

# 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](mailto:BLS@du.edu) to be placed on the mailing list. If you have any questions about the BLS or the society in general, please reach out to [Kaley Rickert](mailto:Kaley.Rickert@du.edu).

Congratulations to the new BLS board:

Kaley Rickert, President

Maggie Coats, Vice President

Morgan Stelli, Treasurer

Katelyn Clarke, Secretary

Kendall Godley, Hannah Herbst, Adrianna Levandowski, and Kensye Wood, 2L Reps

## Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society 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.

## Fall 2019 Registration is Almost Here

It is time to start considering the courses you want to take in fall 2019. If you have advising related questions, contact Randy Wagner at [rwagner@law.du.edu](mailto:rwagner@law.du.edu). In addition to other course offerings (see the full fall schedule), the following fall courses meet various CCLP requirements:

Accounting for Lawyers (Bowers)

Basic Tax (Roche)

Commercial Law Survey (Hurley)

Corporate Drafting (2 sections: Bowers & Hurley)

Corporations (Taylor)

Non-Profit Organizations (Hilty & Thomas)

Securities Law Seminar & Practicum (Oraker & Karpel)

Taxation of Business Entities (Crow)

Venture Law (Jacobson & Howell)

Consider registering for these courses taught by some of our stellar adjuncts:

**Securities Law Seminar & Practicum**, which was formerly called Representing Clients Before the SEC, focuses on the processes and practices of the SEC's Enforcement Division, intertwined with discussion and analysis of SEC enforcement investigations, trials, and resolutions. The course includes case studies of foundational areas of securities law, as well as practical opportunities to learn and practice investigative techniques and advocacy skills in the context of SEC proceedings.

## 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.

Congratulations to the new RTTB editorial board:

Luke Salzwedel, Editor-in-Chief

Carlos Schidlow, Managing Editor

Ben Holzer, Technology Editor

David Hartley, Senior Editor

Andrew Janson, Senior Editor

Rachel Neumann, Senior Editor

Emma Feeney, Staff Editor

James Taravella, Staff Editor

Dani Kaiser, Staff Editor

Congratulations to the new RTTB contributors:

Ryan Cole, Thomas Ford, Panagiotis Koutrouvelis, Reginald Perryman, Jordan Prince, Kaley Rickert, and Morgan Stelli

**Taxation of Business Entities** focuses on the fundamental concepts regarding the three tax regimes that apply to business entities with a legal identity separate from their individual owners (C Corporations, S Corporations, and Partnerships). Students will leave class with a basic understanding of the taxation of these three tax regimes and the ability to compare and issue spot the tax consequences of choosing between them.

## DU/CU Transactional Competition

The DU/CU Transactional Competition took place on Friday, February 1 (intra-school rounds) and Saturday, February 16 (inter-school rounds hosted by Lewis Brisbois and funded by the Colorado Bar - Business Law Section). The top four teams (two teams from each side of the transaction) from DU and CU advanced to the inter-school rounds, where the four DU teams were paired to negotiate with the four CU teams in the preliminary rounds. The teams, for their respective clients, attempted to finalize an indemnification insert to a stock purchase agreement that arose as a result of a last minute issue. Of the eight teams competing in the inter-school rounds, the top two from each side advanced to the final rounds for one last final 30-minute negotiation in front of all eight judges. John Kyed & Elizabeth Trower (Denver Law) were named the winning team representing the seller in the transaction and Jordan Holsinger & Nathan Fuller (Colorado Law) were named the winning team representing the buyer in the transaction. Julia Roberts & Ryan Talmage (Denver Law) and Meagan Fackler & Scott Rosenbach (Denver Law) were named the runners' up representing the seller and buyer, respectively. In addition to those listed above, the following Denver Law students participated: Megan McCulloch & Katie Ranucci (advanced to the inter-school rounds), Emma Feeney & Morgan Stelli, Michelle Primo & Chris Gutierrez, Erin Lamb & Mackenzie Patterson, and Rachel Neumann & Kaley Rickert. Congratulations to all the Denver Law students who participated in this event - well done!

## 2019 Venture Law Summit

Registration for the 2019 Venture Law Summit is open! The Summit is happening on Friday, March 29 from 8am - 1pm at the Sturm College of Law. This year's Summit boasts expert panelists and keynotes in startup capital raising, marijuana ventures, legal ethics, impact investing and social enterprise, and intellectual property. Kevin Saunders, the General Counsel of Accion International and Rachel Carlson, the CEO of Guild Education, will keynote the Summit. Student admission is free. For more information and registration, please visit this link: <https://goo.gl/en34mv>. If you have any questions, please email Becky Stifter (rstifter19@law.du.edu).

## Other Competition Highlights

Denver Law was well represented in competitions across the U.S. during spring semester.

The Denver Law teams took first and second place at the ABA Law Student Tax Challenge held in New Orleans. Christine Kuglin & Kasia Parecki (JD/LLM students) took top honors and Gretchen Bundy-Ladowicz & Dave Wilson (LLM students) took second place honors.

Two Denver Law teams competed in this year's 27th Annual Duberstein Moot Court Competition, a bankruptcy competition held at St. John's School of Law. The teams were comprised of Kristina Ellis & Erica Sefton (Christine Kuglin assisting with brief writing) and Ana Engativa & Kathleen Arsenault (Bryston Gallegos assisting with brief writing). Well done competitors!

Two Denver Law teams competed in the regional rounds of the 2019 ABA Representation in Mediation Competition at Berkeley Law. The teams were comprised of Rachel Neumann & Laura Yeager and Taylor Hannegan & Taylor Whalen. Both teams advanced to the regional finals where Hannegan & Whalen won and will represent Denver Law at the national rounds in Minneapolis in April. Go Denver Law!

## Spring 2019 Business Law Society Events

### ***The Role of Independent Counsel in Global Risk Management - Guest Presenter: Tom DiBiagio***

- Please join us for a guest presentation from former federal prosecutor and partner in the DC office of Baker Botts as he talks about the need for leadership, ethics, and corporate management in business. Currently the managing director of MB Risk Management, Mr. DiBiagio will discuss corporate responsibility and the practical skills needed by an independent legal counsel to manage the risks and consequences of global businesses. Date: Wednesday, March 20 - Two Sessions: 12:00pm (Room 155) and 4:00pm (Room 155).

***Spring BLS Walking Tour - April 12*** - Stay tuned to the BLS listserv for more Spring BLS Walking tour information, which allows 25 students to tour the offices of Downtown Denver law firms and other legal departments. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so please email [BLS@law.du.edu](mailto:BLS@law.du.edu) to be added to the listserv and stay up to date on all BLS events and news.

## **Business Law Society: Surviving and Thinking as a New Corporate Associate Recap**

The Business Law Society was proud to host four young alumni about their post-grad experiences and a day in the life of corporate practice. The panel consisted of Brittany Bliffen, Brownstein; Connor Hannagan, Brownstein; Josh Rosenholtz, Cooley; and Katherine Snow, Cooley. The panelists answered questions on how best to network with corporate attorneys, the daily workload of a corporate attorney, and the best way for a corporate attorney to balance their work-life schedule. After the panel, the attorneys joined students for a networking reception at Asbury Provision. Key takeaways from the panel included: "be a helper;" "stay connected with your classmates;" "get a summer associateship and feel out the firm, the culture, and the type of work;" "follow checklists and take initiative to get to know how each document fits into the overall deal;" and "remember that transactional corporate associates have a transferrable skill set."

## **Colorado Bar Association - Business Law Section**

Are you interested in networking and meeting local business lawyers? Then you should become a student member of the Colorado Bar Association and the Business Law Section (it's free). Listed below are some of the Business Law Section's upcoming events (contact Prof. Bowers if you are interested in attending for a reduced cost):

Friday, March 22: Drafting Indemnity Agreements in Business and Commercial Transactions (Audio Webcast Denver: 11am - 12pm)

Tuesday, March 26: Pivotal Legal Issues for Small Businesses (Video Replay Denver: 8:55am - 4:30pm)

Tuesday, April 2: Privacy Diligence in M&A Transactions (8 - 9am)

## **Final CCLP Newsletter of this Academic Year**

This is the final CCLP newsletter for the 18/19 Academic Year. All of your CCLP faculty hope you have enjoyed receiving the newsletter and found it useful. If you have any suggestions for changes to the newsletter or would like to contribute to future issues, contact Prof. Bowers at [sbowers@law.du.edu](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu).