

CAREER CLIPS: FEBRUARY 2024



Updates from Career Services

There have been an immense amount of wonderful opportunities open to you all this semester already! We truly hope you have taken advantage of their availability by applying for jobs and/or registering for events.

The CU/DU Government and Public Interest Career Fair is scheduled for February 15th, with the application deadline set for February 5th. Those listings are provided within POKES (search for CU/DU in the Job Listings tab), and linked later in this newsletter.

Spring OCI is in full throttle, with some application deadlines already past. As of this writing, there are still fourteen positions open and we encourage you to check them out if you haven't already.

Information about Legal Liftoff will be emailed to you mid-February. Be on the lookout for those details, including the registration link to sign up for a wonderful Spring Break experience.

We have quite a few events and guest speakers already scheduled for this semester. Be sure to review those within this newsletter and add them to your calendar!

Resources

[Public Policy Deadlines](#)

[Government Honors Deadlines](#)

⇒ *Apply for these opportunities through the link provided in the POKES Resource Library under [Job Search Subscriptions](#)*

To Do

There will be a [Federal Clerkship Panel](#) on February 29th at 4:30pm in Room 182. **Questions for the panelists must be submitted in advance, by February 16th, to JBSG President Sofia Salgado Cisneros at ssalgado@uwyo.edu.**



CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

The Civil Legal Services Clinic prides itself on being the “kitchen sink” of the legal clinics. As a general practice clinic, the CLSC handles cases ranging from property to family law, from conversions and unjust enrichment to landlord/tenant issues and legal name changes.

Over the last two years, the CLSC has taken on more cases involving property disputes than we have in CLSC’s history. In April, former students represented a client at trial in Park County, successfully defending the client from a trespass and ejectment claim and supporting her counter complaint of adverse possession, prescriptive easement, and quiet title. The trial concluded almost two years of work on the client’s behalf and contributions from multiple student interns in that time. After the victory in court, the students in the CLSC are continuing to counsel this client through the process of obtaining and recording a survey to legally describe her property.

Just this January, CLSC Student Director Matt Misslin took a partition and ouster case to trial in Laramie County. It is rare that a CLSC client gets to retain the same student attorney for the duration of their case, but Matt worked the case from initial filing through trial. The matter raises a question of whether domestic abuse is conduct amounting to ouster, amongst other issues. This case was a pre-trial rollercoaster covering the spectrum of motions and hearings including entry of default, orders compelling discovery and deeming requests for admissions admitted, and sanctions against opposing counsel. The Court ruled from the bench in favor of the CLSC’s client on the issue of partition, and the CLSC is currently awaiting a decision on the issue of ouster.

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While property has been the focus of the largest cases in the Clinic, it is far from the only work done in the CLSC. Student attorneys are currently handling divorces, working as court-appointed guardian ad litem for a minor child, and representing a client's interests in a dispute with his county government. The student attorneys also represent clients in an expungement of criminal record matter and an establishment of paternity action associated with a guardianship action in Sheridan County. (One of the attorneys on that case is a former CLSC student intern!) The Clinic is also wrapping up research requested by staff in the Governor's Office to help a retired employee understand a legal issue.

The Civil Legal Services Clinic continues to serve the students of UW through an ASUW scholarship program. The program began as a fund to cover the costs of legal name changes for transgender students at UW, but has expanded to encompass other name changes related to identity, as well. Through this partnership, the Clinic helped four students obtain name changes in the fall semester.



The Civil Legal Services Clinic truly covers the spectrum of legal practice allowed under Rule 9. If you are interested in civil litigation, general practice, or still need to figure out what your interests are, the Civil Legal Services Clinic offers an opportunity to test the waters while learning how to practice law. To find out more about the Clinic, or how you can participate, call the bullpen at 307-766-2104.

The clinic is also hiring a 2L Legal Assistant! See the following page for more information.

UW College of Law Experiential Learning – Now Hiring!

Interested in becoming a 2L Legal Assistant in one of the following areas?

Click the links below to learn more and apply through POKES by Friday, February 9th at 1:00pm!

[UW Prosecution Assistance Clinic](#)

[UW Family and Child Legal Advocacy Clinic](#)

[UW Estate Planning Practicum](#)

[UW Defender Aid Clinic](#)

[UW Civil Legal Services Clinic](#)

UW College of Law Legal Clinics

103 CASES OPENED



DEFENDER AID
11 Cases opened in 10 Wyoming counties.



ESTATE PLANNING
8 Cases opened in 5 Wyoming counties.



WYOMING SUPREME COURT APPEARANCES
3



PROSECUTION ASSISTANCE
21 Cases opened in 12 Wyoming counties.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE
5 Cases opened throughout Wyoming.



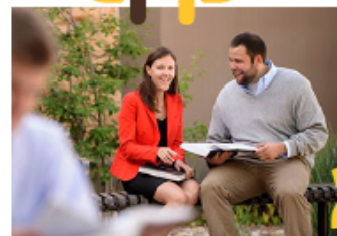
BY THE NUMBERS 2022



CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES
19 Cases opened in 10 Wyoming counties.



BUSINESS LAW
5 Cases opened in 1 Wyoming county.



FAMILY & CHILD LEGAL ADVOCACY
29 Cases opened in 9 Wyoming counties.



WYOMING COUNTIES
19 Counties served by UW College of Law students.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
5 Cases in France, South Africa, Thailand, Cambodia, and Columbia.

New cases opened from Jan. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022. Does not include existing cases that extend into the next years.

THE JOURNEY TO THE BENCH

Judge David E. Singleton
Cheyenne Municipal Court



My path to law school and after was what one might call non-traditional. Prior to law school, I didn't have family or friends that were attorneys. I was in the Political Science and Criminal Justice programs, so I had some exposure. But, for me, it was really a decision I made just before applying to law school. The funny part about it is now I can't imagine doing anything different with my life.

Coming into law school, I talked to a few people to figure out what I wanted to do with my law degree—once I graduated, of course. Having the background in the criminal field, I naturally gravitated toward prosecution. When I found out the law school had clinical programs, specifically, the Prosecution Assistance Program (“PAP”), I knew what I wanted to do. From that point, I made it my goal to—hopefully—become the Student Director of the PAP.

Throughout my law school career, I found some of my best friends, best mentors, and my wife (she's a lawyer, too!!). The greatest success was when, during my 2L year, Professor Jackson selected me as the upcoming PAP Student Director. During my 3L year, as the Student Director, I supervised numerous student interns, argued twice before the Wyoming Supreme Court, and worked with prosecutors all over the state. To say it was a fantastic experience would be a complete understatement.

Upon graduation, all I wanted to do was prosecute. Unfortunately, the job I had been offered to prosecute was no longer available because of a lost election during the primary cycle. However, it was a blessing in disguise. I set off on my journey in the legal practice as a civil practitioner—something I was unlikely to have ever done otherwise. For the next five years, I represented clients in divorce, oil and gas, small claims, personal injury, defense of personal injury, and a handful of estate planning matters. If you had asked me in law school “do you want to represent clients in civil matters,” I might have literally laughed. But those five years are a huge part of my lawyering career.

Then, in 2019, I got my chance to become a prosecutor. I prosecuted all felony-level controlled substances cases for the First Judicial District Attorney's Office (“DA's Office”). The specific position was called the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area position—HIDTA. In that role, I was cross designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. That meant, I could prosecute at both the state and the federal level. This was truly my dream job! My time prosecuting in that office is very special to me for so many reasons—good experiences, friends, new mentors, and tons of war stories.

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Eventually, however, I needed a change of pace. We had young kids at home and my wife and I made a decision for me to leave the DA's Office. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to transition to the Cheyenne City Attorney's Office to prosecute cases.

After being at the City for about a year, I was appointed to be a Municipal Court Judge. Somewhere along the way in my career I thought I might like being a judge. Clearly, public service was my primary interest, and that was the next logical step. I'm fortunate that now I can say twice in my career, I have my dream job. Being a judge is more fulfilling than I could have ever imagined. The attorneys who appear in my court are fantastic, work hard, and care about the work they do. My hope, in a role like this, is that I'm giving back to my community. But if I'm being honest, I'm truly the one benefitting from such an enriching and exciting job. There's no question the job is hard on certain days. But it's not the kind of hard that makes you want to quit. It's the kind of hard that makes you want to keep getting better and trying harder. There isn't much more I could ask for! Without question, my favorite part of the job is the researching and writing I get to do for various issues that come up pre-trial in the court.

I would be remiss not to point out that the education I received from the UW College of Law absolutely prepared me for where I am today. That's true in terms of the doctrinal classes, the experiential classes, and the faculty. I am incredibly grateful for the education and experiences I received in my three years there. So much so that now I am an adjunct professor at the College of Law. I'm fortunate to teach Trial Practice and Civil Pretrial.

As I mentioned at the outset, my path to law school and after is somewhat non-traditional—at least to me. The reality is I wouldn't trade my experiences for anything in the world. I love being in the legal profession. We help people, achieve justice, and defend and uphold the laws of the land. It is an incredibly enriching profession.



FGO Speaker Series



Judge Singleton

Join us to hear from uWyo Law Alumni Judge Singleton about his experiences as a First-Gen, during and after law school. Get tips on succeeding, ask questions, and get to know Judge Singleton

Wednesday, February 7

12:20 - 1:10 pm

Room 170

Pizza provided!



CU/DU Career Fair

Network with over 50 different public service employers!

Participate in the Career Fair on
Wednesday, February 15th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Employers want to chat with you about their jobs,
offices, careers, and internship programs!

All class years are welcome to attend.

*For the employer list and link to the
career fair visit [POKES](#).*



MAKING THE MOST

OF A CAREER FAIR

- ⇒ ***PREPARE:*** Research employers prior to attending the fair.
- ⇒ ***PROFESSIONALISM MATTERS:*** Introduce yourself, including school and class year.
- ⇒ ***HAVE YOUR PORTFOLIO READY:*** Be prepared to hand your updated resume to interested employers.
- ⇒ ***KNOW WHAT THEY SHOULD KNOW:*** Work out the things you want the employer to know about you. If there were ever a time for an elevator speech, this is it.
- ⇒ ***BE BRIEF:*** Ask thoughtful, essential questions. Thank the person you've spoken with, and let them move on to chatting with others. Don't monopolize the employer's time.
- ⇒ ***MAKE NOTES:*** Remember with whom you spoke and their role within the organization.

After the Fair

- ⇒ ***FOLLOW UP:*** Reach out to those employers who piqued your interest.
- ⇒ ***BE THANKFUL:*** Send a letter or email thanking them for their time.

Clerkships

1Ls:

Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 7/31/26

Judge Timothy Tymkovich - Denver, CO - Apply by 8/1/26

2Ls:

Judge John Broomes - Wichita, KS - Apply by 6/3/24

Judge David Barlow - Salt Lake City, UT - Apply by 6/10/24

Judge Roberto Lange - Pierre or Sioux Falls, SD - Apply by 6/11/24

Judge Jill Parrish - Salt Lake City, UT - Apply by 6/28/24

Judge Eric Melgren - Wichita, KS - Apply by 6/30/24

Judge Daniel Traynor - Bismarck, ND - Apply by 7/31/24

Judge Gregory Phillips - Cheyenne, WY - Apply by 11/21/24

Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 7/31/25

Judge Timothy Tymkovich - Denver, CO - Apply by 8/1/25

3Ls:

Judge Nina Wang - Denver, CO - Apply by 2/29/24

Judge Allison Eid - Denver, CO - Apply by 6/1/24

Judge Andrew Kleinfeld - Fairbanks, AK - Apply by 8/1/24

Judge Susan Prose - Denver, CO - Apply by 8/30/24

Judge Daniel Domenico - Denver, CO - Apply by 1/31/25

Judge Robin Cooley - Cheyenne, WY

Judge Matt Castano - Gillette, WY (will consider partially remote work!)

3rd District - Anchorage, AK

Judge Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan - Puerto Real, PR

You are encouraged to apply for clerkships ASAP, instead of waiting until the deadline.

For clerkship nuts and bolts, visit the [POKES Resource Library](#)!

1L Spring OCI Deadlines

Summer Internship

GPNA, LLP

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

2L Spring OCI Deadlines

Summer Associate

Beatty & Wozniak, PC

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

Summer Intern (Unpaid)

Colorado Public Defender

Apply by 2/4

1/2L Spring OCI Deadlines

Intern / Extern

Air Force JAG Corps

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

Summer Law Clerk

Costello Porter Law

Apply by 2/4

Law Clerk

The Husted Law Firm

Apply by 2/5

Summer Intern (Unpaid)

SSA - Office of General Counsel

Apply by 2/5

Rural Practice of Law Internship

CO Access to Justice Commission

Apply by 2/6

Recent Job Postings

(For a complete list of job openings, visit [POKES](#))

ALL STUDENTS:

IP Research & Brief Writing Competition - Brooks Kushman

Apply by 2/15/24

Patent Claims Drafting Competition - Brooks Kushman

Apply by 2/22/24

Second Amendment Writing Competition - National Rifle Assoc.

Apply by 3/1/24

1Ls:

2025 Honors Internship Program - FBI's Internship Program

Apply by 3/1/24

1Ls & 2Ls:

Summer Clerkship - Animal Legal Defense Fund - Remote

Apply by 3/18/24 for their Pro Bono Program

Summer Clerkship - Animal Legal Defense Fund - Remote

Apply by 3/18/24 for their Legislative Affairs Program

Crime Victims Advocacy Program - Equal Justice Works

Apply by 2/13/24

Disaster Resilience Program - Equal Justice Works

Apply by 2/13/24

Rural Summer Legal Corps - Equal Justice Works

Apply by 2/13/24

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

Volunteer Legal Internship - US Department of Justice - Colorado

Apply by 2/22/24

OUTSIDE THE REGION

Summer Law Clerks - Federal Trade Commission - Seattle, WA

Volunteer Intern - DOJ, Immigration Litigation - Washington, DC

Apply by 2/9/24

Recent Job Postings Continued

2Ls:

[Trial LawHER Scholarship](#) - Milestone

Apply by 4/19/24

3Ls:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

[Staff Attorney](#) - Legal Aid of Wyoming - Gillette, WY

[Attorney](#) - WY Office of the State Public Defender - Casper, WY

[Attorney](#) - WY Office of the State Public Defender - Torrington, WY

[Assistant AG, Human Services](#) - WY AG's Office - Cheyenne, WY

[Deputy DA](#) - 4th Judicial DA's Office - Colorado Springs, CO

[Director of Law Library](#) - Univ. of Montana Western - Missoula, MT

Apply by 2/4/24

[Associate Corporate Attorney](#) - CoBank - Greenwood Village, CO

Apply by 2/9/24

[Legal Fellow](#) - Defenders of Wildlife - Denver, CO

Apply by 2/14/24

OUTSIDE THE REGION

[Associate Attorney](#) - Bruner Frank - Kearney, NE

[Attorney](#) - Parsons, Loveland, Shirley & Lindstrom, LLP - Burley, ID

[Children's Attorney](#) - International Rescue Committee - Seattle, WA

Apply by 2/10/24

[Patent Attorney](#) - Air Liquide - Houston, TX

Apply by 2/11/24

[Staff Attorney](#) - YoungWilliams PC - Topeka, KS

Apply by 2/14/24

[Staff Attorney](#) - Texas Dept. of Public Safety - Houston, TX

Apply by 2/14/24

[Bilingual Staff Attorney](#) - Oregon Law Center - Portland, OR

Apply by 2/16/24

[General Attorney](#) - US Customs and Border Protection - Texas

Apply by 2/16/24

3L Spring OCI Deadlines

[Assistant Attorney General](#)

[WY Attorney General's Office](#)

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

[Judge Advocate](#)

[Air Force JAG Corps](#)

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

[Associate General Counsel](#)

[Jackson Hole Trust Company](#)

Apply by 11:45pm on 2/1

[Deputy Public Defender](#)

[Colorado Public Defender](#)

Apply by 2/4

[Associate Attorney](#)

[Costello Porter Law](#)

Apply by 2/4

[Public Defender](#)

[Montana Office of the PD](#)

Apply by 2/6



Recent Job Postings Continued

3Ls Continued:

OUTSIDE THE REGION CONTINUED

Personal Injury Assoc. - Law Office of Domingo Garcia - Houston, TX

Apply by 2/16/24

Assistant City Attorney - Provo City Corporation - Provo, UT

Apply by 2/18/24

Quality Control Attorney - alliantgroup - Houston, TX

Apply by 2/23/24

Real Estate Associate - Kutak Rock LLP - Omaha, NE

Apply by 2/28/24

*****Be sure to check out the outside scholarship website!*****

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Lunch & Learn: Fourth Judicial District Info Session - Lunch Provided
2/6 at 12:30pm in Room 178
- ⇒ Be EPA Hiring Webinar (register in POKES)
2/7 at 12:00pm
- ⇒ Wild Wyoming BAR: A look at Pioneer Lawyers, Judges and Juries - RSVP by February 7th
2/12 at 11:30am at Little America, Cheyenne
- ⇒ CU/DU Government Public Interest Career Fair
2/15 at 4:00pm at U of Denver College of Law
- ⇒ Navy JAG Virtual Info Session & Office Hours
2/16 at 11:00am
- ⇒ White Collar Crime, Fraud and Forensic Accounting
2/22 at 3:00pm at College of Business Scarlett Auditorium
- ⇒ US DOT Honors Attorney Program Information Session
Option 1: 2/27 at 10:00am
Option 2: 2/29 at 3:00pm
- ⇒ Federal Clerkship Panel - Dinner Provided
2/29 at 4:30pm in Room 182
Questions for the panelists must be submitted in advance, by February 16th, to JBSG President Sofia Salgado Cisneros at ssalgado@uwyo.edu.
- ⇒ Day In The Life Of A District Attorney (RSVP as soon as possible!)
3/1 at Colorado's 4th Judicial DA's Office
- ⇒ Simulated MPRE by AccessLex
3/1 at 1:00pm in Room 182