internship classes are based on the type of internship chosen (public defender, nonprofit agency, private firm, etc.) and feature practitioners who teach whatever they believe to be pertinent to the real practice of law. In Vessels’ classes, for example, she will focus on professionalism, networking, the value of pro bono work, or the intricacies of billing in private practice. All these topics are contrasted with students’ experiences to provide very tangible and valuable lessons.

For every 50 hours of work as an intern, a student is awarded one academic credit hour. Each semester, students can obtain from two to six credits, and any additional hours they put in at the firm are of their own volition. Students submit a timesheet each week and the mentor evaluates the student twice during the program, at mid-semester and at the end. Likewise, students evaluate the internship, describing the mentor and the working environment to help future students ensure a proper placement. These student evaluations are very helpful, as they come from one student to the next and are “Really quite candid,” Vessels says.

Finally, each student is required to submit a one-page journal entry every week, reflecting on what they have learned.

“The journal helps you realize the effect of what you’re doing and how it’s going to be important in the future,” says fourth year student Julie Brunner, who is in her second official internship in patent law with Sturm College of Law alumnus Roger Jackson, JD’97. “The internship has definitely helped my writing skills, which is very important in patent law,” explains Brunner. But that is not the core purpose of the journal. The journal is purely reflective, giving students a chance to articulate and solidify their learning experience.

Brunner believes that the internship has helped her in the classroom by teaching her better time management and the ability to filter useful information out of a lecture. But, without question, the most valuable aspect of her internships has been the practical experience she gains.
“It gives you an edge on [other students] who haven’t interned,” she says. “What you learn in class is all well and good, but until you’ve been in an office, you don’t have any idea what the real world of law is like.”

“When you do things, you learn them better than from reading a book,” states Jackson, who runs the private firm Jackson Esquire, in Denver. While a student at DU, Jackson was an intern himself and truly values the experience. Now, as a mentor, he understands what the students need and the opportunity he is able to provide. “It is my obligation to help break them in,” he says. “I give them general guidance and just let them dive in. It forces them to think things through.”

Jackson encourages his interns to get involved in all aspects of the business and really learn about the job. “There’s always something for them to do,” he says. But they’re able to do it at their own pace and in their own way. “Here, in an internship, a student can take the time to do it right and understand it,” without the financial pressures of the real world. For example, it will take an intern a long time to draft a patent application, but he or she needs that time to explore and develop their own style. It will take 35 to 50 applications before a new patent attorney is fluent in the process, according to Jackson, so it’s essential that students learn it well from the beginning.

While he does appreciate having extra hands around the office to get more work done, Jackson does not see a time gain in employing an intern. Instead, it’s about giving back and helping a student find his way into a long-term career. “There’s an existential pleasure in teaching others,” he says. “And you learn better yourself when you teach.”

Possibilities are endless for students who choose to intern. In Colorado, for instance, law students can even try real cases in front of a judge. Thanks to the Colorado Student Practice Act, third year students working with a public law office who have 60 credit hours accrued can lead a case through trial. Needless to say, this is a unique and phenomenal experience for any student.
Statistics show that an internship improves the chances of permanent job placement after school and can make a difference in a graduate’s career path. Of the 261 May 2007 graduates who responded to a job placement survey, 151 reported permanent employment. Of those, 47 found their employment through an internship program, either directly or through mentor referral. “Many firms won’t even grant an interview without real work experience,” she says.

In all, the Legal Internship Program is an invaluable part of a student’s law school experience and a significant element in making the Sturm College of Law a nationally recognized institution. It teaches the art of practicing law and introduces intricacies and situations that cannot be mimicked in a classroom. The internship program opens doors for students and provides incomparable hands-on experience.

**Want to Give Back?**

If you are interested in becoming a mentor and hosting an intern, visit the program website at [www.law.du.edu/internships](http://www.law.du.edu/internships) and contact Internship Director Ann Vessels by e-mail at avessels@law.du.edu. Mentors must have a minimum of five years in legal practice to be eligible.

**Job Placements**

Assistant Dean of Career Development Misae Nishikura, JD’00, believes that, “Gaining a variety of practical legal experiences during law school is not only advantageous but also necessary to become competitive in today’s legal market.” Statistics show a direct correlation between working as an intern and finding permanent placement upon graduation. The majority of SCOL graduates who go on to a career in law find their job through their internship experience. “Such experience will teach them what they can’t learn from classroom lectures, gain valuable networking contacts and referrals, meet mentors who can give them great recommendations, and help them define their career goals as there are so many different practice areas in law,” says Nishikura.
DU Law Announces New Exec. Director of Development

By Brendan Harrington

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law would like to offer a warm welcome to new Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Eric Lundstedt. Lundstedt, currently in the Office of External Relations at Stanford Law School, will begin his work at DU in spring 2008, after he and his family relocate to the Denver area.

Advocating on behalf of the law school, Lundstedt will strive to “raise awareness of what the school is doing and enable those who are interested to support the mission through giving,” he explains. That giving can come in many forms, from scholarship funds to alumni advocacy and service. “It’s like a matchmaking process,” Lundstedt says. “I find out what a supporter’s interests might be and match their support appropriately.”

Lundstedt plans to take a people-first approach in getting to know the SCOL alumni and encouraging their involvement. While this alumni community represents a huge capacity for philanthropic support, he realizes that people can give to any cause. It’s his role, Lundstedt believes, to convey the importance of supporting the law school. “Really,” he says, “I’m trying to make a case on why people should give money to the law school. Better trained lawyers have a ripple effect on society at large...and society is bettered by what they are able to achieve.”

Lundstedt believes that the problems of the world have become more complex and globally relevant and that the legal profession plays a significant role in solving these problems. “Law school sits at the intersection of ideas and action,” he says. “Lawyers are able to implement ideas into policy.” In this sense, Lundstedt says, supporting the law school is of a greater philanthropic interest to society. And this is what he enjoys most about his job: Playing a small role in solving larger problems.

Lundstedt’s first move in his new position will be to, “Get alumni feedback on what they like about the school, what should stay the same and what should change,” he says. “The alumni voice is essential in giving direction to the school.”

“DU is really going places,” Lundstedt says. “It’s the premier private institution in the Rockies. The Dean, the faculty, the alumni, the students and facility are outstanding. The law school has terrific potential and I’m really excited to be a part of that.”
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Jennifer L. Myers Haskins
Stephen L. Nelson & Kathryn K. Nelson
Cora L. Neslin
Daniel A. Noven
Donald F. Oatley
Jeffrey James Owen & Lisa Cort
Donald Douglas Page & Jennifer F. Page
Brian M. Palica
Brock A. Paradis
Jeffrey Parris & Bobbie S. Parris
Martha B. Patten & Eric Patten
Mary Kay Peck
Shawn P. Penne
Josh S. Petropoulos
Kevin L. Polchow & Michelle Polchow
Gaar I. Potter
George M. Potts & Erin K. Potts
Vern C. Powell & Sheila M. Powell
Paul A. Prange & Julie Prange
Lawrence Purvis
Jeffrey B. Pyatt & Paula Pyatt
Matthew D. Pyle & Susan Pyle
Thomas G. Reed
Adam Warthen Reddy
Thelma Ma. Replin
Jeanine K. Retelle
Erica Munson Rieber & Thomas Rieber
Jeffrey L. Roblez
Lori A. Rock
Logan Rosete
Timothy M. Rosheim & Debra Rosheim
Gregory Mat Rosko
Ian William Ross
Brook Adriene Ross
Annette Ruby & Frank C. Ruby Jr.
Wayne A. Ruege
Kenneth H. Saliman & Joan C. Saliman
Leatrice Salky & Bernard Salky
Sukhdeep Saluja
W. Reed Samson & Jane Samson
Janet L. Sandberg
Raymond N. Satter
Leslie A. Saus & Scott C. Saus
Heather Schep Bulk & Timothy R. Bulk
Stephen A. Schmidt & Debra Schmidt
Sally E. Schroeder & Kent C. Schroeder
Jennifer L. Seda
Kay K. Sellers & Wilbur W. Sellers
Gretchen W. Shaffer & D. Dale Shaffer
Michael J. Shanks
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Helen C. Shreves Esq.
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Michael Patrick Sias
Andrew N. Singer
Darlene Sisneros Esq. & Emilio Labato III
Catherine M. Skiles & Richard L. Skiles
John Ronald Sloane
James P. Smith & Karin L. Smith
Sandy N. Smith & Donna L. Smith
Connie D. Smith
Sriram Srinivasan
Laura D. Srisch & Thomas P. Srisch
Michael T. Stamm
Dean A. Stanford
Jonathan Sitar
Nancy Smelker Stevens & Craig Stevens
Matthew John Strasser
Jan Sutton*
Jeffrey W. Talus & Valerie K. Talus
Robert K. Tanaka
James C. Tanner & Cindy Tanner
A. Dan Tarlock
David E. Taylor & Janet Taylor
Karen M. Thomas
Ed Thomas
Ingrid Hansen Thompson
Christopher James Tranchetti & Cathleen Tranchetti
Julie A. Treece & Kevin Geloff
John C. Tripp & Loretta J. Tripp
Kimberly S. Utesch & Jody R. Utesch
Dell G. Van Gilder Jr. & Alyce Van Gilder
Charles Clark VanDeventer & Karla C. Sloan
Patricia Black Yardaman
Aaron Vela
Neal R. Veta
Stephen Andrew Vignotti
Nicholas Matthew Vogel
George M. Vogler & Patience Vogler
Jennifer M. Wagemaker
Linda S. Wagner & Donald F. Wagner
Jason Montgomery Wagner & Amy E. Michaud Wagner
Patrick M. Wallace
Matthew F. Walter & Mary Klingler Walter
John E. Wason & Eliza Wason
Patricia A. Watkins & James K. Watkins III
Catherine L. Webster & Harold M. Webster Jr.
Pamela D. Weems
Amy Lynn Weich
Kimberly Janel Welch
Sanford H. Werner
Jo S. Wessels Ph.D. & Robert P. Wessels
Velva Weston
Mark R. Widdel
Scott B. Wiggins
James M. Wilkins & Carrie E. Wilkins
John Wilkinson
Patricia Winkler
John B. Wisotski
Timothy Alan Wood & Lisa M. Wood
Susan K. Wright
Regina K. Zako & Ted Zako
John G. Zervas & Laura A. Zervas
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RAQUEL ARNOW-RICHMAN
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
“Fair Termination in an At Will World,” Annual Employment Law Colloquium, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (September 2007).

ARTHUR BEST
PUBLICATIONS
_Evidence, Examples and Explanations_ (Chinese Translation, Angle Publishers, 2007).

JAY BROWN
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Panelist (Live Webcast), _Scheme Liability, Section 10(b), and Stoneridge Investment Partners v. Scientific Atlanta_, sponsored by The Federalist Society’s Litigations and Corporations, Securities & Antitrust Practice Groups, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (October 2007).

ETC.
Prof. Brown received a contract from Lexis-Nexis to write a textbook on Corporate Governance.
Faculty Highlights
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Penelope Bryan
Presentations
“Parental Alienation Syndrome in the Context of Contested Custody Disputes,” University of Wisconsin Law School (November 2007).

Prof. Bryan is currently at work on a scholarly project on Parental Alienation.

Kristen Carpenter
Publications
“Sacred Property and American Indian Peoplehood,” 27 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2008).

Presentations

Alan Chen
Presentations
“The French Connection,’ or ‘Rashomon’?: The Supreme Court and the Supplanting of the Jury’s Role in Civil Rights Adjudication,” for the Section on Civil Rights at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), New York, NY (January 2008).

Christine Cimini
Presentations
“Ethical Dilemmas in Representing Undocumented Workers in Employment Related Civil Litigation,” Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference, Scholarship Roundtable, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, Calif. (October 2007).
“Ask, Don’t Tell: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers’ Status in Employment Litigation,” Work in Progress Series, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (October 2007).

Attended the Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, Calif. (October 2007).
WENDY DUONG
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Faculty advisor/sponsor, Business Law Society’s luncheon speaker event with speaker Craig Brown, associate general counsel of Qwest as speaker (September 2007).
Helped facilitate sponsorship of the Annual Conference for Asian Pacific Law Professors (CAPALP) (April 2008).

NANCY EHRENREICH
PUBLICATIONS
The Reproductive Rights Reader: Law, Medicine, and the Construction of Motherhood (NYU Press 2007).

SHEILA HYATT
PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

JAN LAITOS
PUBLICATIONS
Environmental Regulation of Colorado Real Property (Bradford Press 2007) (co-author).
Consultant to the law firm of Sidley Austin, in the preemption case of Vacation Village v. Clark County, Nevada (9th Cir. 2007), cert petition filed with the US Supreme Court (September 2007).

KRISTIAN MICCIO
PRESENTATIONS
“Mandatory Failures: Mandatory Reporting by Doctors in Domestic Violence Cases in Colorado,” Domestic Violence Program Research Symposium, University of Colorado.
Faculty Highlights
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Visiting Scholar and Professor, University of Dublin Law School (January-July 2008).
Fulbright Scholar, Ireland (January-July 2008).

VIVA MOFFAT
PUBLICATIONS

VED NANDA
AWARDS
Elected, Board of Trustees, Iliff School of Theology (September 2007).
Re-elected, Council Member, American Bar Association International Law Section (Fall 2007).
Re-elected, Board of Directors, American Bar Association Human Rights Center (Fall 2007).

PUBLICATIONS
Law of Transnational Business Transactions, 3 volumes, new release, 450 pages (fall 2007).
Litigation of International Disputes in US Courts, 2 volumes, new release, 400 pages, with David Pansius, (Fall 2007).


SELECTED PRESENTATIONS
• Strasbourg Rotary Club, France; Salzburg Rotary Club, Austria; Vienna Rotary Club, Austria; Honolulu Rotary Club (July 2007).

• Toda Institute International Conference on Nuclear Weapons, San Francisco, Calif.; ABA International Conference on International Law, chaired the conference and chaired a session, Oxford, UK; St. Mary’s Academy, UNA (September 2007).
• CU Law School, Boulder, Colo.; American Society of Comparative Law, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; Denver Academy of Lifelong Learning, Denver, Colo.; World Jurist Association International Conference on Global Warming, Program Chair and chaired session, Lisbon, Portugal (November 2007).
• New Delhi Rotary Club, India; Indian Society of International Law, conference on international environmental law and working group on teaching international law, New Delhi, India; NGO meeting, San Francisco, Calif.; NGO meeting, Orlando, Fla. (December 2007).

MEDIA
• Radio and television interviews in Lisbon and New Delhi
• Regular appearances on BBC Radio and Voice of America Radio
• Regular columns on international topics for the Denver Post
• Several appearances on local radio and television
STEPHEN L. PEPPER
PRESENTATIONS
“Board Conduct and Board Deliberation: A Primer on Ethics and Moral Vision,” Houston Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors (November 2007).

“Professional Ethics, Moral Vision and Veterinary Practice,” Fall Leadership Conference of the Colorado Veterinary Medical Association (November 2007).

CATHERINE SMITH
PRESENTATIONS


Participant, “One People, One Nation? Housing and Social Justice: The Intersection of Race, Place, and Opportunity,” University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC (October 2007).

Moderator, “Examining the Subconscious Bias Within Us” (panelists: Robert Chang, Charles Lawrence and Mari Matsuda), The Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Summit, INVESCO Field, Denver, Colo. (September 2007).

Panelist, “Biology as a License to Family,” Panel on Race, Law and Performance Identity, 2007 Joint Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology and Law (ISA), Berlin, Germany (July 2007).

Presenter, “Queer as Black Folk?,” The South-North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law, Race & Color Across the Americas: Comparative Constructions of Racial and Ethnic Subjugation, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (June 2007).

PUBLICATIONS


DON SMITH
PUBLICATIONS
“Commentary: Landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision puts U.S. on likely path to regulating greenhouse gas emissions,” UTILITIES POLICY 15 (September 2007) 215-222.

Video-taped Interviews for Judge David Edward’s Oral History Web site, http://www.law.du.edu/david_edward, including:
• Dr. Dieter Kraus, Cabinet du President Chef de Cabinet European Count of Justice, Luxembourg (October 2007).
• Judge Koen Lenaerts, Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg (October 2007).
• Ian Forrester QC, White and Case, LLP, Brussels, Belgium (October 2007).
• Judge Melchior Wathelet, European Court of Justice

• Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston, Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg (October 2007).

• Mr. Xavier Lewis European Commission Legal Service, Brussels, Belgium (October 2007).

VIDEO TAPED INTERVIEWS FOR THE EU LAW & POLICY WEB SITE:
“Appearing Before the Court of Justice of the European Communities and the Court of First Instance,” interview with Xavier Lewis, European Commission Legal Service, Brussels, Belgium (October 2007).

“Observations About the European Parliament,” interview with Richard Corbett, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (October 2007).

“The Role of the Advocate General,” interview with Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston, Luxembourg (October 2007).


JOHN SOMA
PUBLICATIONS
“Spam Still Pays,” (with Patrick Singer and Jeffery Hurd), Harvard Journal on Legislation, 45 (Fall 2007).

DANIEL VIGIL
PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
Presenter, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, on the topic of the New Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct (October 2007).


AWARDS
Honored by the Colorado Supreme Court for outstanding contribution and service to the citizens of Colorado, the Legal Profession and the Colorado Supreme Court (December 2007).

COMMITTEES
Appointed to subcommittee of the Colorado Supreme Court Attorney Regulation Committee to study confidentiality in the disciplinary process and a subcommittee to study legal malpractice insurance.

Appointed to the Dean's Diversity Council and co-chair of its Pipeline Subcommittee.

ETC.
Supervising, with Professor Nancy Ehrenreich, a group of law students who are filing a clemency petition to the governor on behalf of a female inmate at the Colorado Department of Corrections.

ELI WALD
PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

APPOINTMENTS
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Hastings College of Law (Spring 2008).
A Degree of Nostalgia
For Allan Shaw, 26 years in the legal profession was really just a diversion from his true career.

Growing up in Fort Collins, Colo. in the 1950’s and 60’s, Allan Shaw developed a passion for folk music. His first hero was Roy Rogers, the singing cowboy, and in college he became a big fan of The Kingston Trio. It was the Folk Era, as music historians would come to dub the decade between 1957 and 1967, and Shaw was unwittingly preparing himself for a career in music.

Unwittingly because, as the years passed, Shaw (JD ’65) went on to law school at the University of Denver followed by a steady career in corporate law that was to last 20 years. This eventually faded, and he opened a private practice to pursue what many would consider the ultimate opportunity in law. This lasted six years, but, “My heart was never in it,” Shaw says.

His heart, instead, was in his side business, running a small mail-order folk music catalog called Rediscover Music. His first such business, Rediscover Music was born of a chance meeting with Kingston Trio founder Bob Shane that led to an enduring friendship. Originally offering fewer than ten Kingston Trio recordings (and originally called Kingston Korner) the catalog grew quickly into a reliable source of hard-to-find folk music and a steady side business for the lawyer Shaw.
Folk music is still very much a part of any social cause.

Running his law office by day and his music business by night soon proved to be too much. So, in choosing passion over practicality, he closed his law shop and, in 1985, launched Folk Era Records. Originally conceived as a reissue label, Folk Era has grown into one of the largest independent folk labels in the country, and produced more than 90 original albums. Realizing that folk music was not purely a thing of the past, Shaw expanded the concept to include contemporary artists and launched Wind River Records as a vehicle to produce these modern day acts.

When Shaw’s burgeoning businesses outgrew the basement, he decided it was time to rent office space. An ad in the paper caught his attention and lead to what is certainly a unique working environment. “I called on the ad,” remembers Shaw, “and they said ‘We’re in the cemetery.’” Undeterred, he rented the building (originally the caretaker’s residence) and has used the cemetery location since. Because his business is all done through mail and internet orders, Folk Era records does not need a storefront. Other than some difficulties receiving deliveries, the cemetery location has served him well, with no unusual stories.

“Well, we do have a ghost,” he says. While he has never seen the ghost himself, one of his employees did and several people have independently told him about seeing “The lady in the wedding dress on top of the hill,” he explains nonchalantly. For the self-proclaimed folkie and history buff who works out of a cemetery, it comes as no surprise. She’s just another fun part of a fun story.

Return to Roots

Shaw attributes his passion for folk music to another deep-seated interest. “I’ve always loved history and folk music tells stories,” he explains. “It’s a form of oral history, if you will.” The folk era, after which Shaw named his business, was a politically volatile time in the United States and this type of music invariably made a statement. It was this period in his life that stamped his interest in music forever. “Over the centuries, folk musicians have been the communicators of the times,” he says. “Folk music is still very much a part of any social cause.”

Now, in another period of his life altogether, Shaw has rekindled this passion and turned it into a profession. “Most people retire to pursue their hobbies. But I’ve been pursuing my hobby for 20 years,” he says. “It’s a hobby gone berserk.” Shaw, who plays guitar and banjo himself, hosts a music circle every Friday night at the office, with six or eight people taking turns singing songs. “We have yet to awaken the dead,” he says. What’s more, he has gotten to know all of the musicians he represents—once his heroes—personally. These friendships...
It’s a hobby gone berserk.
give him access to very unique recordings and
unreleased music that help his label provide
such rare material.
All in all, Allan Shaw is doing what he loves.
After a long and successful career in law, he has
established a second successful career in the folk
music industry. And while his choice of location
may give some people pause, his passion is alive
and strong. “There’s nothing I’d rather be
doing,” says Shaw. “This is what I love. I am
very fortunate indeed.”

Folk Era Records
Allan Shaw runs three businesses out
of his Naperville, Ill. cemetery location.
Folk Era records produces unique nostal­
gic folk albums. Wind River Records pro­
duces contemporary folk and similar
music. And Rediscover Music is a com­
prehensive online and mail-order folk
music catalog. Find them all online at
www.folkera.com

APRIL 18 & 19, 2008
2008 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND
This reunion celebration is being held for DU Law alumni from the classes of:
For more information, please visit DU Law online at
www.law.du.edu/alumni/reunions.
Cyber Facelift
The Much Anticipated Web Site Is Almost Complete

Brendan Harrington  School Improvements

Since August 2006, a small team of hard-working people has been plugging away at developing a new Web site for the law school. It is a monumental undertaking, involving every facet of the school, from class syllabi to faculty research to financial aid programs.

“It’s a major, major project,” says Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Penelope Bryan, who is supervising the overall mission of the new site. “It should be professional, engaging and speak to a number of audiences.” Five audiences, to be exact. The purpose of the new site is to bring together all pertinent information for alumni, current students, prospective students, faculty and staff, and the surrounding community into
one universally accessible resource.

“We want to streamline and offer complete and comprehensive information for our users,” explains Manager of Educational Technology Jessica Hogan. Hogan is the hands-on leader of the project, charged with coordinating the myriad aspects of developing and launching a new Web site. “It is a microcosm of DU Law as a whole,” she says. Each user group will have their own “landing page” with information prioritized by need. For example, there will be an Alumni tab that leads a user to all the pertinent content. The aim of the alumni section is to keep alumni in better contact with the SCOL community, including current students, faculty and other alumni. “We’re even toying with the idea of having blogs featuring their expertise,” she says.

“We want a site that reflects the quality and reputation of our school,” says Bryan. Consistency of appearance, reliability of information and ease of use are essential in putting forth the best image. “Part is marketing and part is just functional.” A student who needs to coordinate schedules or research different student organizations, for instance, will find everything they need with the click of a mouse.
A prospective student will find clear links between admissions and scholarship information. “It needs to be intuitive,” she states.

While the content is designed to portray the intellectual life of the school—what the faculty are doing, what the students are doing, how the school is involved in the greater community—the appearance of the site is of paramount importance. “It has an attractive design that is user friendly,” says Hogan. “The design is very colorful, clean.” And to create that dynamic design, the school hired freelance Web designer Jennifer Gray.

“We want to give users the easiest path to their information,” says Gray. For her, the home page has been the biggest challenge, but also the most fun. This new home page will offer a virtual tour of the school, an online application for potential students, a calendar of events, faculty spotlights, photos and information about living in Denver, and much more. There will even be multimedia presentations, featuring programs or faculty videos, an exciting new addition that will give the site a vibrancy it currently lacks.

The importance of this page—the first thing visitors see—is not lost on Bryan. “What message do you want to hit people with on the front page?” she asks. To wit, the team has hired independent photographers to capture the exact images they need to portray the school, the people and the city as a whole. The site will feature photographs of Coors Field, the Rocky Mountains, the green law building, etc. “It’s a convergence of being in the classroom, being in law school and being in Denver,” says Hogan.

While it has been a formidable task to coordinate, develop and design the new site, the entire team has enjoyed the process. “It’s a convergence of a lot of talented people,” says Hogan. “It’s amazing.” In all, this talented team consists of Hogan, Bryan, Gray, DU Law Director of Communications Meghan Howes and K.C. VanHout, web manager, who will eventually be the one to maintain and update the site going forward. “But [Dean Bryan] is really the voice behind the site,” Hogan credits.

“It’s been great fun, to be honest with you,” Bryan confesses. “It’s an incredibly creative process.” She does not want to promise an exact launch date for the new site, as there are so many unpredictable parts involved. “We’re more interested in quality than just putting something up,” she says. But it’s nearing completion and, once online, will prove a functional tool that fosters a stronger sense of community throughout the law school. A dynamic and comprehensive Web site is crucial today, in the 21st century, and the new site promises to be just that.
Top L: Margo Chan receives her hood during the December commencement ceremony; Top R: You are now DU Law Alumni! Ivo Nkefe pins the official DU Law alumni pin (not sold in stores!) on fellow graduate Catherine Ogden. Bottom far L: Colorado Attorney General John W. Suthers addresses the DU Law graduates. Bottom center: Student-elected commencement speaker Tae Darnell; Bottom far R: Kelly MacCary, 2007 DU Law graduate!
Legal Affairs

Distinguished Professor Lawrence M. Friedman Gives Open Lecture

Respected professor Lawrence Friedman visited the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law on Jan. 24, 2008, to present his lecture titled "Dead Hands: Legal Life Beyond the Grave." Professor Friedman, the Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford University, is an internationally renowned, prize-winning legal historian who has, for a generation, been the leading expositor of the history of American law to a global audience of lawyers and lay people alike. He is particularly well known for treating legal history as general social history. From his award-winning History of American Law to his American Law in the 20th Century, his works are classic textbooks in legal education. Other recent books include Private Lives: Families, Individuals, and the Law and Legal Culture in the Age of Globalization.

Recent Graduate Reunion February 8, 2008

DU Law Student Ambassadors Nicholas Mahrt (L) and Colleen Kelley greet Recent Grad Reunion attendees. (R) Hors D’Oeuvres and Hockey: Prior to the DU hockey game against the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, Recent Grad Reunion guests enjoyed a reception in the Ricketson law building Forum. (L-r) Bob Hayes, Chad Kelly, Megan Hayes and Ryann Love.
Legal Affairs | Named and Endowed Scholarship Reception

January 24, 2008

Top L: (l-r) Eric Eliff, Morrison Foerster firm representative, with Morrison & Foerster/Stephen S. Dunham Diversity Annual Scholarship recipients Kristina Lucero and John Louis “Trey” Baker III; Top R: Ralph Heronema, representative for the Humiston Varney Scholarship with recipient Patricia Kittel; Bottom L: Dean Beto Juárez with Erik Lemmon, recipient of the Chizzie Works Scholarship; Bottom R: Matt Ullrich, Holland & Hart Minority Scholarship recipient, with Holland & Hart representatives Tim Henderson (r), director of professional recruitment and development, and Miriam Connor, Holland & Hart attorney recruitment manager.
Legal Affairs  |  Named and Endowed Scholarship reception

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Top L: (l-r) Alicia Levy (far l) and Sal Quintana (r), recipients of the Harry W. Rabb Scholarship, with Patricia Zarlengo, scholarship representative; Top R: Tim Shimberg (far l), the name behind the CDLA/Timothy P. Schimberg Diversity Scholarship, and guest Scott Landry, JD’92, (far r), with scholarship recipients Aklil Hailu and Haleen Mohammed; Bottom L: (l-r) Daniella Correa-Shively, recipient of the Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck PC Scholarship, with firm representative Lisa Hogan, JD’84; Bottom R: University of Denver Chancellor Robert Coombe speaks to the crowd at the reception.
Allyn W. Davis worked as a deputy district attorney before retiring in 2001. He has been married to his wife, Betty J. Davis, for 47 years. Allyn often wonders about his former DU Law classmates who have gone on to pursue myriad interesting careers. He writes, “Sturm College of Law has a grand and wonderful reputation.”

Jack Greenwald was presented with the Award of Excellence by the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Board of Directors of the Denver Bar Association at its annual award ceremony on Dec. 3, 2007. The award was given in recognition of Greenwald’s various CLE lectures to bar association groups and his many publications, including his treatise, “Liens and Claims.”

After practicing law in downtown Denver for 56 years, Bob Rottman moved his practice, Girsh and Rottman, P.C. to Plaza 6000 on East Evans Ave. Bob recently completed six gratifying years of membership on the Board of the Colorado Alzheimer’s Association. During his time with the Colorado Alzheimer’s Association, he served in the capacity of secretary of the Board on the executive committee and he has been the highest fundraiser in Colorado for the annual Memory Walk for nine consecutive years. This cause is of great personal merit to Bob as his beloved wife, Corinne, died of Alzheimer’s disease.

In 1979, after practicing law for 14 years, Clark A. Floyd returned to a seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., and entered the ministry. He spent one year in Denver as a pastor before ministering in northern Wyoming for eight years. He then traveled with Worldwide Ministry for 3 1/2 years through Europe, Asia, New Zealand, and the United States, finally settling in the mountains of North Carolina in 1994, where he continues to pastor and write. After the sad passing of his wife from cancer, Clark eventually married again in 1989. Presently, his daughter Kristi works as an attorney with the United States Government in Denver, and his daughter Laurel works as a physical therapist in Washington state. His son Gregory and daughter Kristi own Golden Bike Store and Bent Gate Skiing & Climbing in Colorado.

David Weinstein continues to practice trademark/copyright law in Denver, in addition to providing technical assistance to many foreign countries regarding intellectual property rights. Recently, he spent three weeks in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he authored a new geographical indications law and regulations for Ethiopia’s trademark law. He also participated in a one-week World Trade Organization conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he made a presenta-
tion on the subject of Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property. David will spend three weeks in Cairo, Egypt this spring evaluating and assessing a USAID intellectual property rights project for the Egyptian government, as well as three weeks in Jakarta providing counsel regarding enforcement of intellectual property rights to the new Indonesian Ant-Corruption Court and the Commercial Law courts. He has also authored two books, "How to Protect Your Creative Work: All You Need to Know About Copyright and How to Protect Your Business, Professional and Brand Names," in addition to co-authoring an Arabic language book titled "Intellectual Property Principles and Practices.

Jonathan Dreger works as an attorney advisor in NASA’s Office of the General Counsel and is detailed to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Charles C. “Charlie” Ledbetter is a principal and national business leader of Mercer’s Defined Contribution Advisors. He leads a team of 45 advisors across the country who specialize in operational, compliance and investment advisory services for small- to medium-sized retirement plans. He jokes that, as the youngest associate in the firm when ERISA became law in 1974, he drew the short straw to learn about its provisions. However, that “straw” has led to a specialization in retirement plan law and his current career.

Following a short career with Lockheed-Martin as an engineer, Judge James C. Demlow practiced law for several years before taking the bench. In February 2008, Jim will celebrate 30 years on the bench in Jefferson County, Colo., where he enjoys serving the community as a public servant. Jim and his wife Delsa enjoy living in Evergreen, Colo., with the deer and elk running across their land. They will soon have 14 grandchildren and write that, “the grandchildren almost make having the children worthwhile.”

Dennis Powers recently published his tenth book, "Sentinel of the Seas." The book is structured around lighthouses and explores the men and women who run them, the ghosts that have reportedly appeared near them, and the construction and operation of the most dangerous lighthouse ever built. For more details, visit dennispowersbooks.com. Recently, Dennis traveled throughout the country on a nationwide book tour and has appeared at various writers’ conferences. He and his wife Judy live in Ashland, Oregon, where he is Professor Emeritus of Business Law at Southern Oregon University.
Evans Award Recipient Sturm Continues to Give Back

For Donald Sturm (LLB ’58), it isn’t enough just to run an interstate banking operation with billions in assets while also overseeing an array of investments and real estate holdings. His real passion, he insists, is giving back, both to his University and his community.

And while his financial contributions are substantial, Sturm also gives something more valuable: his time.

This year’s recipient of the University of Denver Evans Award—the highest award bestowed by the University—Sturm has served on the Board of Trustees since 1992, guiding the school from one of its most difficult periods to a new era of growth and achievement.

“Both my wife and I are bent on helping people, and we’ve done a number of things to help the community. This is where I live,” he says. “As you work with something, you want to make it better. You want to use your experience and whatever talent you have to help make the institution better. And our goals have been high.”

Sturm had a 28-year career with Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc.—a large construction and mining company in Omaha, Neb.—where he served as vice chairman. He returned to Denver in 1991 and founded the Sturm Financial Group, which includes American National Bank and Premier Bank. He also started the Sturm Realty Group, which owns real estate in Cherry Creek and Castle Rock, Colo.

In addition to serving on the DU board, Sturm and his wife, Susan, have donated $29 million to the University, including $20 million to the law school which now bears his name. Ed Harris, vice chancellor of University Advancement, says recognizing Sturm with the Evans Award is long overdue. And while the award is restricted to DU alumni, Harris notes that Susan Sturm is every bit as important to the University as her husband.

“What they have done to fundamentally, systemically improve and change the university is immeasurable,” Harris says.

Sturm’s civic involvement includes creating and funding programs that extend educational and housing opportunities to low-income families while also serving on boards for the Boy Scouts and the Denver Art Museum Foundation. Volunteering, Sturm says, is a passion and something he encourages everyone to do. “You don’t have to have money. Anybody can give their time. We live in a great country, and it’s a great country because people give back in time and money to their communities,” he says.

For DU, Sturm says his vision is for the school to continue to excel and evolve, both in the educational opportunities it affords and in the top-level facilities it provides for scholarship and research. As for receiving the Evans Award, Sturm says he’s appreciative, but he’s never sought recognition for himself. “That doesn’t drive me,” he says. “What drives people is what comes from inside.” –Chase Squires
Robert W. Harris was named a 2007 Super Lawyer by 5280 Magazine in Denver. Robert is a shareholder at Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, P.C., a Denver firm that specializes in insurance defense and civil litigation and has received a prestigious IV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell National Law Directory.

Arthur R. Karstaedt was named a 2007 Super Lawyer by 5280 Magazine in Denver. Arthur is a shareholder at Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, P.C., a Denver firm that specializes in insurance defense and civil litigation and has received a prestigious IV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell National Law Directory.

Mark S. Fetzer resides in Idaho. He has been supporting the National Environmental Policy Act and environmental due diligence requirements of the Air Force throughout the continental United States since late 2001. He is employed with Booz Allen Hamilton.

Ronald E. Montoya continues his work as president and CEO of PlastiComm Industries, Inc., a manufacturer and supplier of telecommunications products, cable and cable products. In addition to this work, he continues to serve on numerous boards, including The Colorado Forum, the Denver Convention Center Hotel Authority, Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, and National Jewish Medical and Research Center. In 2007, Ronald was appointed chair of the Rose Community Foundation’s Child and Family Development Committee, a committee he has served on since 2005. Ronald was also named “Father of the Year” by the Colorado Father’s Day Council.
A high point for Russell Frye came about in June 2007 when one of his cases was a subject of Stephen Colbert’s monologue on “The Colbert Report” on Comedy Central. Colbert made fun of the Department of Agriculture for appealing a D.C. District Court decision that the USDA was unlawfully preventing Frye’s client from testing the cattle it slaughters for mad cow disease.

Thomas Gordon, an investment banker turned Latin American investor, has become involved in a $9.4 million dollar legal battle with Mexico’s Carlos Slim, the world’s purported richest man. Gordon’s company, Americatel El Salvador, is fighting to enforce a long-distance access agreement with El Salvador’s main telephone company, Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de El Salvador, part of Slim’s estimated $58.5 billion holdings in telecommunications, manufacturing, retail, banking, transportation and real estate. CTE has been ordered to pay the multi-million dollar award but continues to battle Gordon and Americatel El Salvador until a final ruling is reached.

After a lengthy stint in insurance and employment law litigation, Bruce Deadman has spent the last nine years serving as head of the HR consulting practice Virchow, Krause, and Co., LLP, a large Midwest accounting and consulting firm. He has served on the local boards of several charitable groups as well as on the national Board of Directors of Ducks Unlimited, the world’s premier wetlands conservation organization. He served as his town’s “founding” municipal judge for five years and also as a Presbyterian Elder. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, the great outdoors and playing euphonium in various community music groups.

Jamey W. Jamison was named a 2007 Super Lawyer by 5280 Magazine in Denver. Jamey is a shareholder at Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, P.C., a Denver firm that specializes in insurance defense and civil litigation and has received a prestigious IV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell National Law Directory.

Doris Truhlar has been appointed to the Colorado 18th Judicial District Nominating Commission. Doris and her law partner and husband, Robert Truhlar (JD’81), were listed as 2008 Super Lawyers in Colorado, as voted by their peers. Doris and Bob continue to practice family law and employment law in their Centennial, Colo. law offices. They will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in June 2008, having met in the registration line the first day of law school in 1977. Their youngest daughter, Holly Truhlar, is a first year law student at the DU Sturm College of Law.

Dennis J. Dietzler is currently in private practice as a sole practitioner in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. His practice is concentrated in the areas of business law, real estate and estate planning, and focuses on representing small but developing businesses and their entrepreneurial managers. Dennis is married with four children and resides in Edina, Minnesota.
Laurie Hunter, along with her children Melanie and Ian, traveled to the Girl Scout World Centers in Adelboden, Switzerland and London, England in June 2007. Laurie has visited three of the four Girl Scout World Centers (Switzerland, England and Mexico) and now has only India left to complete the tour!

John Works has established a trust fund for the family of his brother, David and Marie Works, following the shootings at New Life Church in Colorado Springs on December 9, 2007, in which David was injured and two of his daughters were shot to death. The David Works Family Trust Fund is accepting donations to assist the David Works family in meeting medical, rehabilitation and related expenses. Individuals or organizations wishing to make donations may do so via PayPal or by the use of other credit cards on the Web site, www.worksfamilytrust.org. Donations by check can be mailed to The David Works Family Trust, 999 18th Street, Suite 3400, Denver, CO 80202.

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Michael Brice Sullivan was named a 2007 Super Lawyer by 5280 Magazine in Denver. Michael is a shareholder at Harris, Karstaedt, Jamison & Powers, P.C., a Denver firm that specializes in insurance defense and civil litigation and has received a prestigious IV rating in the Martindale-Hubbell National Law Directory.

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Carol Johnson was recently elected to the Loveland City Council where she will serve from November 2007 to November 2011. She previously served on the Golden City Council from 1996 to 2000 in addition to serving as its mayor pro tem from 1998 to 2000. Currently, Carol is self-employed as an attorney in private practice and as a professional fundraiser. An avid hiker and biker, Carol is also president of the Loveland Mountain Club. She has two grown children, Cliff and Kristin.
Michael A. Martinez continues to serve as a judge in Colorado's Second Judicial District. Prior to this appointment, Michael served as magistrate in the 17th Judicial District, was an assistant city attorney in Denver, was of associate general counsel for the Regional Transportation District, and practiced law with the firm of Mann and Shappell. He has served on numerous boards, including the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association and as chair of the Colorado Child Support Commission. He was recently appointed to the Health Committee at the Rose Community Foundation. Michael is a faculty member with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center, and has taught advocacy programs at both the regional and national level.

Marjorie S. Soforenko is a practicing attorney in Massachusetts, handling real estate closings as well as Guardian Ad Litem appointments for the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court. She is also working on a masters degree in Social Work at the University of Connecticut. Upon graduation, she plans to travel for two months throughout Europe and Israel. She enjoys horseback riding and playing the flute in community bands.

Connie Brenton works in the legal department at Sun Microsystems, supporting the Sourcing and Real Estate groups. She travels regularly to Asia and Europe through this position and reports, “I have fallen in love with India.” Connie also continues to own and operate Art Mart on the Pearl Street Mall in Boulder, Colorado. Her two children are grown and busy pursuing their dreams: The oldest will graduate from CU in spring 2008; the youngest has moved to Los Angeles, Calif. to pursue his dream of becoming a film director.

Sheila Gutterman has been named “Female Professional of the Year in Law/Mediation” by the 2007 Strathmore’s “Who’s Who.” The award, which recognizes outstanding professional and community contributions, cited Sheila as a leader and visionary in the field of family law. Sheila practices at Gutterman Griffiths, P.C.

Mason D. Barrett has been appointed Director of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Savannah Local Office. In this position, Mason is responsible for the day-to-day management and operations of the local office, which has jurisdiction over parts of Georgia and South Carolina. Mason brings more than 20 years of experience in investigating, litigating, and resolving complaints of employment discrimination to the position and has held numerous positions in EEO and civil rights with federal agencies and in the private sector.
Maggie (Blew) Snow was elected to the bench as a Magisterial District Judge and serves her local community – Buckingham, Solebury and New Hope – in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Although no longer living in Colorado, she visits as often as possible and has fallen in love with Durango.

Margaret Schaff’s law office, Schaff & Clark-Deschene, LLC, continues to grow as they plan to add two attorneys to their staff in 2008. Schaff & Clark-Deschene, LLC specializes in oil and gas, electrical power generation and high-voltage transmission issues on tribal lands in addition to providing consultation services to assist Indian tribes with energy resource planning.

Jonathan Cross was recently appointed to serve as special counsel to the Chief Counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Washington, D.C. where he has practiced law for 18 years. In his new position, Jonathan will serve as an independent advisor and confidential assistant to the Chief Counsel (a White House political appointee) providing legal and policy advice on special projects evaluating and recommending overall approaches on matters that cross legal disciplines and accomplishing appropriate legal research. Jonathan and his wife, Christine, have two daughters, Juliana (4), and Caroline Nicole (2), and enjoy living in the Washington suburb of Vienna, Virginia.

Major Celeste R. Gamache is currently serving in Afghanistan with the Combined Joint Task Force 82 in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. This is Major Gamache’s second tour in Afghanistan.

Leslie Kline-Capelle continues her work at Health Advocates, LLP, representing claimants in Social Security disability appeals. Her dedication to the heavy work load has resulted in much praise from the administrative law judges who decide her cases. Leslie continues to live in Venice, California and enjoys a life of spoiling her 3-year old nephew and mediating the tempers of her four cats.

Robin Wright is active in real estate investment and administration law. Robin writes with enthusiasm that she is “blissfully celebrating” her 19th anniversary with husband Bill and that their daughter recently graduated from college, “with a few honors and zero debt!” Robin and Bill are set to launch a real estate business in Montana and welcome all to visit beautiful Big Sky country. In her spare time, Robin enjoys singing jazz.

October 2007 was a big month of changes for Joe Trombo, both personally and professionally. After serving nine years as Associate General Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel for the Department of the Air Force at the Pentagon, Joe was promoted to another position in the Pentagon as Associate Deputy General Counsel in the Office of the Department of Defense (DoD) General

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Counsel. This new position falls within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The Office of the DoD General Counsel is the highest level legal office within the DoD and is responsible for providing legal advice and counsel to all of the DoD, including the Military Departments of the Air Force, Army and Navy and various Defense agencies. Also in October, Joe and his wife Amy welcomed the birth of their first daughter, Katherine Grace.

After working as an associate at Martin & Mehaffy, LLC, Jonathan Miller transitioned into solo practice in 1999. Originally practicing intellectual property, transactional law and litigation, he recently has backed away from litigation and trained as a mediator. Along with transactional work, he is honored to serve on the ADR boards for the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations (CCMCO). He enjoys scuba diving, environmentalism and marine biology, and continues to be interested in teaching.

Richard Levin was appointed as general counsel, chief compliance officer and secretary to the board of directors at BIDS Trading. In this position, Richard will be responsible for managing BIDS’ legal, regulatory and compliance matters. He will also work closely with United States regulators to ensure that BIDS fulfills all regulatory requirements. BIDS is a joint venture of 12 leading investment banks.

Jacqueline Ciccio Murphy was appointed director of Seter & Vander Wall, P.C. in January 2008. She will continue to represent special districts and other local governments.

Roger A. Jackson’s office, Jackson Esquire, continues to expand and currently includes two DU Sturm College of Law interns. For more information on the work Roger does with patent law or to view his blawg (legal blog), visit www.jacksonesquire.com. (See feature beginning on p. 12.)

Cari (Russo) Hermacinski was recently elected to serve on the Steamboat Springs City Council. In addition to this appointment, Cari was chosen by her fellow council members to serve as the president pro tem for her two-year at-large term. Cari continues to manage her telecommunications consulting business and lives in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with her husband, Dr. Mark Hermacinski, a general surgeon. Cari and Mark have two daughters, Eva and Josephina, who are 4 and 2 years old, respectively. Cari may be contacted at cari@tagweareit.com.
After 13 years at DU (six at the law school and seven at The Women’s College), Lorni Sharrow began practicing law with an emphasis on estate planning at the firm of Moye White. She writes, “It is a great professional challenge and so far, so good!”

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After graduating from DU Law, Justin Constantine was called to active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps and stationed in both Japan and California for six years. In April 2004, he began work with the Department of Homeland Security in its Immigration and Customs Enforcement division. After drilling with the Fourth Civil Affairs Group in December 2005, Justin arrived in Iraq and was stationed in the Al-Anbar province in September 2006. He was a team leader of eight Marines and worked closely with the infantry unit with the mission of engaging local Iraqi leadership to determine what they needed to rebuild their civil infrastructure and worked to develop the contracts that would ensure that work be completed. He writes, “Imagine trying to even have a meeting with someone who does not want to be seen talking to you for fear of being killed by the insurgency, and having to go on a night patrol to his house, along with a full squad of Marines, just to discuss the needs of a particular elementary school!” In October 2006, while on a routine patrol, he was shot in the head by a sniper. The bullet miraculously did not damage his brain or nerves and the corpsman saved his life by performing an emergency tracheotomy. Justin was flown back to the United States where he has endured a series of long surgeries that are not yet complete. However, due to the unwavering support of his fiancé, family and friends, he is well on his way to recovery and reports, “the worst is far behind me now.”

Following law school, Anna Farber Conrad practiced law for many years as a public defender and in private practice. Her career eventually led her to organizational and leadership development for corporations where she has successfully helped hundreds of leaders and companies obtain and accelerate success. Currently, Anna is the managing director of Impact Leadership Solutions, which specializes in leadership development for corporations, executives and lawyers. Anna has two young children, Madeline and Mason, and can be reached at anna.conrad@impactleadershhipsolutions.com.

Maureen McInerney recently joined Holland & Hart, LLP in Denver, Colorado, where she practices Project Development and Finance law. Prior to joining Holland & Hart, LLP, Maureen was a corporate finance associate with Norton Rose in London focusing on Rule 144A/Regulation S transactions and the establishment of American depositary receipt programs. Most recently, she served as a volunteer with the United States Peace Corps as an English professor in southwest China.

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In September 2007, Jenna Reulbach was honored as the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year by the First Judicial District Bar Association.
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Thomas Pfennig recently transferred from Germany back to the United States where he now works as in-house counsel litigation at Bayer Corporation in Pittsburgh, Penn.

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After nearly five years of service to the United States Air Force, Angela M. (King) Roff joined the Law Office of Paul Gertz in Glenwood Springs, Colo. where she practices family and criminal law. She reports that her background as a prosecutor for the Air Force and United States Attorney’s Office has translated nicely into her new position. In June 2007 she married Christopher M. Roff and moved from Tucson, Ariz. to Glenwood Springs. Christopher is from Phoenix, Ariz. and owns U Got It Contracting, Inc., a commercial and residential repair and remodeling company.

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Michelle L. Melton is currently working for the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit land conservation organization. As a project manager, Michelle works to negotiate high profile land conservation transactions and recently negotiated the purchase of approximately 48 acres at the foot of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, also known as Wauhatchie Battlefield. Wauhatchie Battlefield is best known as being the site where Union forces defeated the Confederates and paved the way for Sherman to proceed south to Atlanta. Michelle enjoys hiking, kayaking and caving in beautiful middle Tennessee with her dog, Buddy.

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Jill S. Greene joined Baker Botts, LLP as an associate in the firm’s Houston, Texas office. Her practice focuses primarily on corporate planning and governance, securities offerings and mergers and acquisitions.

Representing the University of Denver’s Center for International Human Rights Law and Advocacy, Lorena Reyther (JD’04) and Robert Koehler (JD’71) traveled to Lima, Peru in summer 2007. The purpose of the trip was to investigate, for the purpose of potential litigation before the Inter-American Human Rights Commission, the cases of indigenous women who were forcefully sterilized under the Fujimori regime in Peru in the mid- to late-1990’s.

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Ashley K. (Johnson) Wald has joined the business department of Holland & Hart, LLP in Denver, Colo. Her practice focuses on venture capital transactions, project finance and fund formation. Prior to joining Holland & Hart, LLP, Ashley worked as an associate at DLA Piper, LLP in Beijing, China.
Randy S. Ortega has become an assistant district attorney at the Hidalgo County District Attorney’s Office in Edinburg, Texas.

Paul Kyed joined the firm of Holland & Hart, LLP as a member of its commercial litigation group. Prior to this position, Paul served a one-year clerkship with Justice Nathan B. Coates of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Steve O’Dorisio joined the business department of Holland & Hart, LLP where he will work in the Entities and Transactions Practice Group.

Robyn Kashiwa joined the natural resources department of Holland & Hart, LLP where she will work in the Energy and Telecommunications Practice Group.

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Remembering Those We Have Lost

Laurence Guilford, JD’36, died July 25, 2007, in Aurora, Colo.

Robert A. Brenimer, JD’49, died August 27, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

Norman B. Smith, LLB’49, died February 5, 2008, in Denver, Colo.


Maurice L. Brundige, JD’55, died September 3, 2007, in La Crescenta, Calif.

William E. Myrick, JD’56, died December 5, 2007, in Littleton, Colo.

Wesley A. Miller, LLB’60, died September 10, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

Clyde E. Sullivan, JD’65, died August 13, 2007, location unknown.


Peter L. Monzures, JD’72, died November 20, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

John D. Parr, JD’76, died December 23, 2007, in Denver, Colo.

Burton Ivy Wherry, JD’77, died December 1, 2007, in Denver, Colo.


Lynn Sisco, JD’90, died December 26, 2007, in Springfield, Mo.

Carole B. Salamaha, JD’91, died January 04, 2008, in Centennial, Colo.

James D. Robinson, JD’04, died September 01, 2007, in Denver, Colo.
2008 Calendar
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
Water Law Symposium "Cutting Edge Alternatives: Creating, Re-using"

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
Partners at Law (PALS) Dinner

Thursday, March 6, 2008
PALS Dinner

Thursday, March 6 - Friday, March 7, 2008
17th Annual Rocky Mountain Land Use Conference
Denver, Colorado

Thursday, March 6 - Sunday March 9, 2008
Dean’s Roll Call - Ski CLE*
Keystone, Colorado

Saturday, March 8, 2008
PALS Brunch

Monday, March 17 - Saturday, March 22, 2008
Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence

Thursday, March 27, 2008
Business Law Society Poker Tournament and Fundraiser

Friday, April 4, 2008
Colorado Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Thursday, April 10, 2008
Judges’ Day

Thursday, April 10 - Friday, April 11, 2008
Conference on the Theory of Lawyer’s Ethics: ‘Ethics-Theory-Lawyer Practice: A Conversation’

Friday, April 11 - Saturday, April 12, 2008
Human Rights Symposium

Friday, April 25 - Saturday, April 26, 2008
Western Law Teachers of Color Conference of Asian Pacific Law Faculty

Friday, May 2, 2008
Privacy Foundation*
“Privacy, Ethics and Patriot Act: Developments”

Tuesday, May 6 - Saturday, May 10, 2008
TLA Annual Conference & CTLA Mid-Year Meeting
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Saturday, May 17, 2008
Commencement

Saturday, May 17 - Saturday, May 24, 2008
Family Law Institute
ABA Section of Family Law

Monday, June 2, 2008
6th Annual Battle for the Barrister’s Boot
DU v. CU Golf Tournament
Pinehurst Country Club

Thursday, June 12 - Saturday, June 15, 2008
2008 ABA Associate Deans Conference

Thursday, June 26 - Sunday, June 29, 2008
African-American Women Law Scholars Conference

*General and/or Ethics CLE credits applied for:
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