



Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is difficult to believe we are already midway through another academic year. But we are, and I am happy to report all is going well – indeed, exceptionally well! The members of the fall entering class may well be among the most talented, most diverse, most hard working entering students we have enrolled in several years. These students hail from more than thirty-two states and six countries. They bring with them a wide range of talents and interests. This class continues the trend of increasing academic qualifications that has marked the most recent entering classes. My colleagues who have taught them have noted both their high quality and their enthusiasm. And the quality of our student body is not limited to the incoming class. Our second and third year students continue to thrive as well. The success of our Trial Teams at the ATLA regional competition in Denver, where they finished first and second out of sixteen teams from twelve schools, is but one piece of evidence of just how talented our upper class students are. You can be confident that graduates of our law school will be well qualified and prepared to advance the great Washburn Law tradition.

*It is important to recognize, however, not all Washburn Law graduates make their career in the traditional practice of law. Indeed, the Washburn Law tradition comprises more than stellar litigators, accomplished transactional lawyers and jurists. Indeed, many of our alumni have gone on to careers not traditionally associated with law school graduates. In this issue of *The Washburn Lawyer* we highlight the range of those careers by sharing with you the histories of some of our graduates. I know you will find reading about their careers informative and interesting.*

Let me close by reminding you that the renovation of the classrooms is completed. The rooms look grand! They provide a professional ambiance that matches the long-standing quality of our program. I do hope that you will stop by to take a look at them! When you do visit, why not take the time to also meet with some of our students to discuss your insights on the profession and the practice of law? The “Lunch & Learn” programs are a crucial part of the programming in our Advocacy, Business & Transactional Law, and Family Law Centers. In the Lunch & Learn Program, we try to bring our alumni on campus to have lunch with a handful of students. We are confident that a considerable amount of learning goes on during those events. I invite you to join us for one. Lunch is on us!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at an upcoming alumni event or at the KBA meeting in Vail in June.

Sincerely,

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