

## University of Denver Sturm College of Law

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### ■ Introduction

The Sturm College of Law relocated to a new, state-of-the-art facility 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. Downtown Denver—where the state legislature, courthouses, regional federal agencies, state agencies, and law firms are found—is 15 minutes away on the light-rail. The Rocky Mountains are just a short drive from the campus.

### ■ Curriculum

**Lawyering Process Course**—The first-year curriculum includes an innovative Lawyering Process course, which offers students, in small group settings, instruction in the essential tools of lawyering. Students learn by assuming the role of lawyers representing clients in realistic fact situations.

### ■ 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 environmental and natural resources law. Extensive course offerings are supplemented with abundant opportunities for independent research and internships in the local energy, environment, and natural resources 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 and business attorney. The program culminates in specialized seminars in business and commercial law. Corporate internships and highly prized one-semester assignments with large local corporations are a valuable supplement to the coursework.

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 clinical program is the Student Law Office which offers the following clinics: Civil Representation Clinic, Criminal Representation Clinic, Mediation/Arbitration Clinic, Civil Rights and Disability Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic, and Child Advocacy Clinic. Students represent indigent 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.

The University of Denver has a number of unique programs. Lawyering in Spanish is one of the few programs in the United States offering 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.

### ■ 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. Working with members of the faculty, the student-run Moot Court Board operates DU's moot court program. Based upon their performance in national trial competition and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America National Student Trial Advocacy Competition, the trial advocacy team has been among the 16 law school teams invited to participate in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions.

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*, *Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*, *Transportation Law Journal*, and the *Water Law Review*.

A wide range of student organizations contribute to the vibrant environment of the Sturm College of Law. Among those groups are the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Asian Pacific 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 Society, 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 10–12 full-tuition scholarships to entering first-year students who demonstrate a commitment to a career in public interest 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 Development Center staffed by six professionals who aid students and alumni in securing employment. The Career Development Center 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 extensive 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	
	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	Apps	Adm		
175–180	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	
170–174	0	0	2	2	4	4	4	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	14	
165–169	22	21	13	12	24	19	12	10	11	7	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	92	70		
160–164	68	63	84	75	96	78	70	53	44	30	25	13	4	3	4	1	1	0	3	0	399	316		
155–159	130	89	230	136	240	113	223	72	102	40	59	12	27	6	9	3	1	0	9	4	1030	475		
150–154	94	35	204	59	234	43	198	28	129	16	66	7	25	3	6	0	2	0	9	2	967	193		
145–149	34	8	63	10	102	10	98	5	70	7	46	2	22	3	6	0	1	0	4	0	446	45		
140–144	7	2	23	4	40	4	50	4	33	2	25	2	17	0	6	0	1	0	5	1	207	19		
135–139	1	0	5	0	4	0	21	1	14	0	8	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	63	1		
130–134	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	22	0		
125–129	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	0		
120–124	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		
Total	357	219	626	298	749	272	678	177	411	104	243	39	104	17	40	4	9	0	37	7	3254	1137		

Apps = Number of Applicants

Adm = Number Admitted

Reflects 99% of the total applicant pool.