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U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to visit DU Law

Justice to engage in Q & A with Colorado students

DENVER — United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be visiting the University of Denver Sturm College of Law on Aug. 26, 2010, to speak with Colorado high school and college students about her life experiences. The event is co-hosted by the College of Law and the Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE).

Working together, the University and the CCIE are partnering with a host of agencies, corporations and schools with the goal of reaching young people from diverse backgrounds and encouraging them to pursue careers in law. In the end, the program aims to make Colorado's legal community more diverse, inclusive and representative of the state and region.

Justice Sotomayor will speak to more than 200 high school and college undergraduates and an array of legal scholars, community leaders, and members of the public.

“All of us in the DU Law community are thrilled by the Justice's visit and by this opportunity to host a forum with her for area students,” says Sturm College of Law Dean Martin Katz. “Not only will students learn from this opportunity to hear the Justice speak, they also will be invited to ask her questions about her experiences on the bench and in life.”

“Justice Sotomayor is such an inspirational figure to young people who dream about becoming lawyers and having a positive impact in their communities,” says Kathleen Nalty, an attorney and executive director of the CCIE. “It is so exciting that she accepted our invitation to speak with young people in the Denver community who will be inspired to follow her lead – to go to college and law school and become attorneys and judges one day.”

Tickets will be extremely limited. For more information contact Chase Squires at University Communications, (303) 871-2660 or at Chase.Squires@du.edu.

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The Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence (CCIE) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in the legal profession. The Campaign takes a multi-faceted approach, with focused work on pipeline, recruiting, and retention. Additional information is at <http://www.colegaldiversity.org>



About Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice, was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university's highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she served as an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.

- *From the website of the United States Supreme Court, www.supremecourt.gov*