

# 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 [Reid Melton](mailto:Reid.Melton@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

## Spring Semester 2023 Is Underway

The CCLP faculty hope your spring 2023 semester is off to a great start. The faculty have been talking about how much they are enjoying classes and getting to know students.

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!

## Denver Law Student Wins Baylor Law's *The Closer* Competition!

Did you know that 3L, Ryann Patton Connell, won Baylor Law's *The Closer* Competition, which was held January 13-16, 2023.

Ryann received the problem Friday morning where she was tasked with representing two local developers in their new food hall venture to negotiate an economic development agreement with the city. She had 24 hours to prepare (with her coach) to negotiate with the city's representative on Saturday. After four negotiation rounds on Saturday, Ryann was one of four student participants (two from each side of the transaction) selected to advance to the Sunday final rounds where she negotiated in front of five judges and a room full of observers.

While Denver Law has advanced to the final rounds on three occasions, including this one, this was the first win. What a great achievement for Ryann. If you see her, make sure to congratulate her on a phenomenal job.

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

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

## Student Advising

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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.

## Wondering About CCLP Certificate Requirements?

Fall 2023 registration will be here before you know it. If you have questions about the certificate, visit the program's website at this [link](#) and read through the frequently asked questions. You can view the requirements for the certificate at this [link](#) and embedded in this document is a [link](#) to the list of courses that meet the various requirements.

Also, be on the lookout for an email after spring break regarding an in person advising session that will take place to assist with fall registration.

## Graduating CCLP 3L and 4L 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](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu). As a reminder, 2023 graduates can substitute another business related course for the Secured Transactions requirement - email Prof. Bowers to find out if a specific course qualifies.

## Become a Student Liaison to the Colorado Bar Association - Business Law Section's Executive Council

Do you want to get to know and network with practicing business lawyers in the community? Then consider volunteering to be one of Denver Law's student liaisons to the Colorado Bar Association's Business Law Executive Council. The Council meets one time per month (in person or via zoom). It's a great opportunity to build your network and start getting involved in the local legal community. If you are interested, contact [Prof. Bowers](#).

## 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):

Tuesday, February 7, 5:00 - 7:15pm - Colorado Real Estate Practice (webinar)

Tuesday, February 7 - The M&A World in 2022 & 2023: M&A Breakfast Series (webinar)

## 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. 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.

## Financial State of the Union Event

The University of Denver's Daniels College of Business, Sturm College of Law, Graduate Tax Program, and the Truth in Accounting Project are hosting a Financial State of the Union event on April 20, 2023. The Financial State of the Union report illustrates how tax dollars are used. The panel will discuss the need for transparency in government reporting, as well as answer questions.

The event will be held at the Sturm College of Law on April 20 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, starting with a pizza reception, followed by the panel presentations and audience questions. Look for more information about the event as the date gets closer.

## 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](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu).