

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

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■ Introduction

The Sturm College of Law relocated to a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility on University Park campus in August 2003. The 210,000-square-foot structure is the first in the nation to conform to the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification system. University Park campus is just eight miles from downtown Denver and 15 miles from the mountains.

■ Curriculum

Lawyering Process Course—The first-year curriculum includes an innovative Lawyering Process Course, which offers students, in small group settings, experience with the standard operations and skills of the lawyer's craft. The small groups replicate law firms and reinforce cooperative work.

■ Special Programs

Drawing upon its location in one of the nation's natural resource and energy capitals, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law offers a rich program in natural resources and environmental law. Students can choose from a variety of courses. There are also abundant opportunities for independent research and internships in the local energy, environment, and natural resource community.

The International Legal Studies program is designed for students interested in international comparative law, international organizations, or transnational business. Students in the program may work on the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* as staff members and editors. The International Law Society sponsors a rich schedule of outside speakers and an annual conference with invited guests from many organizations.

The Business and Commercial Law program not only trains students to work with business entities, but also prepares them for the specific needs of the corporate attorney. The program culminates in specialized seminars in business and commercial law. Corporate internships, highly prized one-semester assignments with large local corporations, are a valuable supplement to the coursework.

The University of Denver has a number of other unique programs. Practicing Law in Spanish is one of the few programs in the United States that involve teaching substantive law and skills courses in Spanish. The Sports and Entertainment Law program includes a comprehensive cluster of classes designed to prepare students to practice in those areas. The Law and Technology program looks at the interrelationship between law and technology in the areas of litigation, privacy, and intellectual property.

Our brand-new Elder Law program involves much more than simply drafting wills and probating estates. Elder Law also involves handling complex ethical issues, learning to evaluate a client's mental capacity, understanding the controversy surrounding right-to-die issues, drafting powers of attorney, litigating highly emotional protective proceedings, ensuring that your actions do not jeopardize a client's current or future eligibility for government benefits, litigating nursing home cases, and understanding the tragedy of elder abuse and

neglect. The goal of the Elder Law curriculum is to provide students with an exceptional, in-depth look at the various components of Elder Law.

Courses in the regular curriculum are supplemented by the practical experience gained through legal work in the Student Law Office or through internships or externships. The capstone of the program is the Student Law Office (Civil Representation Clinic, Criminal Representation Clinic, Mediation/Arbitration Clinic, Low-Income Taxpayer Representation Clinic, and Domestic Violence Civil Justice Project), where students represent needy clients at all levels of the dispute resolution process. If the case reaches the litigation phase, the student handles all aspects of pretrial, trial preparation, and the trial itself under faculty supervision. Focusing on one-to-one teaching and student responsibility, the program offers a rare opportunity to acquire lawyering skills.

■ Admission

All applications should be submitted online and reach the Sturm College of Law between November and February to receive maximum consideration for admission the following August. Students may begin law study only in August. Applicants must take the LSAT and register for the LSDAS. LSAT scores and records of academic performances are individually evaluated in the admission process. Of equal importance, however, are the applicant's work experience, significant personal accomplishments, interests, goals, and reasons for seeking admission to law school.

■ Student Activities

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law Moot Court program is designed to promote the necessary development of students' oral and written skills. DU's law students have the opportunity to participate in six different moot court competitions. The Moot Court Board is composed of students who have demonstrated merit in DU's moot court program and have displayed a commitment to improving the oral and written skills of the student body. With faculty integrated support, the Moot Court Board organizes and runs DU's moot court program.

Five scholarly journals are edited at the Sturm College of Law, allowing students to participate in scholarly research in varied fields. Academic credit is awarded for work on the *Denver University Law Review*, *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*, *Transportation Law Journal*, the *Preventative Law Reporter*, and the *Water Law Review*.

Many special interest organizations on campus are officially recognized by the Student Bar Association. Among those groups are the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Asian American Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association, the Business Law Society, the Christian Legal Society, the Federalist Society, International Law Society, Intellectual Property Law Student, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Society, Jewish Law Students Association, Latino Law Students Association, Native American Law Students Association, Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Phi, Public Interest Law Group, and Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

■ Expenses and Financial Aid

All admitted students are considered for scholarships. No additional application is required, except for the Chancellor's Scholarship. Scholarships offered to entering first-year students may be renewed each year based on satisfactory academic performance.

The Chancellor's Scholarship Program provides 12 full-tuition scholarships to entering first-year students who demonstrate a commitment to public service through law. The annual scholarships are renewed for successive years based on satisfactory academic performance and full participation in all the activities of the program.

Additional one-year scholarships may be offered to continuing students based on law school performance.

Students may also apply for federal and private student loans, up to the cost of attendance.

■ Housing

Residence halls are available on campus. Both traditional dorm-style living and unfurnished apartments are available.

■ Career Services

The law school maintains a Career Services Office staffed by six professionals who aid both students and alumni in securing employment. The Career Services Office offers direct referral to part-time, full-time, summer, and career positions; arrangement of on-campus interviews each fall for second- and third-year students with law firms, governmental agencies, and corporations; and career counseling.

Applicant Profile

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This grid includes only applicants who earned 120-180 LSAT scores under standard administrations.

| LSAT Score | GPA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | | |
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| | 3.75 + | 3.50 - 3.74 | 3.25 - 3.49 | 3.00 - 3.24 | 2.75 - 2.99 | 2.50 - 2.74 | 2.25 - 2.49 | 2.00 - 2.24 | Below 2.00 | No GPA | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | Apps | Adm | |
| 175-180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 170-174 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 10 |
| 165-169 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 74 | |
| 160-164 | 56 | 54 | 56 | 52 | 102 | 91 | 63 | 57 | 46 | 39 | 24 | 20 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 358 | 323 | |
| 155-159 | 94 | 26 | 171 | 55 | 197 | 54 | 187 | 39 | 108 | 21 | 66 | 18 | 20 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 854 | 217 | |
| 150-154 | 96 | 16 | 175 | 25 | 236 | 25 | 204 | 24 | 156 | 16 | 81 | 3 | 35 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1002 | 114 | |
| 145-149 | 47 | 6 | 77 | 5 | 123 | 2 | 165 | 18 | 107 | 7 | 75 | 3 | 37 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 650 | 46 | |
| 140-144 | 12 | 0 | 37 | 2 | 49 | 3 | 65 | 4 | 54 | 4 | 33 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 296 | 24 | |
| 135-139 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 105 | 2 | |
| 130-134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 24 | 0 | |
| 125-129 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 | |
| 120-124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total | 323 | 115 | 542 | 159 | 745 | 190 | 724 | 156 | 506 | 97 | 309 | 53 | 144 | 30 | 52 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 47 | 4 | 3399 | 811 | |

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 98% of the total applicant pool.