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Diversity at Denver Law



Law School
Admission Council

Denver Law's Inter-Institutional Consortium Pre-Law Education Program (IIC-PLEP)

Sponsored by the Denver Law's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in
partnership with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC)

BIPOC LGBTQI+ Applicants encouraged to apply!

Now Accepting Applications!!!

(To Apply: <https://tinyurl.com/iicplep>)

2021-2022 Cohort

Deadline Friday, September 27, 2021

**PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL RISING
UNDERGRADUATE SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS**

If You're Interested In Law School, Join This Free Program For Access To:

- **Khan Academy's Free LSAT Prep (virtual)**
- **Application Assistance**
- **Practical Virtual Intensives which include:**
 - Intro to Law School
 - Mock Law School Classes
 - Careers in the Law
 - Professional Wellness
- **Individualized Mentorship with lawyers and law students**
- **Wellness Resources in partnership with the Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective (BEAM)**
- **Upon application, to Denver Law, note of participation***
- **If attending Denver Law, continued support through Denver Law Ascent Program****

*While we encourage all Cohort members to apply, members are not required to submit an application to Denver Law and/or ultimately attend Denver Law. While application preference is not available at this time, participation will be noted during the application process.

**Denver Law Ascent is a pre-orientation program for Denver Law students, particularly those from historically underrepresented groups.

About Our Office



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**Associate Dean and
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A racial justice movement lawyer and leader in diversity, inclusion, and experiential learning, Dean Freeman, identifies as interracial and interfaith, which informs her work and perspective. Her teaching is focused on social justice lawyering.

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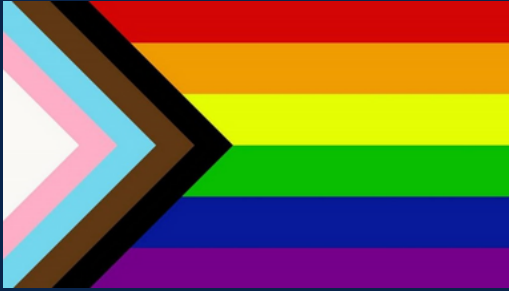
A civil and human rights litigator who successfully challenged practices related to mass incarceration, Jenipher now administers DEI and social justice programs at Denver Law. An HBCU graduate, she promotes diversity and wellness in the legal profession, particularly among law students and lawyers of color. Jenipher is also active in the community serving on boards, committees, and supports the arts and humanities.

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YOU BELONG

The Pauli Murray Joseph Beam Initiative



Denver Law IIC-PLEP, encourages all applicants, particularly BIPOC LGBTQI+ pre-law students to apply. In partnership with the Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective (BEAM) organization, the Program will provide sustainable support and resources for all those who wish to participate. Join us to begin your legal career in an affirming environment, all while learning to take up space as you are.

You belong here, as do your cohorts. You belong here if you've had great teachers and positive experiences of schooling. You belong here if schools and society have marginalized you and your community. Whatever your body type, appearance, talents, abilities, identities, histories, or backgrounds, you belong here if you are here to learn and to be humane, inclusive, respectful, rigorous, and just toward the others who are also here to learn.

We can't wait to work with you.



DENVER LAW IIC-PLEP TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

2021-2022

*subject to change

August 2021

- **August 26, 2021: IIC-PLEP Application Open:** <https://tinyurl.com/iicplep>

September 2021

- **September 27, 2021: IIC-PLEP Application Due**

October 2021

- October 11, 2021: Cohort members notified regarding IIC-PLEP acceptance
- Law Student Diversity Assistant and Attorney Mentor matching process with Cohort participants

November 2021

- Introduction/Orientation for Cohort participants
- Virtual Core Intensive 1: *Introduction to Law School – Part I*
 - **Description:** Introduce law school to Cohort members, consistent with the LSAC’s top ten skills needed for success in law school, divided into two sessions. This will include discussions on the first year of law school, including typical courses, common terminology utilized, orientation to teaching and learning style (“Socratic method”), and traditional methods of testing in a law school environment. Faculty members of Denver Law’s Academic Achievement Program will participate in this intensive.
- Heart Space Session
 - **Description:** In partnership with BEAM-Black Emotional and Mental Health Collective, Heart Space sessions aim to provide peer support, build emotional literacy and support networks, cultivate the development of healthy coping strategies and tools through collective reinforcement, and affirm and validate the experiences of those living in distress or with emotional challenges.
- Wellness Session: Courageous Yoga (optional)
- Cohort Check-In

December 2021

- Virtual Core Intensive 2: *Introduction to Law School-Part II*
 - See description above.
- Check-In Rounds: IIC-PLEP administrators

January 2022

- Heart Space Session
- Wellness Talk: Courageous Yoga (optional)
- Cohort Check-In

February 2022

- Virtual Core Intensive 3: *The Law School Application*
 - Description: This session will provide guidance on the general law school application process, including but not limited to, information and best practices regarding the LSAT, timelines, and personal statement, among other tips and pointers. Continued assistance with applications will be provided to individual cohort members as necessary and appropriate throughout their participation in the program. Members of Denver Law Admissions will participate in this intensive.
- Heart Space Session
- Cohort Check-In

March 2022

- Virtual Core Intensive 4: *Mock Law School Class*
 - Description: Taught by a Denver Law professor, students will directly experience a mock law school class and learn about common formats and how to apply law to facts.
- Heart Space Session
- Cohort Check-In

April 2022

- Virtual Core Intensive 5: *Careers in the Law*
 - Description: The intensive will address the myriad of avenues available with a law degree and highlight the stories and personal experiences of lawyers from historically marginalized communities. Counselors from Denver Law's Career Development Office as well as lawyers from historically marginalized communities in the region will participate.
- Heart Space Session
- Cohort Check-In

May 2022

- Virtual Core Intensive 6: *Professional Wellness*
 - Description: Research consistently shows wellness among law students and lawyers to be comparatively worse than all highly trained professionals, particularly among lawyers of color. This intensive seeks to provide practical tools to specifically address imposter syndrome, post-quarantine trauma, and burnout as well as promote wellness, self-care, and practices of joy. BEAM alongside ODEI staff will facilitate this session.

June - July 2022

- Cohort Check-In
- Heart Space Session
- A Day at Denver Law (Asynchronous):
 - Description: The program will entail a tour of the campus and involve a meet and greet with current Denver Law affinity group student leaders and student Diversity Assistants. Please note this event is tentative and contingent upon university and public health guidelines regarding COVID-19.