

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society (BLS) is a student organization that provides a forum to exchange ideas for students interested in business law. To ensure that you are receiving updates about BLS events, please email BLS to be placed on the mailing list. If you have any questions about the BLS in general, please reach out to Kaley Rickert.

The BLS will be holding a fall walking tour so look for an email announcement regarding the date and tour locations.

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society (VLS) connects law students, business attorneys, venture capitalists, and entrepreneurs through educational, networking, and experiential opportunities. To receive information about VLS events and opportunities, join the "Venture Law Society" TWEN page.

Welcome Back CCLP Students

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. The CCLP faculty are looking forward to seeing all of you in their classrooms over the upcoming semesters. There are some great opportunities in the works for this academic year - check out the information about the "The Closer" competition below. Also, be on the lookout at the start of 2020 for information about a LawMeets like transactional competition that will take place on April 3, 2020. Make sure you check out the Business Law Society, Venture Law Society, and The Race to the Bottom blog information and get involved with these wonderful student run organizations.

Still looking for a fall course to round out your schedule? The following classes still have availability:

- Prof. Larkin's Mediation Practicum (for more information contact Prof. Larkin at clarkin@law.du.edu)
- Prof. Crow's Taxation of Business Entities boot camp
- Profs. Jacobson & Howell's Venture Law course

Welcome back and have a great fall semester!

2019 Business Law Institute

The Business Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association is holding its annual Business Law Institute on September 12 and 13, 2019 at the Ritz-Carlton in Denver. The Business Law Section is offering five student scholarships for Denver Law students. In order to apply for a scholarship you must be able to attend both days of the Institute, including the lunch event on Thursday, September 12. Applications are due on or before Friday, August 30 and students will be

The Race to the Bottom Blog

The Race to the Bottom Blog (RTTB) is a student-faculty blog that provides a forum for discussing trends and case law updates on corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, cryptocurrency, and securities law. You can access the blog through the [website](#) or via Twitter (@RTTBCorpGov).

Each summer the RTTB selects a special coverage topic. Check out the RTTB's 2019 summer topic on [shareholder activism](#).

Interested in being a contributor, the RTTB will open its fall candidacy in early to mid-October so keep your eyes open.

Student Advising

Not sure what classes you should be taking, the order in which to tackle them, or whether you have met all the requirements of the CCLP certificate, then you should take advantage of student advising. Schedule a time to meet with Randy Wagner who can help guide you through the process (rwagner@law.du.edu).

notified the week of September 2. You can access the online application [here](#). You can view more information about the Institute [here](#) and if you have additional questions, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu.

Pioneer Venture Group

Are you interested in participating in a venture fund? Then, consider applying to be one of the initial participants in the Pioneer Venture Group (PVG). The PVG is a student-led venture fund that will invest in early stage companies across a variety of industries. The PVG is seeking law school applicants. The application is due by Friday, August 23 and interviews will take place the following week. You can access the online application [here](#). If you have questions, contact Kieran Edstrom at kedstrom20@law.du.edu.

The Closer: Intra-School Competition

Do you want to put your transactional knowledge and negotiation skills into practice? Then you should sign up to participate in The Closer intra-school competition at Denver Law. This event is modeled after the national “*The Closer*” competition, an invite only event that takes place at Baylor Law School each January.

For the intra-school competition, students will be assigned to represent a client and will receive the client’s file approximately two weeks before the competition. Students will use those two weeks to review the file and analyze a transactional-oriented contract, talk with their client, prepare their negotiation strategy, and negotiate the final terms of the contract on behalf of their client. The competition will take place on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26. Preliminary rounds will be held on 10/25 and four finalists will advance to the final rounds on 10/26. It’s a great chance to practice your skills, network with local lawyers who will judge the event, and have some fun. Be on the lookout for an email from Prof. Bowers in early September about signing up for the competition.