

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 Reid Melton.

Congratulations to the new BLS officers:

Reid Melton, President
Megan Machak, Vice President
Kristen Stamm, Treasurer
David Arras, Secretary

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.

Congratulations to the new VLS Board:

Conrad Kranz, President

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.

Job well done!

Wondering About CCLP Certificate Requirements?

Fall 2021 registration commences on April 8. If you have any advising related questions, attend the upcoming CCLP advising session on Monday, April 4 at noon via this link or reach out to Prof. Stacey Bowers.

All rising 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls should note a new requirement in Category 1 of the CCLP Certificate Requirements regarding core courses - students must now take Secured Transactions and **not** Commercial Law Survey. In addition, only certain courses meet the CCLP Writing Requirement in Category 3 of the CCLP Certificate Requirements so ensure that you take a course that meets the CCLP Writing Requirement and not a course that simply meets the general ULW requirement.

In addition to other course offerings (see the full fall schedule), the following are just some of the fall 2022 courses that meet various CCLP requirements:

Accounting for Lawyers (Kuglin - synchronous online)

Agency, Partnership & LLC (Siebecker - weekend)

Asset Management Regulation (Petillon)

Mike Summers, VP of Finance & Operations

Anders Ericson, VP of Marketing Communications

Kalen Hilliker, VP of Outreach

Haley Grimes & Nathan Bork, Co-VPs of Programming & Events

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:

Reid Melton, Editor-in-Chief

Ryann Patton, Managing Editor

Emily Sexton & Conrad Kranz, Senior Editors

Christian Folks, Staff Editor

Welcome new RTTB contributors:

Chase De Grood

Anthony Georgescu

Annie Liu

Kristen Stamm

Ryan Taylor

Thomas Terrell

Haley Van Broekhoven

Dawit Woldu

Basic Tax (Roche)

Business and Commercial Law Seminar (Brown - CCLP Writing)

Corporate Drafting (Olsen - CCLP Writing)

Corporations (Brown and Siebecker - weekend)

Insurance Money & Litigation Bootcamp (Goluska)

International Business Transactions (Olsen)

International Commercial Arbitration (Wells - CTS)

International Sales (Wells - CCLP Writing)

Secured Transactions (Sousa - weekend)

Securities Law (Petillon)

Securities Law Seminar and Practicum (Karpel & Oraker - CTS)

Taxation of Business Entities (Crow)

Venture Law (Howell & Jacobson - CTS)

White Collar Crime (Lieberman - weekend)

We have some great classes taught by our adjunct professors:

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.

Insurance Money & Litigation Bootcamp focuses on how insurance dollars fund civil litigation and drive outcomes for plaintiffs and defendants. This practical and interactive course will help you understand the forces behind civil litigation as you learn the basics of insurance law including the types of policies and lawsuits they defend.

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 Student Is Runner Up in Baylor Law's *The Closer* Competition

Third year law student, Megan Sugrue, finished as runner up at Baylor Law's *The Closer* competition - held remotely January 13 – 16, 2022.

Megan received the problem Friday morning, where she was appointed to act as the lawyer for a student athlete who was securing his first endorsement deal under the new name, image, and likeness (NIL) rules. With only 24 hours to prepare, she spent all day Friday reviewing the endorsement contract to understand the issues and concerns for her client, interviewing the client, and preparing to compete in four negotiation rounds on Saturday with the lawyers assigned to represent the donut shop offering the endorsement deal. Megan was one of four student participants selected to advance to the Sunday final rounds, two students who represented the athlete and two who represented the donut shop. In a tight competition, Megan was named the runner up as the lawyer representing the athlete.

What a fantastic showing for Denver Law - Congratulations Megan!

Denver Law Hosts Intraschool *The Closer* Competition

On March 4, 2022, Denver Law held its intraschool version of *The Closer* negotiation competition tailored after the national event that takes place at Baylor Law School each January. Eight students participated in this year's event, with 4 competitors acting as counsel for Pueblo Avalon, Inc., the borrower, and 4 competitors acting as counsel for Theater Funding, LLC, the lender. Students competed in two 30-minute negotiations on March 4 with the goal of finalizing the terms of the loan agreement. Each round was observed and scored by 2 local attorneys who also took time to do a one-on-one debrief with each competitor at the end of the negotiation rounds. The judges raved about the quality of the student competitors.

Alexis Laraway (3L) and Ryann Patton (2L) were named the winners representing Pueblo Avalon and Theater Funding, respectively. Cameron Van Beek (3L) and Megan Sugrue (3L) were named the runners' up representing Pueblo Avalon and Theater Funding, respectively.

Congratulations to all the student competitors!

Denver Law Has Strong Showing at Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition (By: Matt Faga, Co-Coach)

It is my pleasure to announce the stellar performance of both Cindy Ureno and Samuel Sternburg in the 30th annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition on a national stage in New York City. This competition focuses on appellate brief writing and oral advocacy with a focus on complex bankruptcy issues, and is sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and St. John's University School of Law. Each year, I serve as an adjunct professor, along with Jamie K. Buechler, to teach and coach law students from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in connection with this competition. This year, Cindy and Sam excelled in representing Denver Law and advanced to the second round with the top sixteen teams, out of a field of forty-seven law schools from across the county.

Congratulations to Cindy and Sam for an outstanding performance, and for all of their hard work over the two months leading up to the competition!

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, reach out to the Venture Law Society.

Pioneer Venture Group

The Pioneer Venture Group is the University of Denver's first student-led venture capital fund. The PVG was started by a group of law students as a way to build a bridge between Denver's entrepreneurial community and graduate students. The board is comprised of a passionate cross-disciplinary team of DU students. Working with the PVG is a great way to get exposure to the venture capital world. Interested students can find the application [at this link](#).

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, March 30: Drafting Corporate Entity and Shareholder Agreements (Webinar: 8:00 - 9:40am)

Wednesday, April 13: Drafting Compensation and Other Employment Agreements (Webinar: 8:00 - 9:40am)

Wednesday, April 20: Boilerplate Provisions in Contracts: Overlooked Traps in Every Agreement (Audio Webcast - 11:00am - 12:00pm)

Wednesday, April 20: Public Benefit Corporations 101 (Webinar: 12:00 - 1:00pm)

Wednesday, April 27: Drafting LLC and Partnership Agreements (Webinar: 8:00 - 9:40am)

Monday, May 2: Bankruptcy Case Law Spring Update (CBA CLE East Classroom: 4:00 - 6:00pm)

Wednesday, May 11: Drafting IP Licenses, Information Technology Contracts, and Related Documents (Webinar: 8:00 - 9:40am)

Wednesday, May 25: Drafting Business Buy-Sell Agreements and Other Related Related Documents (Webinar: 8:00 - 9:40am)

Final CCLP Newsletter of this Academic Year

This is the final CCLP newsletter for the 21/22 Academic Year. It's been great to be back in the classroom with all of our students.

Take care and have a wonderful summer break. Good luck to our July bar takers!

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