



Class of 2012

107TH COMMENCEMENT

The Kansas Territorial Pipes and Drums led the traditional processional from the law school building to Lee Arena on the Washburn campus for the 107th Washburn University School of Law Commencement the evening of May 14. Professor Myrl L. Duncan, J.S.D., served as grand marshal, leading the law students, Jerry B. Farley, Ph.D., president of Washburn University, Dean Thomas J. Romig, guests, and Washburn law professors to the ceremony.



Commencement speakers were: Dean Romig; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Aida Alaka; **Vladimir Viaud, '12**, president of the Washburn Student Bar Association; and **Angel Zimmerman, '06**, board member, Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. Board of Regents Chairman James Klausman presented the 2012 Honorary Doctor of Law degree to **The Honorable Christel E. Marquardt, '74**, who also gave the commencement address. Conferring of degrees was led by President Farley. A champagne reception at Memorial Union to congratulate the graduates followed commencement.



Each academic year, the graduating class votes to honor a member of the faculty as the William O. Douglas Outstanding Professor of the Year. Professor Rory D. Bahadur received this award. **Terri D. Thomas, '88**, was chosen by the graduating class as the Adjunct Professor of the Year.

Claude Lee, '62, and **James (Jim) Ward, '62**, were Golden Alumni guests of the law school and participated in the commencement ceremonies.

During the May commencement, 157 students graduated, with 64 receiving



certificates of concentration in one or more of the following areas: advocacy, business and transactional law, estate planning, family law, international and comparative law, law and government, natural resources law, and tax law. Eight students were acknowledged for their pro bono work and four students earned the J.D./M.B.A. dual degree.

Graduates ~ 2012



Rory D. Babadur
William O. Douglas
Outstanding
Professor of the Year



Terri D. Thomas, '88
Adjunct Professor
of the Year



- Amy Jane Ahrens
Advocacy
Pro Bono Honors
- Gregory Philip Albertson
- Laura Anne Allison
Advocacy
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
- Nathan James Ansley
- Benjamin Duncan Armstrong
Business and Transactional Law
- Jackie Wayne Arnold Jr.
- Erik J. Bailey
- Brandon McKay Barros
Estate Planning
Tax Law
J.D./M.B.A. Dual Degree
- Sean Patrick Bartholick
Family Law
- Caleb Richard Biesterveld
- Charles Ross Bird
- Jacqueline M. Blaesi-Freed
- Courtney Dawn Boehm
Family Law
- Joshua John Boehm
- Amira Yvette Brazley
- Simon Byron Brody
Business and Transactional Law
- Lisa Marie Brown
- Jessica Elizabeth Marie Browning
- Rhett Carlson Buckley
- Richard Lawrence Budden
- Brady Arthur Burdge
Advocacy
- Bryan James Bye
- Stephen Kyle Byfield
- Whitney L. Casement
Law and Government
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
- Boyd Kennard Chappell
- Ian Michael Clark
- Matthew Michael Coleman
- Christopher James Corwin
- Dustin R. Crook
- Brandon Joseph Dancer
- Richard Kyle Davis
- Joshua Allen Decker
Business and Transactional Law
Estate Planning
Tax Law
- Phillip John Devine
- Molly Gray Dolman
- Kyle Duffy Donnelly
- Jessica Lauren Dotter
- Dominic Lawrence Eck
Business and Transactional Law
- Tyson R. Eisenhauer
- Conrad Troy Elliott
- Jessie-Zakiya Farr
- Samuel Feather
Family Law
Natural Resources Law
- Robert Fitzgerald
- Jacob Grant Fleming
- Paul Marko Foltz
Business and Transactional Law
J.D./M.B.A. Dual Degree
- Vincent James Garcia Jr.
- Travis Lee Gardner
- Chelsea Kay Good
Law and Government
Natural Resources Law
- Matthew Randall Groom
- Johnathan Mark Grube
- Alicia Marie Guerrero-Chavez
- Christina Laurel Hammond
Law and Government
- Byron J. Harden
Law and Government
Natural Resources Law
- Sarah Elizabeth Harris
J.D./M.B.A. Dual Degree
- Ashley Renae Heidrick
- Renee J. Henke
- Nicholas Davis Henry
- Julie Ann Heschmeyer
- Collin Graham Hildebrand
Business and Transactional Law
- Lauren Park Hill
- Michael Paul Hinkin
- Andrew David Holder

Lin Huang
 Matthew Z. Hudson
 Megan Leigh Hughes
Business and Transactional Law
 Matthew C. Hull
 Michael Christopher Hunter
Natural Resources Law
 Daniel N. Jacob
Business and Transactional Law
J.D./M.B.A. Dual Degree
 Daniel T. Jacobs
Advocacy
 Nicholas H. Jefferson
Natural Resources Law
 Myles Dean Jennings
 Corrine Elizabeth Johnson
Advocacy
Family Law
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
 Clinton Demond Jones
International and Comparative Law
 John Stanley Jones
 Melissa Dawn Jones
 Michael Francis Kagay
 Kevin Mark Kemp
Advocacy
 Daniel J. Kennedy
Business and Transactional Law
 Allison P. Kernin
 Erin Rachel Kessler
 Peter Alexander Klc
Tax Law
 Kasey Andrew Klenda
Business and Transactional Law
 Patricia J. Kluin
 Susan Richelle Kueker
 Joslyn M. Kusiak
 Jonathan David Kyte
 Geoffrey LaTurner
 Diane Kristine Lault
Estate Planning
Tax Law
 Steven Arthur Lault
Natural Resources Law
 Danielle Marie Lavery
Business and Transactional Law
 Alan Wayne Lindeke
 Brian Michael Lindquist

Ryan Joseph Loehr
 Scott Joseph Long
Business and Transactional Law
 Sarah Catherine Longhibler
Family Law
 Larry L. Marczynski II
 Allison Haley Maxwell
 Meghan Jane McEvoy
 Whitney Lynd Miller
 Asel Toktogulovna Mukeyeva
Estate Planning
Tax Law
 Derrick Thomas Myers
 Christopher Michael Napolitano
 Ezzard Emmanuel Nash
 Kelly Ann Navinsky-Wenzl
Family Law
 Andrew Travis Newcomer
Advocacy
 LeTiffany Omosefe Obozele
Advocacy
Family Law
 Thomas James Pacchia
 William Carl Patterson
Business and Transactional Law
Estate Planning
 Ty Anthony Patton
 Jason Kyle Pollock
 Matthew Dean Quandt
 Jonathan Ryan Reid
 Nicole Marie Revenaugh
 Jessica “Drew” Marie Rieger
 Madeline Jayne Rogers
Business and Transactional Law
Pro Bono Honors
 Robert J. Rojas
 Michael Abbott Rost
 Elizabeth Kathryn Schilling
 Hannah Carleene Schroller
International and Comparative Law
 Aaron Douglas Schuster
 Andrew Gregory Shireman
 Rebecca Faye Sisk
Family Law
 William Joseph Skepnek Jr.
 Thomas Edwin Slaughter Jr.
 Anthony R. Smith
 Caleb Ellis Smith

Cody Michael Snell
 Jessica Lee Stabler
 Nikolas John Stavropoulos
 Alison Janel St.Clair
 Drew Jordan Steadman
International and Comparative Law
 Abby Christine Stenek
 Denise Althea Stephens
 Verily Angelica Stevenson
 Nikolas S. Stoffel
 Adam Dietrich Stolte
 Wallace McCammon Stromberg
Natural Resources Law
 Dillon Lance Stum
Business and Transactional Law
Natural Resources Law
 Rita A. Krueger Sunderland
Pro Bono Honors
 Stuart N. Symmonds
 Lauren Nicole Tevis
 Jennifer Ann Hull Thomas
Pro Bono Honors
 Todd Byron Thomason
Business and Transactional Law
J.D./M.B.A. Dual Degree
 Katy Elizabeth Tompkins
Family Law
 Tyler Keith Turner
Natural Resources Law
 Cameron Elizabeth Turpin
 R. Justin Tynsky
 Vladimir Marlon Viaud
 Ashley Odell Wallace
 Jane Elizabeth Weiler
 Katelyn Elizabeth Weishaar
Business and Transactional Law
 ReAnne Renee Utemark Wentz
 John Joseph Westerhaus
Business and Transactional Law
International and Comparative Law
 John Christiaan Wilschke
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
 Laura Elaine Windheuser
Family Law
Distinguished Pro Bono Honors
 Casey Marie Yingling
 Craig William Young
 Lei Zhao



December 2011 Graduates



Twenty-three students graduated in December 2011 with one student earning a J.D./M.B.A. dual degree and nine students receiving a total of 11 certificates of concentration.

First row from left:

Erin Rachel Kessler, Todd Byron Thomason, Verily Angelica Stevenson, Daniel J. Kennedy, Kevin Mark Kemp, Simon Byron Brody, Ashley Renae Heidrick, and Daniel T. Jacobs.

Second row from left:

Jane Elizabeth Weiler, Michael Abbott Rost, Derrick Thomas Myers, Caleb Ellis Smith, Peter Alexander Klc, Sean Patrick Bartholick, Joshua John Boehm, Abby Christine Stenek, and Conrad Troy Elliott.

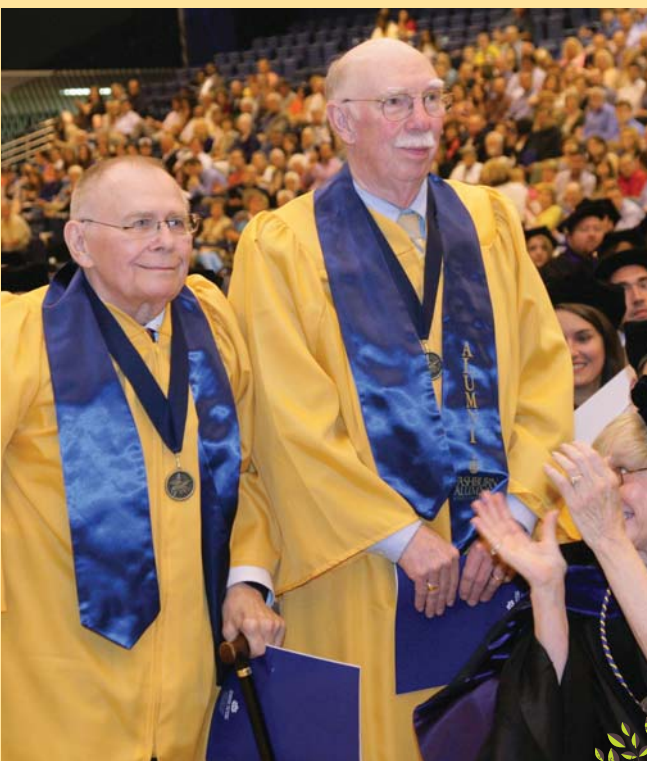
Not pictured:

Stephen Kyle Byfield, Vincent James Garcia Jr., Alan Wayne Lindeke, Scott Joseph Long, Thomas James Pacchia, and Ty Anthony Patton.





CLASS OF 2012



Claude Lee and James (Jim) Ward, both class of 1962, were Golden Alumni guests returning to Washburn Law to celebrate their 50-year reunion.



Legacies

CARRY ON THE WASHBURN LAW TRADITION



Graduates Courtney Boehm and husband Joshua Boehm



Phillip Devine with uncle Greg R. Wright, '86, and aunt, Allie Devine, '86



Renee Henke and father Ronald Henke, '83



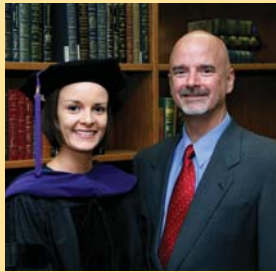
Megan Hughes and father Robert Hughes, '82



Matthew Hull and father Lloyd Hull, '85



Kasey Klenda and father John Klenda, '80



Patricia "PJ" Kluin and father Kurt Kluin, '82



Graduates Diane Lantt and husband Steve Lantt



Allison Maxwell and father Robert Maxwell, '78



Meghan McEvoy and father William Kelly, '75



Anthony Smith and uncle Larry Pepperdine, '72



Drew Steadman and father, Kyle Steadman, '95



Drew Steadman and fiancée Callie Sinnitt, '11



John Westerhaus and stepfather James J. Ward, '85

Commencement Speaker

RECIPIENT OF THE HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAW

The Honorable Christel Trolenberg Marquardt, '74, began her professional career as a teacher in Tigerton, Wis., at age 19 after completing two years at Concordia Teachers' College in River Forest, Ill. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1970 from Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. She entered Washburn University School of Law in 1971 and served as managing editor of the *Washburn Law Journal* in her third year. She received a juris doctor degree in 1974 and was one of six women in a class of 189 students.

Immediately after graduation, Marquardt started working for the Topeka law firm of Cosgrove, Webb & Oman, where she remained until 1986, before becoming a partner at the firm of Palmer, Marquardt & Snyder. In 1991, she joined the Levy & Craig law firm in Kansas City. In 1994, Marquardt and her son, Andrew, established Marquardt & Associates LLC in Fairway, Kan. Her legal career focused primarily in the areas of labor and employment law, and on family law issues. In 1995, Marquardt was appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals by Governor Bill Graves. She has been a lecturer on many legal issues for the American Bar Association, Kansas Bar Association, Kansas Trial Lawyers, Kansas Municipal Attorneys, Kentucky Bar, Louisiana Bar, Washburn University, Missouri Western University, Kansas Women Attorneys, Security Benefit Group, and the Menninger Foundation.



The Honorable Christel Trolenberg Marquardt, '74, was joined by her family at the 107th Commencement ceremony. Her son, Andrew Marquardt, far right, is a 1992 graduate of Washburn Law.

She was appointed to the Washburn Board of Regents in 2007 by Governor Kathleen Sebelius and served as chair of the board during the 2011 fiscal year. Marquardt served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors for many years and as its president from 1998 to 2000. In 2004, she received the Washburn University Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award.

In 1987, Marquardt was elected to serve as president of the Kansas Bar Association, the first woman

to do so. She has served on many American Bar Association committees, has been a member of its board of governors, has served in its house of delegates since 1988, and is currently serving as Kansas state delegate to that body.

She has volunteered and served on many civic boards including the Topeka Symphony, League of Women Voters, Brown Foundation, and American Business Women's Association.

Marquardt is the proud mother of four sons and has seven grandchildren.

