



*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

*Technology is changing the way faculty teach and law students learn. The speed at which technology progresses is undeniably swift. As soon as we master one new tool, it seems another takes its place. How many remember the introduction of the original overhead projector or the bulky but groundbreaking answering machine? Now we have document cameras, such as ELMO, and cell phones that not only take messages but pictures as well. Sometimes the new technology is superior to its predecessor; other times its application is not suitable for all needs.*

*At Washburn Law, we continuously search for new technology that will enhance the law school experience for our students while maintaining the goals of our curriculum. There is a delicate balance to be achieved when incorporating new technologies into the classroom or ancillary law school services. The use of any new technology must be tested and proven relevant to the law school's mission of providing a superior law school education and experience.*

*This issue of the Washburn Lawyer focuses on the law school's current use of technology in the classroom, courtroom and library. We are teaching a new generation of law students, and to reach and engage them in this endeavor we are striving to use their preferred medium. I think you will be impressed with how our faculty members use the latest technology available to engage their students in and outside of the classroom. The addition of the Bianchino Technology Center in the Robinson Courtroom provides a new dimension of technology for our trial advocacy students to explore and master, crucial skills needed to succeed in the future courtroom.*

*Our library services, consistently ranked high among law school libraries, have been on the cutting edge for years in using the Internet and other technologies that support legal research. When not working one-on-one with students or faculty with current technology uses, the library technology staff continues searching for innovative technology that enhances and supports the law school's legal research and curriculum. I doubt there is a better technology team anywhere else in legal education!*

*Yes, we have come a long way since blackboards and chalk, yet we know that what we think of as cutting edge today will be "eight-track" technology not long from now. Thanks to your continued support, you can be assured that we will remain at the forefront of classroom, courtroom and library technology. At the same time, we will ensure that the technologies we integrate will enhance our student's law school experience rather than distract us from our core mission of educating the next generation of great Washburn lawyers!*

*Sincerely,*

*Dennis R. Honabach  
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