

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 or the society in general, please reach out to Cameron Van Beek or Will Rigali.

Congratulations to the new BLS officers:

Will Rigali and Cameron Van Beek, Co-Presidents

Reed Melton, Vice President

Anders Ericson, Treasurer

Daniela Masur, Secretary

Megan Ryan Machak, Kalen Moss, and Chandler Hiatt, 2L Representatives

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society connects law students, venture 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.

Soon to be CCLP Graduates!

Congratulations to all of our CCLP graduating 4L and 3L students, as well as to all graduating law students. What a great accomplishment and each of you should be incredibly proud.

If you haven't already done so, make sure to submit your certificate petition form at this link to verify completion of your requirements and receive your certificate **(ASAP)**.

Job well done!

Wondering About CCLP Certificate Requirements?

Fall 2021 registration commences on April 9. If you have any advising related questions, attend the upcoming CCLP advising session on Wednesday, April 7 at noon via this link or reach out to Prof. Stacey Bowers.

In addition to other course offerings (see the full fall schedule), the following are just some of the fall 2021 courses that meet various CCLP requirements:

Accounting for Lawyers (Kuglin)

Agency, Partnership & LLC (Siebecker - weekend students have priority)

Asset Management Regulation (Petillon)

Contracts Drafting or Corporate Drafting (Munyon or Bowers, respectively)

Corporate Transactions Practicum (Hunter - CTS)

Corporations (Brown)

Congratulations to the new VLS Board:

Alexandra Feathers, President

TJ Johnson, VP of Finance & Operations

Lanny Holstein, VP of Marketing Communications

Anders Ericson & Kalen Moss, Co-VPs of Outreach

Conrad Kranz & Michael Summers, Co-VPs of Programming & Events

Justin Sawyer, 3L Representative

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:

Cameron Van Beek, Editor-in-Chief

Mitch Blackstone, Managing Editor

Alex Feathers, Technology Editor

Megan Sugrue, Senior Editor

Matt Maggay, Staff Editor

The Race to the Bottom's write-on candidacy period for the 2021-2022 year is now open. You can access the materials for your consideration of the write-on process [here](#) as well as guidance on how RTTB posts are created. Write-on posts are due by Friday, April 16. If you have questions regarding candidacy, email [Mitch Blackstone](#).

International Business Transactions (Olsen)

International Trade Law (Cai)

Mergers & Acquisitions (Siebecker)

Negotiation and Drafting in an International Business Context (Cai)

Non-Profit Organizations (Thomas)

Securities Law (2 sections - Brown or Petillon - weekend students have priority)

Taxation of Business Entities (Crow)

Transactional Negotiations (Bowers - CTS)

Venture Law (Jacobson & Howell - CTS)

Still pondering class options, consider registering for these courses taught by some of our stellar adjuncts:

Asset Management Regulation focuses on the evolving and increasingly important regulation of the investment management industry in which some 13,000 SEC-registered investment advisers manage more than \$25 trillion in assets in the U.S. alone. This legal growth area generates many interesting employment opportunities for lawyers which will be highlighted throughout the semester including with guest speakers.

Corporate Transactions Practicum examines complex commercial transactions from a variety of angles. Students will work in buyer and seller teams to navigate and negotiate actual transactions. This class offers a great opportunity for students looking for a real world complex commercial deal experience.

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.

Denver Law Hosts Online Transactional LawMeets Competition

Denver Law partnered with the UMKC School of Law to host 24 teams from across the US at a virtual Transactional LawMeet® Competition on Friday, March 26.

This year's experience was centered on an acquisition of a pharmaceutical company where students were asked to negotiate an amendment to the stock purchase agreement after unforeseeable circumstances arose after execution of the agreement, but prior to closing of the merger transaction.

The Denver Law team was comprised of Anthony Gunnell, Bradley Scoble, and Van Vu, all 3Ls. Over a two-month period, the team took on the role of counsel for the buyer in the transaction. The students interviewed their client, drafted an amendment to the existing stock purchase agreement, and marked up an opposing team's amendment. On March 26th in the UMKC region, the Denver Law team participated in two negotiation rounds against teams from University of Arizona and NOVA Southeastern University, both of which represented the seller in the transaction. Each round was judged by two practicing attorneys from the greater Kansas City area.

Throughout the competition, Denver Law alums who are local transactional law practitioners and former LawMeet® participants acted as coaches for the team by brainstorming ideas and reviewing documents. The team met via Zoom or communicated weekly with their coaches. The team noted that "they worked well together as each member brought a different a different strength and skill set to the team, ranging from a high level as well as an in-depth understanding of the transaction, to detail-oriented drafting, to organization." The team also shared that they had a cohesive work dynamic and stated that "it was a fun learning experience for all the team members and they continued to build skills that will propel them forward in their transactional law careers after graduation." One of the negotiation round judges joked, "you guys did such a great job. I hope I won't have to negotiate against you anytime soon!"

The Denver Law team was a tough competitor and was named the overall winning team representing the buyer in the transaction in the UMKC region. One of their opposing counsel, the team from the University of Arizona, was named the overall winning team representing the seller.

Congratulations to Anthony, Bradley, and Van for their achievements!

Venture Law Society Speed Networking Event

On Tuesday, April 20 from 5:00-6:00pm, the VLS will host a virtual networking event. This is an opportunity to build your network with private sector attorneys practicing in the Denver area.

Students will have the chance to spend 5-10 minutes with several attorneys during the event. You can find the registration link [here](#).

Commons on Champa

Looking for a transactional opportunity to fulfill your public service requirement. Consider the Commons on Champa, a volunteer clinic that gives students the chance to work with startups. If you are interested in getting involved, email [TJ Johnson](#).

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):

Wednesday, April 21: The Taxonomy of Debt in Bankruptcy (Webinar: 12:00 - 1:00pm)

Thursday, April 29: Drafting Indemnity Agreements in Business and Commercial Transactions (Webcast: 11:00am - 12:00pm)

Monday, May 3: Bankruptcy Case Law Spring Update 2021 (Webinar: 4:00 - 6:00pm)

Tuesday, May 4: Paying Agent and Escrow Agent Roles in M&A Deals (Webcast: 8:00 - 9:00am)

Final CCLP Newsletter of this Academic Year

This is the final CCLP newsletter for the 20/21 Academic Year. All of your CCLP faculty hope you are doing well and staying safe. We look forward to reconnecting in person in the future. Take care and have a wonderful summer break. Good luck to our bar takers!

If you have any suggestions, content, or would like to contribute to future issues, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu.