

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 [Cameron Van Beek](mailto:Cameron.VanBeek@du.edu).

Venture Law Society

The Venture Law Society (VLS) 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.

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, and securities law. You can access the blog

Welcome to Spring Semester 2022

Welcome to the start of the spring 2022 semester. The CCLP faculty are looking forward to seeing all of you on Zoom the first week and in person starting on January 18. There are some great opportunities in the works for this semester. Check out the information about the intra-school The Closer competition below. Wondering what student organizations to become involved in - consider the Business Law Society, Venture Law Society, The Race to the Bottom Blog, and the Pioneer Venture Group. Information about each of these organizations is included in this newsletter. Welcome back and have a great spring semester!

The Closer: Intra-School Competition: Call for Participants!

Do you want to put your transactional knowledge and negotiation skills into practice? Then you should sign up to participate in The Closer intra-school competition at Denver Law. The event is modeled after the national "The Closer" competition, an invite only event that takes place at Baylor Law School each January. Megan Sugrue (3L) is competing on January 14-16 this year for Denver Law.

For the intra-school competition, students will be assigned to represent a client and will receive the client's file approximately two weeks before the competition. Students will use those two weeks to review the file and analyze a transactional-oriented contract, talk with their client, prepare their negotiation strategy, and get ready to negotiate the final terms of the contract on behalf of their client. The competition is scheduled to take place on Friday & Saturday, March 4 & 5. The preliminary rounds will be

through the [website](#) or via Twitter (@RTTBCorpGov).

Interested in being a contributor, be on the lookout for information from the RTTB in February about the spring candidacy period.

Student Advising

Not sure what classes you should be taking, the order in which to tackle them, or whether you have met all the requirements of the CCLP certificate, then you should take advantage of student advising. Email [Prof. Bowers](#) with your questions or schedule a time to talk.

held on Friday and four finalists will advance to the final rounds on Saturday. It's a great chance to practice your skills, network with local lawyers who will judge the event, and have some fun. In order to hold the event, we need at least 10 student participants. If you want to participate, email [Prof. Bowers](#) on or before Friday, January 21, 2022. If we receive enough interest, we will move forward with the competition. This year's event will be online.

Graduating CCLP 3L Students

Just a friendly reminder to submit your Corporate & Commercial Law Certificate Petition Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. You can access the form [here](#). If you have a question regarding what classes meet which requirements or if you received a waiver from one of the requirements and need an email to that effect, contact Prof. Bowers at sbowers@law.du.edu or Vince Gonzales at vgonzales@law.du.edu. As a reminder, you can substitute another business related course for the Commercial Law Survey requirement - email Prof. Bowers to find out if a specific course qualifies.

Denver Law Gets High Marks for Business Law

Did you know that Denver Law was recently covered in preLaw magazine for its corporate and commercial law program that prepares students to be practice-ready lawyers? Denver Law received an A+ in business law. What a testament to all the faculty and students who are a part of this amazing corporate & commercial law certificate program. Check out the article [here](#).

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 or free):

Wednesday, January 19 - Arbitration Clauses in Business Agreements (webcast)

Tuesday, February 1 - The M&A World in 2021 & 2022: M&A Breakfast Series (webinar)

Tuesday, February 15 - How to Understand and Analyze Financial Statements (webinar)

Wednesday, February 16 - The Federal Corporate Transparency Act: Answers are Coming (webcast)

Contribute to the Colorado Business Law Section E-Newsletter

Are you interested in writing a short article (300 - 500 words) on a business law related topic and being published in the Colorado Business Law Section's E-Newsletter that circulates to all the members of the Business Law Section? If so, reach out to [Prof. Bowers](#) to discuss this opportunity.

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. The Commons on Champa Pro Bono Legal Clinic is a great way to gain practical experience and to network with entrepreneurs and attorneys in Denver. We are looking for 2L and 3L students who are interested in working with entrepreneurs and want to gain practical drafting experience. The clinic lasts 4 to 5 weeks, with meetings on Wednesday nights. In the meetings, we learn about the company, and we then create operating agreements, terms of service, privacy policies, and other documents, depending on the entrepreneur's needs. The clinic is in partnership with Husch Blackwell, which oversees our student attorneys' work. If you are interested in getting involved, email [Kalen Hilliker](#) or [Anders Ericson](#).

Pioneer Venture Group

Calling grad students who want to get hands-on exposure to seed/venture capital investing. Pioneer Venture Group (PVG), DU's first student-run venture capital fund, invests in innovative seed-stage and pre-seed-stage start-ups across the Rocky Mountain Region. PVG has student partners at its core from the business, law, and engineering schools with active support of experienced faculty, outside advisory board members, alumni, and community members. Additional information can be found [here](#). Interested in becoming a member, complete the inquiry form to join the waitlist for PVG.

Contribute to the CCLP Newsletter

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