

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. The BLS sponsors events which bring law students into contact with representatives of various fields. The BLS will be back in spring semester with numerous events, including a panel of newer attorneys ready to answer your questions and share advice with those interested in corporate, commercial, and other aspects of business law. There will also be a walking tour with a new list of firms to visit. To ensure that you are receiving updates about BLS events, please email BLS to be placed on the mailing list. Any questions about BLS or the society in general, please reach out to Kaley Rickert.

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society (VLS) connects law students, attorneys, and entrepreneurs through experiential, networking, and educational opportunities. Are you interested in startup law? Join the VLS for the following events:

Spring Semester Registration

Registration week for the 2019 spring semester is November 5 - 9. Below is a list of CCLP courses. If you have questions regarding other courses and whether they meet a CCLP requirement, contact Randy Wagner.

Accounting for Lawyers (M/W at 10:30am)

Antitrust and Unfair Competition (M/W at 7:30pm - CTS)

Bankruptcy (M/W at 8:40am)

Basic Tax (T/H at 12:50pm)

Commercial Law Survey (M/W at 12:50pm)

Consumer Bankruptcy Practicum (W at 2:45pm)

Corporate Drafting (M/W at 2:45pm or T/H at 6:00pm - ULW)

Corporations (T/H at 5:40pm)

Employment Discrimination Law (T/H at 10:30am)

Employment Law Benefits (M/W at 6:00pm)

International Business Negotiations (T/H at 10:30am - CTS)

International Business Transactions (M/W at 6:00pm)

International Commercial Arbitration (T/H at 6:00pm)

Private Equity Seminar (M/W at 9:00am - ULW or CTS)

Regulating Cannabis (M at 6:00pm)

Securities Law (T/H at 2:45pm or T/H at 7:30pm)

The Closer: Intra-School Competition

On October 19 and 20, Denver Law held an intra-school

Sourced Locally: The Intersection Between the Law, Food, and Entrepreneurship. On November 15 from 12pm-1pm, the Venture Law Society and the Food Law Society are hosting a lunch panel with Megan Cornish, Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs at FoodMaven; Ben Fenton, Vice President of Boulder Food Group; and Chuck Cotter, Shareholder at Polsinelli and Chair of the Food, Beverage and Consumer Products Group. Lunch will be provided by Maria Empanadas. You don't want to miss it!

Venture Law Summit 2019. Save the date for Friday, March 29 from 8am-1pm! VLS is hosting the second Venture Law Summit, bringing together transactional lawyers, law students, MBA students, entrepreneurs, and investors for a day of learning and building connections. Last year, VLS hosted over eighty community members for the inaugural Summit. We would love for you to be a part of the Summit experience. If you're interested in volunteering at the Summit, please contact Becky Stifter.

Volunteer at The Commons on Champa Legal Clinic! VLS hosts a volunteer legal clinic at Denver's entrepreneurship hub, The Commons on Champa, providing a hands-on learning opportunity for law students to fulfill the Public Service Requirement for graduation. If you're interested in getting involved over the Spring semester, please complete this application.

version of *The Closer* negotiation competition tailored after the invite only national event that takes place at Baylor Law School each January. Fourteen students participated in Denver Law's *The Closer*, with 7 students acting as counsel for Alexis Little in the negotiation of her executive employment agreement and 7 students acting as counsel for Wine and Bubbles Distribution, Inc., the company hiring Little. The students competed in two 30-minute negotiations during the preliminary rounds on October 19, with each round observed and scored by 3 local attorneys. The top 2 competitors from each side of the transaction advanced to the final rounds on Saturday, with each round judged by 5 local attorneys.

John Kyed (3L) and Rachel Neumann (2L) were named the winners representing Little and Wine and Bubbles, respectively. Kaley Rickert (2LE) and Emma Feeney (2L) were named the runners' up representing Little and Wine and Bubbles, respectively.

DU/CU Intra/Inter-School Transactional Competition

Interested in honing your transactional drafting and negotiation skills? Look for the announcement later in November and consider signing up to participate in the DU/CU transactional competition. The competition is modeled after the national transactional LawMeet event (not being held in 2019) and will include a half-day intra-school competition (February 1, 2019) and a full-day inter-school competition (tentatively, February 16, 2019). Student teams of two will be assigned to represent a client in a transaction, will draft provisions or an ancillary agreement related to the transaction, will redline those same provisions or ancillary agreement prepared by a team representing the other side, and will compete in two negotiation rounds. It's a great chance to gain some practical experience, meet local practicing lawyers who will judge the event, and interact with students from CU Law.

2018 Business Law Institute Reflection (By: Kaley Rickert)

In September, the Colorado Bar Association's Business Law Section sponsored a group of Denver Law students to attend the 2018 Business Law Institute (BLI). Over the course of two days, there were numerous keynote presentations updating attendees on new legislation, emerging trends in business law, as well as economic developments in Colorado. The breakout sessions were diverse and engaging with interesting topics such as transactional document drafting, corporate entity structure, deal making, tax issues for startups, blockchain and business, early-stage financing documents, and legal implications of doing business with the marijuana industry. Students actively participated at the BLI and networked extensively with practitioners happily willing to chat and share advice. Not only did the Denver Law attendees take away numerous business cards, the sessions were directly relevant to our course work for the Corporate and Commercial Law Certificate Program and our daily lives. If you get an opportunity to attend the BLI in the future, it is highly recommend.

Fall 2018 Business Law Society Events

Fall events included the In-House Lawyer, hosted by Molson Coors and sponsored by the Association of Corporate Counsel and BLS, as well as the Semi-Annual Fall Walking Tour. The In House Lawyer was an immersive event into all things corporate counsel and in-house. Students from DU and CU Law Schools networked with in-house attorneys from Sphero, Inc., EverWest Real Estate Investors, LLC, CoBank ACB, Zayo Group, DaVita, Inc., and Children's Hospital Colorado.

Twenty students participated in the Semi-Annual Fall Walking Tour and visited the offices of Molson Coors, Kutak Rock LLP, and Holland & Hart, LLP. At Molson Coors, the in-house counsel team spoke with students about the differences between in-house and firm experiences, what corporations look for in an in-house candidate, as well as provided general advice on networking. At Kutak Rock, a large panel of attorneys from diverse business practice areas spoke about life in a large firm, OCI tips, and law school experiences that helped prepare their associates. Holland and Hart wrapped up the afternoon with advice on what to look for in a firm while going through the OCI process, firm structure and client interaction, and the importance of firm values and life balance. BLS thanks all who attended and is looking forward to the spring tour with other firms to grow the Denver Law, CCLP, and BLS network.

Colorado Bar Association - Business Law Section Happenings

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):

November 6 (8 - 9am at CBA-CLE): Technology Tools for M&A Transactions

December 5 (9am - 12pm at CBA-CLE): Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Critical Provisions Non-Tax Attorneys Need to Know

December 14 (9am - 12:30pm at CBA-CLE): 1031 Like-Kind Exchanges: Fundamentals