

Christopher Scott Newman

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Juris Doctor

2015

Certificate in Legal Research, Westminster Law Library

2013

Awards and Scholarships: *Outstanding Student Leader Award (2015); Morrisard & Rossi Endowed Scholarship (2014-2015); Student Leadership Award (2014); Bruce B. Johnson Scholarship (2013-2014); Earl and Anna Hirsch Endowed Scholarship (2013-2014); Crimson & Gold Scholarship (2012-2015)*

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

Master of Arts in Education – Curriculum & Instruction

2010

Master of Arts in Education – Adult Education & Training

2009

Action Research Project Proposal: Improving Community College Retention

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Bachelor of Arts in Education – Secondary Social Studies, minor in Music Education, cum laude

2006

Awards and Scholarships: *Spirit of Discovery Scholarship (2001-2005); PFLAG Scholarship Recipient – PFLAG Phoenix Chapter (2006); Resident Assistant of the Month – Intermountain Affiliate of College & Univ. Residence Halls (2003); Resident Assistant of the Month – University of Arizona National Residence Hall Honorary (2003)*

CERTIFICATIONS

Bar Licensure

State of Colorado, admitted May 2016, *Current Inactive Member*

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Summer Semester: Fundamentals of Practice, Externship Seminar (LAWS 5031)

Spring Semester: Legal Analysis Strategies (LAWS 4032, 3)

This course provides students in their last semester of law school with instruction, practice, and feedback in legal analysis, problem-solving, and communication skills by simulating problems that students will encounter on the bar exam and as lawyers. The purpose of LAS is to enhance learning, analytical, and communication abilities within a framework of core substantive areas to provide a strong foundation for bar exam preparation.

TEACHING, MENTORING, & CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

May 2020 – Current

- Teach fundamentals of practice and other professional skills to students completing legal field work.
- Review and provide constructive feedback to students on professional development and reflections on the practice of law.
- Provide counseling and advice to students in pursuit of developing their career and legal interests.

Bar Success Faculty & Coach, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

May 2016 – Current

- Teach bar exam topics and facilitate workshops to prepare students for their state bar exam.
- Review and provide constructive feedback to students on Bar Success essay and performance test writing assignments.
- Provide counseling and advice to students regarding their bar exam study habits, barriers, and overall study approach.

Curriculum Director & Lead Facilitator, Delta Lambda Phi – Delta Force Leadership Academy

Sep 2017 - Current

- Develop curriculum and activities for developing individual leadership and group collaboration skills.
- Facilitate the academy curriculum modules and provide real-time evaluative feedback to academy participants.
- Work collaboratively with a facilitation team to execute the intensive weekend leadership experience.

Student Leader, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Academic Achievement Program

Aug 2013 – May 2014

- Led weekly review sessions on material covered in students' Contracts courses and general law school study skills.
- Provided one-on-one coaching for difficult legal concepts, study habits, and other issues impeding student academic success.

Teaching Assistant, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Legal Writing, Prof. Anderson

Aug 2013 – May 2014

- Reviewed and provided constructive feedback to students on drafts of legal writing assignments and projects.

- Led class sessions on topics such as legal research and legal writing citations.

Drum Major and Leadership Clinician, Fred J Miller, Inc. / Summer Clinics May 2006 – Jun 2007

- Facilitated and taught leadership development sessions personalized for different high school programs.
- Taught conducting skills and helped develop team-building skills through discussion and practical activities,

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona "Pride of Arizona" Marching Band Feb 2005 – Dec 2005

- Instructed 280 members, 10 sections, and the entire band teaching marching and music fundamentals.
- Assisted in instruction and training of student leadership staff and new graduate assistants.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Denver Sturm College of Law Jun 2014 – May 2020

Director, Professional Part-Time JD Program (Mar 2018 – May 2020)

- Managed the program's academic and student support programming and services across multiple departments.
- Evaluated the effectiveness of instructional methods, programmatic offerings, and the overall program to inform improvements and changes using evaluative instruments.
- Provided strategic support to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for curriculum and student concerns.
- Managed the development and launch of the new weekend/hybrid format in 2018 in consultation with faculty, staff, and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Associate Director, Student Affairs (Jan 2019 – May 2020)

Assistant Director, Student Affairs (Jan 2016 – Aug 2018)

- Served as acting Asst. Dean of Student Affairs (Oct 2017- Jan 2018) supervising two employees and a student work study.
- Developed and implemented Denver Law's student life program including orientation, graduation, student awards program, peer mentor program, wellness initiatives, and other Student Affairs programs as needed.
- Worked with students with disabilities and appropriate administrators to deliver approved accommodations in compliance with ADA standards.
- Provided general academic and personal counseling for students and assisted them in finding appropriate solutions and/or referred them to appropriate professional services as needed.
- Advised and developed the Student Bar Association and liaised between the student organizations and the administration.

Finance & Budget Coordinator (Jun 2014 – Jan 2016)

- Processed, tracked, and audited all financial transactions, handled and verified cash and check deposit cash-flow, and provided monthly budget reports to relevant stakeholders.
- Reviewed and approved unit-wide time reporting for SCOL employees and managed hiring processes.
- Managed compliance-oriented projects regarding document retention and risk management assessment for SCOL.

Intern, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education Jun 2013 – Aug 2013

- Assisted legal team by conducting client interviews, analyzing case data, identifying and applying correct legal standard for applicable civil rights laws, and drafting letters for 10 cases.
- Responded to customer service inquiries for the office, conducted legal research for various attorneys, and assisted in drafting a Letter of Finding for a major transgender sex discrimination case.

Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity Aug 2008 – Jan 2019

Executive Director (Aug 2009 – Aug 2012; Jul 2018 – Jan 2019)

- Supervise and mentor over 30 volunteer staff virtually across the United States and Canada.
- Develop and manage an annual balanced budget of \$150,000 per year in addition to assisting with auditing procedures.
- Planned and coordinated 21 regional conferences and four national conventions to promote academic and leadership programming, as well as organizational policy-making.
- Created and implemented a comprehensive resource strategy to achieve a growth rate of 150% (2009-2012).

Director of Operations (Sep 2008 – Aug 2009)

- Developed and refined a tracking system for national obligations using Atlassian software.
- Tracked, reported, and collected legal and financial obligations for the national organization from all chapters.
- Developed a tracking system and coordinated registration details for six regional conferences and one national convention.
- Received, recorded, and deposited all national fraternity operational monies amounting to \$200,000 per year.

- Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix, Coordinator, Student Services & Recruitment** Jul 2011 – Aug 2012
- Created and delivered presentations highlighting the advantages and benefits of UA's M.D. program.
 - Represented the College at medical or graduate student recruitment events and served as a resource to pre-health advisors for undergraduate programs.
 - Coordinated and implemented major events for the college including Commencement, Residency Match Day, and State Residency Fair for 200+ students and hundreds of campus staff and faculty.
 - Developed an academic success advising and mentorship program in coordination with medical faculty.

Apollo Group, Inc. | University of Phoenix Jan 2008 – May 2011
Training Manager (August 2009 – May 2011)
Training Administrator (August 2008 – August 2009)

- Trained over 1000 counselors/advisors in over 20 different states on the College of Education programs to ensure regulatory compliance of advising on licensure degree programs.
- Facilitated weekly national web-conferences on various topics with audiences of 250+.
- Assisted with policy implementation of teacher education programs with the deans/executives of the College of Education.

Academic Counselor (January 2008 – August 2008)

- Advised 400+ students on a range of academic issues including degree information, courses, student success tips, and graduation assistance.
- Provided leadership by facilitating 2 volunteer training sessions on job-related functions to better co-workers and team members on advising students for degree completion

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters (IN PROGRESS)

Pugh, K., **Newman, C.**, Cropp, S., Younis, M. (in review). Transformative Learning within Cultural Spaces: Transformative Experience Interventions through the Lens of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy. In *Educational Interventions: A Sociocultural Perspective*, 13th volume of the Book Series: *Research on Sociocultural Influences on Motivation and Learning*, Information Age Publishing (expected 2021).

PRESENTATIONS

- Robbins, J., **Newman, C.**, Schulze Jr., L., Walter, K. (2020, January). *Part-Time Division Programs: Pedagogy and Pragmatism: Challenges of Teaching Part-Time Students*. Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Johns, S., DeForest, D., **Newman, C.** (2019, May). *A Lesson in a Box: A Sample Bar Success Workshop Lesson Plan to Enhance Bar Preparation Learning*. Association of Academic Support Educators Conference, Seattle, WA.
- **Newman C.** (2018, October). *An Introduction to the Collaborative Way: A Set of Tools for Working Together Effectively*. Delta Lambda Phi Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Newman, C.** (2012, October). *Applying to Professional/Graduate School*. Delta Lambda Phi Regional Conference, Denver, CO.
- **Newman, C.** (2012, February). *Time to SWOT: Gaining Focus and Progressing Forward*. National Collegiate Leadership Conference, Tucson, AZ.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP)

Inaugural *Innovation and Impact Award* (2019)

Corporation for National & Community Service

The President's Volunteer Service Award (2012)

Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity

Vernon L. Strickland III Founder's Award (2012); *Yellow Rose Alumni Association Award* (2012); *Spirit of the Centaur Award* (2010); *The Newman Award* (2006 – named in my honor)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Programs and Conferences

- AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2020
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals 8th Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 2019

- Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy: *Toward Defining Best Practices in Legal Education*, Denver, CO, September 2019
- NALSAP Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2019
- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2019
- University of Denver Leadership Academy, Cohort-2 Graduate, 2017

Membership and Involvement

- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE), *Member*
- National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP), *Member*
- Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity
 - Board of Directors; *Secretary* (Jan 2015–Aug 2016; Aug 2017–Jul 2018)
- Colorado Bar Association, *Member* (2012-2019)
 - CBA Young Lawyers Division Executive Council, *Student Liaison* (2012 – 2013)
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Law Office, *Student Attorney*, Community Economic Development Clinic (2013-2014)
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honorary, *Member*
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association; 1L Senator, 2012-2013; Treasurer, 2013-2015
- Associated Students of the University of Arizona Pride Alliance; Executive Board Member, 2003-2004
- *Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity, Omega Chapter*; Founding President, 2004-2006
- *“Pride of Arizona” Marching Band*; Assistant Drum Major, 2003
- *Residence Life*; Resident Assistant, 2003-2005

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Marathons (one full marathon, four half marathons), mountain cycling (Triple Bypass finisher), percussion performance, grass/sand volleyball, racquetball, hiking, backpacking, trail running, personal and leadership development, strategy board games, and visiting Colorado breweries.