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of Prelaw Advisors

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The New Normal and the Future of Law



MARCH 27-29, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Embassy Suites Downtown Denver

University of Colorado Law School

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 – EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, CRIPPLE CREEK FOYER, 2ND FLOOR

5:00-7:00 PM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION / MEET & GREET RECEPTION**, Co-sponsored by WAPLA and SALT
Check in early, mingle with conference attendees, and visit exhibit tables

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 – EMBASSY SUITES, ALL SESSIONS IN CRIPPLE CREEK 2, 2ND FLOOR (SEE FLOOR MAP ON BACK)

6:00-8:15 AM Breakfast buffet for hotel guests at Embassy Suites, 4th Floor, included in room rate

7:30-8:20 **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & EXHIBIT TABLES—Cripple Creek Foyer, 2nd Floor**
Exhibit tables open all day

8:20-8:30 **CONFERENCE OPENS: Welcome and Announcements, Cripple Creek 2**
Marilyn Hoffman, President, WAPLA

8:30-9:20 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** John L. Kane, Senior Federal Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

9:30-10:30 **SESSION 1 – Update from the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)**
Kent Lollis, LSAC Diversity Initiatives, on behalf of LSAC Prelaw Programs and Member Support Services

10:30-10:50 **BREAK – Cripple Creek Foyer**, Sponsored by WAPLA
Enjoy refreshments and visit exhibit tables

10:50-12:00 **SESSION 2 – Mock Admissions Committee**
Kristine Jackson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, University of Colorado Law School
Lori Freeman, Director of Admissions and Career Services, University of Montana School of Law
Frank D. Durand, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV
Lawrence Seno, Jr., Assistant Dean of Admissions, University of Oregon School of Law

12:00-1:00 **LUNCH – Cripple Creek 1**, Sponsored by WAPLA

1:00-2:00 **SESSION 3 – Nontraditional Legal Careers Panel – Local JDs in a variety of legal roles**
Kimberly West, Global Strategic Alliance Manager, Zayo Group
Leah Carlson, Client Relations Manager, Perkins Coie
David Pacheco, Investigator, CU Office of Discrimination & Harassment
Meg Satrom – Managing Editor of Law Week Colorado
Kelly Crandall, Energy Strategy Coordinator, City of Boulder

2:15-3:45 **SESSION 4 – Joint Session with Society of American Law Teachers (SALT): BA to JD Pipeline, and other SALT programs for prospective law school students**
Professor Jackie Gardina, Vermont Law School & Immediate Past Co-President of SALT
Professor Ruben Garcia, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV, & SALT Co-President

4:00-4:15 **Board Horizon bus at Embassy Suites for University of Colorado Law School, Departs by 4:15 sharp!**

5:00-8:00 **TOUR OF LAW SCHOOL**
DINNER & WAPLA 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Dinner sponsored by University of Colorado Law School and WAPLA

8:00-8:15 **Board bus to return to Denver Embassy Suites, Departs at 8:15 sharp!**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 – UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, 2255 E. Evans Ave.

Saturday Program for Advisors Only

- 7:00-8:15 AM Breakfast buffet for hotel guests at Embassy Suites, 4th Floor
- 8:15-8:30 **Board bus at Embassy Suites for University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Departs at 8:30 sharp!**
- 9:00-9:55 **SESSION 5—Legal Career Planning- Strategies for Today’s World of Legal Employment**
Moderator: Anthony Bastone, Prelaw Advisor, University of Colorado
Alexia McCaskill, Director for Government and Public Interest Careers, University of Colorado Law School
Trey Baker, Career Consultant – Public Sector, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- 10:00-11:00 **SESSION 6– Advisor Best Practices And Exchange Session**
Andrew Wahlstrom, Academic Advisor, University of Oregon
Mary Nadarski, Academic Success Coordinator, Pre-professional Advising, Arizona State University
Amy Urbanek, Director of Preprofessional Advising—Prelaw, University of Utah
- 11:00-11:10 **BREAK** Refreshments sponsored by University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- 11:10-12:30 **WAPLA BUSINESS MEETING AND CONFERENCE DEBRIEF**
- 12:30-1:30 **LUNCH** Sponsored by University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- 1:30-2:00 **TOUR OF LAW SCHOOL**
- 2:00-2:15 **Board bus to return to Denver Embassy Suites, Departs at 2:15 sharp!**
Time on your own to enjoy Denver 😊

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Blakely’s Legal Perspectives
Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions
Next Step Test Prep
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