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Dear Alumni and Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of **The Washburn Lawyer**, a new magazine, which replaces **The Circuit Rider**. You will see at a glance that it has a bright new format with engaging stories and many color pictures. As you read it, I hope you will be reminded what a great institution Washburn University School of Law is and feel as much pride in your school as those of us on campus do.

One of the many new features of the magazine is its focus on a theme. This issue examines the rich history of women at the Washburn University School of Law. Most law schools are envious of our history: for almost 100 years women have attended Washburn Law. In addition to detailing some of that history, this issue of **The Washburn Lawyer** features a few of the hundreds of women who have studied here and are engaged in outstanding careers.

You will also find news about our three new signature programs: the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Children and Family Law Center, and the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. These centers have created a stir of excitement among our students, faculty, and alumni, who are collaborating to build a cooperative, active learning environment. I urge you to join us in this effort by volunteering as a mentor with one of the centers. I know you will not regret it.

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