

## Denver Law's Alternative Spring Break 2025: Durango, Colorado

**Alternative Spring Break (ASB):** For over 10 years, Denver Law has offered Alternative Spring Break, allowing students to provide critical legal and law related support to individuals and communities in need. We are excited to return to Durango, CO after a successful trip last year to help students gain exposure to the access to justice crisis, legal deserts, and practice in rural areas.

**Dates:** Students will be expected to shadow and provide support during Spring Break, specifically from March 24-26, 2025. This will allow for travel time to/from Durango and still allow students to experience some rest and relaxation – a necessary part of any break.

**Participating Offices:** The following offices have agreed to host students, but *more may be added*:

- 6th Judicial District Attorney's Office (criminal prosecution)
- 6th Judicial District Court (Judge Baca and the court executive)
- Anderson & Baker LLC (small firm – family law)
- Aspen Grove Integrative Law (small firm – mediation and employment law)
- Colorado Legal Services (nonprofit – eviction defense/landlord tenant issues, family law with presence of domestic violence, consumer protection, and public benefits)
- Colorado Public Defender's Office-Durango (public defense)
- Earth Law Center (nonprofit – environmental law)
- Montezuma County Attorney's Office (municipal government, board of commissioners, human services, etc.)
- U.S. Magistrate James Candelaria (federal magistrate)

**Social Time:** Students are encouraged to spend time exploring the region together/on their own. At least one social event will also be organized by the local bar association.

**Housing:** Denver Law has secured Comfort Inn and Suites, 5 minutes from most of the sites as well as two private rooms, two students each, in a local attorney's home for free housing. Students will need to share a room. Students can also find and pay for their own housing – but will need to share that with organizers after confirmation of attendance.

**Transportation:** Students will be expected to drive to Durango; carpooling will be expected, and Denver Law will help arrange this and reimburse for mileage. If students want to fly, they can pay for such arrangements on their own.

**Costs:** We will provide estimated costs to all participating students. We will pay for student transportation (carpooling) and housing. By signing up below you are not yet confirmed and will still be able to “back out” of the trip if costs are a concern for you once shared or if you are not pleased with your placement. You will be asked to pay a “reservation” fee of \$100, fully refundable/returnable if you attend the trip.

**Public Service Requirement:** Participating in ASB 2025 can satisfy the public service requirement, assuming students complete relevant certifications (Dean Freeman will ensure supervisor certification).

**To Apply:** Complete this registration as soon as possible and no later than Feb. 10. Confirmation emails are expected shortly thereafter. Your participation is not guaranteed or required until you receive confirmation from Denver Law and you subsequently confirm via email.

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