

Statement from University of Colorado Law School Dean S. James Anaya

Judge Neil Gorsuch has taught as a Thomson Visiting Professor at the University of Colorado Law School since 2008.

Media reports have shared varying student perspectives about a discussion that Judge Gorsuch led during one session of his ethics course in the spring 2016 semester.

The law school takes student concerns seriously and endeavors to listen and take appropriate measures to address concerns raised about classroom teaching. The law school places a high value on academic freedom and students being in a class environment that both is free from discrimination and has an open and robust discussion of the law.

Consistent with law school policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the law school administration will not discuss publicly details of individual student complaints. In this case, media reports have made us aware of the letter a former student wrote to the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding a complaint about the session of Judge Gorsuch's ethics class.

In late April and May 2016, law school administrators met with the student to address her concerns and told her the matter would be raised with Judge Gorsuch after grades were submitted for the spring semester. At the end of June, the law school had a transition of deans and, regrettably, preceding that change, no member of the law school administration spoke to Judge Gorsuch about the student's concern. We apologize to the student who expressed the concern and to Judge Gorsuch for not bringing this matter to his attention last summer.

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