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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I have now enjoyed six months as interim dean, and I'm looking forward to the final half of my year in this office. The fall semester was a great time to be at Washburn, thanks in large part to the success of our students and recent graduates. Bar exam performance has been outstanding. I have personally received extraordinary support from a dedicated faculty and staff for which I am deeply grateful.

This year I have focused on fostering the values of our law school culture that motivate students to develop the knowledge base and skills needed to be outstanding representatives of the legal profession. My emphasis on motivation includes an important distinction. I hope that our students will be motivated by intrinsic rather than extrinsic factors; that they will do their best primarily because of the satisfaction they gain from doing so, rather than out of acclaim for high grades, fear of failure, or expectations of wealth.

There are a number of reasons for making this distinction. Recent research indicates that law schools that sustain the intrinsic motivations of their students are more likely to succeed in their primary missions of teaching and learning. Law graduates who retain such motivations perform better on bar exams, and may even experience greater life satisfaction as lawyers.

Washburn's history reflects our strength in sustaining student motivation. The last time efforts were made to survey such factors, Washburn ranked among the top five law schools in the nation in levels of student satisfaction. That ranking can be traced to our curriculum, our faculty, and our alumni. The Washburn live client clinical program was one of the nation's first, and continues to be one of the nation's best. Generations of students in that program have learned the intrinsic values of providing quality representation to their clients.

In recent years we have added dimensions to our curriculum. Our first year program, emphasizing writing skills and academic success, helps beginning students understand professional standards and expectations. Added opportunities for community service will reinforce those values. Our Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Children and Family Law Center, and the Business and Transactional Law Center combine to stimulate student engagement, reinforcing the intrinsic motivations that I consider key to understanding why Washburn has been and will continue to be a great law school.

What are the constituent parts of our success? We have a diverse and yet cohesive, highly motivated faculty. Faculty members govern the law school, and their leadership sets the tone for the institution as a whole. The law school functions effectively because of support from a motivated staff which, through interaction with both faculty and students, reflects the same core values that we collectively seek to foster. We benefit from our tie to a vital university with a supportive administration. We also benefit from strong bonds with our alumni. They provide our students with role models, they teach, they participate in our centers, train and judge our competition teams, and support our program in ever increasing ways. By working together, we sustain a truly outstanding institution.

As a final note, I am pleased to highlight an example of this cooperative spirit. For the last six months, alumni, faculty, staff and students have worked together in an intensive search for a new dean. I write this message with confidence that the future of the school will be in capable hands with Thomas J. Romig as new dean. I am also confident that Dean Romig will appreciate your sustained support in years to come.

Sincerely,

Bill Rich



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In the last six years, I have authored two books, two law review articles, and five shorter works addressing teaching and learning issues. I have a contract to publish a third book, a remedies text, which I expect to complete in January 2008.



I am thrilled to have joined the
Washburn
University School
of Law community



by Professor Michael Hunter Schwartz



and have nothing but great things to say about my new colleagues and the law school staff, about Deans Rich and Glashausser, about the alumni I have met and with whom I have corresponded, and about our students. In particular, I

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have been impressed by the commitment of our alumni to the law school and by the intelligence and diligence of our students.



Let me start by introducing myself. I have been teaching law full-time since 1991, and I regard my work as the best job imaginable. I have taught contracts, torts, remedies, and insurance law. My scholarly work has focused primarily on efforts to improve law school teaching, law student learning, and law school curricular evaluation.

In the last six years, I have authored two books, two law review articles, and five shorter works addressing teaching and learning issues. I have a contract to publish a third book, a remedies text, which I expect to complete in January 2008. I also am on the Steering Committee for and am a contributing author to the Clinical Legal Education Association's "Best Practices for Legal Education" Project. During this same time frame, I have presented on teaching and learning topics at conferences sponsored by the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and

Learning, the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, the Institute for Law School Teaching, and the Association of Legal Writing Directors. This year, I was the keynote speaker at a conference for all New York continuing legal education providers sponsored by the New York Continuing Legal Education Board and one of three plenary speakers at the Law School Admissions Council Southwest Regional Academic Assistance Workshop.

I also have delivered presentations on topics relating to teaching and learning to the law faculties at Hastings College of the Law; Santa Clara University School of Law; Mercer University School of Law; University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law; John Marshall Law School (Atlanta); John Marshall Law School (Chicago); Albany Law School; Southern New England School of Law; and University of District of Columbia School of Law. At Albany and at John Marshall in Chicago, I also

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served as a teaching consultant; I visited classes and authored written reports addressing my observations. This spring, I will be making two presentations at the January 2007 AALS Meeting and will be visiting classes, working with faculty, and co-facilitating a two-day teaching retreat for the University of Wisconsin faculty. Finally, I have consulted with a number of law schools about their academic support programs, including University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Northern Kentucky University School of Law, and University of District of Columbia School of Law.

Below, I describe a set of new initiatives designed to help our students succeed in law school, pass the bar examination, and be

ready to practice law when they graduate. These programs make Washburn Law one of the most innovative law schools in the country and are another manifestation of the law school's extraordinary commitment to student success.

Introduction

Washburn Law's student success programming collectively is now known as "Ex-L at Washburn Law." I do not like or use the term "academic support" because that term has come to be understood to refer to remedial activities, which, as you will see, is not a primary part of what we do. Ex-L refers both to what we teach, a set of practices collectively referred to as "Expert Learning," and to our goal, we want students to excel. While I generally describe the programs below, I have written a law



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review article, a textbook and a teacher's manual on this topic so I cannot possibly say everything I would want to say or provide citations.

It also is worth noting that Ex-L is not simply about training students how to brief cases and outline their courses or even, more generally, about how to get good grades in law school. We have designed the curriculum with a goal of creating lawyers committed to continuously improving themselves, who know what they know, know what they don't know, and know how to learn it. In fact, the expert learning skills we teach through Ex-L are



among the seven core skill sets for all British law school graduates. In addition, the 1992 ABA Report on legal education,

“Report of The Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession: Narrowing the Gap” (known to law professors as the “MacCrate Report”) asserts that all law school graduates should

be able to engage in and should choose to engage in continuous professional improvement efforts.

To try to achieve these goals, we have made changes both to the law school's first-year curriculum and to the law school's bar pass programming. Those changes are reflected in the descriptions below.



First-Year Academic Support

The first-year Ex-L curriculum consists of two programs, the First-Week Program and the Structured Study Group Program. The design starts from an underlying premise that proactive student success efforts are much more effective than remedial efforts. This assumption is based on three points. First, the LSAT (even when combined with undergraduate GPA) only predicts 50-60% of the variance in terms of law school performance. Thus, it is very difficult to determine, based solely on

entrance credentials, which students will do well and which will need extra help. Second, because of a psychological occurrence known as self-efficacy, it is much harder to help a student improve poor law school grades than to help a student get good grades in the first place. Self-efficacy is the well-documented idea that students who believe they can succeed are more likely to succeed; it is a powerful predictor for success in academic settings because students who believe they can succeed are more likely to persist when they encounter difficulty and because students who persist when they encounter difficulty are more

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likely, eventually, to succeed. Third, academic support programs that target identified “at risk” students produce “stereotype threat,” which interferes with students’ ability to succeed. Stereotype threat refers to the phenomenon that students whose identity is attached to a negative stereotype will tend to under-perform their own capabilities in a manner consistent with the stereotype. Stereotype threat is prevalent among but not limited to students from historically disadvantaged groups, and every person suffers stereotype threat in certain contexts. For example, a recent study tested stereotype threat among white engineering students. When the white students took a test after being told that Asians typically outperformed whites on that test, the whites performed significantly worse than they would have otherwise.

First Week Program

This program is a part of one of the students’ regular courses. We adopted this model based on the research that shows that, when learn-to-learn instruction is embedded in students’ regular coursework, the new skills are much more likely to become a part of who the students are.

The new law students start law school a week earlier than the continuing students, and only have one course during that week. This year, that course was torts. The students receive 17 hours of classroom instruction taught by two of the students’ regular professors. Some of that class time focuses on teaching the students the basics of law school learning, including reading and briefing cases, outlining and the basics of legal analysis.





To acculturate the students to law school teaching methods, we also conduct more or less “traditional” class sessions and then follow up with candid group discussions of what went on, what the students should have included in their notes, and why the professor asked the questions she or he asked.

The program also includes 12 hours of small group work in groups led by carefully-trained, closely-supervised upper division students. We included small group work in this program based on studies in every educational setting (from kindergarten through graduate school, including medical schools and law schools) that have found that properly constructed and led small group work improves students’ depth and breadth of learning. The upper-division students are there to keep the groups on track and to make sure

everyone does his or her fair share of the group work.

Each structured study group is constituted by me, and all the entering students are assigned to groups. The groups have no less than three students and no more than six. I construct the groups because that process allows me to make sure the groups are not homogeneous. Homogeneity has been shown to inhibit student learning in small groups because one of the most significant benefits of being in a small group is the synergy produced by people thinking about problems in very different ways.

The groups start with an ice breaker exercise focusing on their reasons for being in law school and then work to consensus on the principles by which they will operate their group, signing a contract on a form I have developed. The groups then devote the rest of their time to exercises that allow the students to practice their new case, rule and legal problem analysis skills.

In addition, outside the classroom and outside the group sessions, the

students have reading assignments that address:

~ basic legal civics, from a text and from various websites, addressing how civil and criminal cases move through the legal system, court structures, precedence, law-making, etc.

~ expert learning, the law school learning implications of students' personality type and learning styles and law school and general learning strategies – reading and briefing cases, identifying techniques of legal reasoning, elementizing rules, organizational strategies, classroom note-taking, basic legal analysis, time management, and stress management.

I have the students take online personality type and learning styles assessments to provide them guidance in making law school learning strategy selections.

Over the course of their first week, students read and brief six cases, take a 25 question multiple-choice quiz testing their development of the knowledge and skills described above and, on the last day of the program, write answers to a law school exam-like hypo on which they receive feedback.

The students keep a journal for the First Week Program, in which they reflect on their learning process and on their goals for law school and the class. They also complete a time management, self-monitoring log and peer review each other's logs. The logs allow students to plan and record when they will study, where they will study, how they will study, how long they will study, and when

they will take breaks (students who take short breaks over a 2-4 hour study period learn more than students who study without breaks), and to evaluate the effectiveness of their choices.

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Structured Study Group Program.

The design for this program is based on the studies noted above addressing the learning benefits of cooperative learning groups and on a recent, as-yet unpublished study of law school academic support programs con-

ducted by an educational researcher who teaches in the education department at Penn State.

As noted above, I place each entering student in a structured study group led by an upper division student whom I interviewed, selected and trained. Leaders must read a 60-page training manual and go through a four-hour training program. The groups meet twice per week, one hour each time, and

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discuss all the students' first-year subjects. One meeting per week focuses on applying the law school learning skills they have learned to one or two of their courses. The other meeting always involves writing answers to practice hypos. The emphasis on writing stems from the research finding a significant correlation between practice and feedback and learning.

The study group leaders are not tutors and do not teach the law. Rather, they get the students to teach each other because studies show that 90% of people can learn when they have to teach someone else, but only 10% of the population can learn from lectures.

I supervise the groups by visiting the groups, having the group members evaluate their groups and their leaders, and by the group leaders participation in a

weekly online discussion. I require the group leaders either to use one of my "canned" lesson plans or to submit and get approval of any plan they design. I also require the group leaders to e-mail me every two weeks with an evaluation of their group and information about any student who is struggling.

The groups continue throughout the fall semester.

Bar Pass Programming

Washburn Law has had a successful bar pass program for two years. Since it was implemented, Washburn Law's bar pass rate has increased by 10%. As part of this program, which is entirely voluntary, students take at least 200 practice multiple choice questions and, for each question, reflect on



why incorrect answers were incorrect or why the correct answers were correct. They also receive two mini-bar review lectures (for which they read bar outlines in advance), and they write three practice bar essay questions, on which they receive feedback emphasizing technique rather than substantive law. We keep records on how students do on their essays so the feedback has a greater cumulative effect—e.g., “You missed key facts on both this essay and your prior essay. How are you mak-

ing sure you are using all the key facts?” About 80% of the students participate in this program.

Starting this fall, we are implementing a modified version of the above program designed to reach a wider spread of the student population and designed to provide the students with additional opportunities for practice and feedback on the skills tested on the bar exam.



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First, we are holding an event that educational experts would label an “attributional retraining program.” One key to success in any educational setting is getting students to see success as a matter of effort and strategy and not as a matter of ability. For this reason, we arrange for recent bar takers who passed the bar on the first try to speak to the students. The students we ask to speak are people who were not at the top of their law school class but nevertheless passed. These speakers describe how they studied for the bar exam. We also share a study Washburn Law conducted that found that students who passed the bar took an average of 2300 practice multiple-choice questions while those who failed took an average of 1500. Finally, we strive to communicate a belief the students will pass the bar if they do the work.

Second, this spring, we will be holding a bar pass event for the significant others of bar takers during which we will be giving them a handout about the bar exam and talk to them about ways they can be supportive of their bar taking significant others.

Most significantly, I will be teaching two sections of remedies to most of the students who will be sitting for the July bar exam. The choice to integrate bar pass instruction into my remedies class stems from the research on integrating learning strategies instruction in students’ regular coursework (discussed above) and from a goal of getting greater student participation. The students in my remedies class (I have been teaching remedies for 16 years) will write six bar-like practice essays and answer at least 200 multiple choice questions. Three of those essays will be read and reviewed by Washburn Law faculty. The remaining essays will be read by



volunteer alumni who responded with overwhelming enthusiasm and in unbelievable numbers to my recent letter asking for help with this program.

For some of the remedies law areas, e.g., contract damages, students will be asked to read a line of cases and then construct a client letter or a discovery plan (much like the performance exams created by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the State of California). At least some of the law will be presented in bar review-like outlines so students can master the skill of learning from outlines. Finally, students will be self-assessing their readiness for the bar exam and developing study plans to make sure they ready themselves for the rigors of bar study.

We will be closely assessing the results of this version of the bar pass program and hope to devel-

op data that we can use to convince all bar takers to take my remedies class.

Conclusion

In the end, the effectiveness of all these efforts will be measured in terms of student success—in law school, on the bar exam, and in practice. If the programs succeed, we will work to make sure all students get the benefit of them. If they are not as successful as we like, we will work to make them better.

~ Michael Hunter Schwartz



Larry Hollis '72, Joe Zima '72, Professor Linda Elrod '72, Jim Spencer '72, Phil Elwood '71 and Jerry Shelor '72.



Steven G. Cooper
Washburn University School of Law
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Dean Search – A Successful Ending; A New Beginning

Washburn University President Jerry Farley last August created a 13-member Dean Search Committee, and assigned it the task of conducting a national search to find suitable candidates to serve as Washburn University School of Law's next Dean. Co-chaired by Professor Nancy Maxwell and Bernie Bianchino '74, the committee was comprised of law school faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other representatives from Washburn University.

The committee began its work quickly, and with one goal in mind, to find outstanding Dean candidates. Co-Chair Maxwell said early on in the process that the committee's task was to present President Farley with a list of such outstanding candidates that he would have a difficult time selecting the best one from the list. The committee received and reviewed over 80 nominations and more than 25 applications from highly qualified people around the world, conducted extensive reference checks, and invited 16 applicants to participate in off-campus screening interviews. After much deliberation and spirited debate, in mid-November it presented President Farley with a list of four applicants who were brought on-campus for extensive (three day) interviews. Following the on-campus interviews, Thomas J. Romig, Major General, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Army (Ret.) and current Deputy Chief Counsel, Operations at the Federal Aviation Administration, was selected to be the new Dean of Washburn University School of Law. I had the opportunity to become acquainted with all of the candidates during the search process, and I heartily endorse the selection of Romig as the new Dean.

Romig, a 1970 graduate of Kansas State University and a 1980 graduate of Santa Clara University Law School, had a distinguished legal career in the military. From October 2001 through October 2005 he was the Major General, Judge Advocate General of the Army, in Washington, D.C.

The selection of Romig as Dean creates an exciting opportunity for Washburn University School of Law. His talents, proven leadership abilities, and strategic vision will have an immediate impact and will help position Washburn University School of Law to obtain the national reputation that it deserves.

Bill Rich has served as Interim Dean throughout the search process, and will continue to serve as Interim Dean until Romig arrives in July. Under Rich's capable leadership, Washburn University School of Law has continued to improve and grow.

On behalf of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association, thank you Dean Search Committee members and Interim Dean Rich for jobs well done, and welcome aboard Dean Romig.

Steven G. Cooper '73

Prosecuting Saddam



Tom Luedke '86 helped prosecute Saddam

The following article appeared in the Topeka Capital-Journal, Topeka, Kan., Wednesday, January

10, 2007. Washburn Law alum, Tom Luedke '86, served as an American prosecutor who helped Iraqi prosecutors try their case against Hussein. This article is re-printed with permission from the Topeka Capital-Journal and author Steve Fry.

Topekan helped convict Saddam

Attorney rode to court in armored vehicle

There is no doubt in Tom Luedke's mind that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was guilty of killing 148 Iraqi men, the youngest of whom was 12.

None.

"No, the truth came out," said Luedke, who had been an assistant U.S. attorney assigned to Topeka when he was one of only 12 American prosecutors chosen to aid Iraqi prosecutors trying Saddam before the Iraqi Higher Tribunal.

Saddam more than had his opportunity to defend himself in court, Luedke said, adding that the trial was the Nuremberg trial of our time.

"It's probably the most significant crimes against humanity trial since Nuremberg," he said.

As for Saddam's execution by hanging on Dec. 29, "no one was more responsible for incalculable human suffering than Saddam. He got what he deserved. There's no question about that."

For nine months ending in July, Luedke lived and worked in Baghdad during the trial of Saddam. The overriding concern was security.

Luedke, 48, rode to the courthouse in a Rhino, an armor-covered bus, escorted by Humvees in front and behind. He carried a 9-mm pistol everywhere but the courtroom and heard hostile rockets and mortars outside the courthouse.

In Topeka, Luedke prosecuted primarily drug cases but also white-collar crime, tax cases and felony possessions of firearms. Luedke also prosecuted Michael McElhaney, a high-ranking member of the Aryan Brotherhood. In December 2002, McElhiney was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for crimes linked to heroin distribution in prison.

Luedke's assignment to Iraq started when the U.S. Department of Justice requested volunteers to help prosecute Saddam.

"Wanting to do my part, I volunteered and was accepted" in August, Luedke said.

Luedke lived and worked in the "international zone," the triangle-shaped area considered to be the safe area. The city also had the "red zone," a high danger area.

"You leave the security of the international zone, and there's basically no security," Luedke said. Kidnapping was a "cottage industry" in which victims were snatched to be traded back for ransom, Luedke said.

Luedke arrived in Baghdad on Oct. 15, 2005, and the case started four days later. Luedke worked on two cases. The first was the Dujail prosecution of Saddam for the killing of 148 men and boys, who

were linked to gunshots fired at a Saddam motorcade as it passed through the defendants' village. Saddam was executed after he was convicted in that case.

Of the 148 people killed, all were tried on one day by Saddam's Revolutionary Court, one lawyer defended all 148, at least 50 of the 148 were killed during interrogation or before they were tried, and more than 20 of those killed were younger than 18, Luedke said.

"He never expressed any remorse for that," he said.

Luedke also worked on the Anfal case, the prosecution of Saddam and others for the alleged destruction of eight Kurdish villages and incarceration or killing of the villagers. That case is being tried now.

At times during the Dujail case, Luedke would escort victims of the Saddam regime during visits to the courtroom. One time, Saddam alleged he had been "tortured" by Americans, who he accused of taking his watch. The victims laughed at Saddam.

"The lion pays no attention to the monkeys chattering in the trees," Saddam said in response.

Starting in January 2006, Luedke was in court daily assisting Iraqi prosecutors with trial strategy and evidence.

Sometimes Luedke was within arm's reach of Saddam, whose appearance belied his lethal actions.

"He appeared to be a grandfatherly old guy," he said.

Outside the courthouse, there were some tense moments.

Another time Luedke was running along the Tigris



River for exercise when he heard a rocket pass over, then explode about 75 yards away. Returning to the trailer where he lived, Luedke learned another rocket had punched through two nearby trailers before burying itself in the ground without exploding.

"I started thinking you could get hurt over here," Luedke said.

Iraqis appreciated the work the prosecutors were doing, Luedke said. On the streets, people shook the hand of the lead Iraqi prosecutor and praised his work, he said.

TOM LUEDKE

- Moved from Iowa to Topeka in 1980.
- Played linebacker on the Washburn University football team.
- Graduated from Washburn University School of Law in 1986.
- Osage County assistant attorney.
- Served in Marines as active duty judge advocate general from 1987 to 1990, then in reserves until 1996. Promoted to captain.
- Became assistant U.S. attorney in October 1990.
- Served on Saddam prosecution team from October 2005 to July.
- Saddam convicted on Nov. 15.
- Saddam hung on Dec. 29.

By Steve Fry
The Topeka Capital-Journal

A Centennial Celebration

Washburn University School of Law began its Centennial Celebration in 2003 and continued the celebration through December 2006. In those three years, the law school celebrated not only its history, but also looked to the future of the school. During the celebration, many generous alumni and friends of the law school contributed financially to its future success. Through their generous support, Washburn Law has additional funding for its students and programming to help it move forward in the years to come.

For a century, Washburn Law alumni and friends have answered the call to provide financial support and leadership for our students. Once again alumni have responded to the law school's financial needs. During the three years of Washburn Law's Centennial Celebration alumni and friends generously committed \$5.48 million in pledges and cash gifts. During the centennial celebration 66 benevolent individuals and law firms created endowments or contributed additional major funding to existing endowments. Photos of these contributors appear on these pages.



In addition, 245 alumni and friends were members of the Dean's Circle last fiscal year – a record high. Dean's Circle giving, which provides unrestricted funds, allows the dean of the School of Law to focus funding on priorities that have not yet been endowed. Please join Washburn University School of Law in thanking these contributors for financially supporting the future of Washburn Law.



The centennial celebration raised money for scholarships, chairs, professorships, and other law school priorities, all designed to help Washburn Law recruit and retain the best students and faculty. Because of these generous contributions, the law school continues on course to seek, recruit, and retain top talent.



Washburn University School of Law recruits students who are prepared to engage successfully in the rigorous intellectual challenge of a legal education. In the increasingly competitive law school recruiting environment, Washburn Law vies with other law schools to recruit the top students. Tied to our recruiting success is the availability of scholarships established through endowed funds – one of the most effective ways to help recruit and retain exceptional students.

"New scholarship funds have helped the School of Law attract students whose academic credentials and experiences have had an immediate impact on our student selectivity," said Director of Admissions Karla Beam. "Scholarships are the crux of law school recruiting strategies," she added.

Washburn Law's extraordinary past has produced leaders in nearly every aspect of business, law, and government worldwide. The importance of fund-raising goes hand in hand with providing Washburn Law students with exceptional role models and mentors from among the prominent alumni of the School of Law. These bonds have been further strengthened through endowed and operating funds provided by generous alumni.

As Washburn University School of Law enters its second century, it draws on the strength of the school's storied past to serve as a foundation for innovative programs and curriculum. With your support, Washburn Law will continue to remain a diverse, dynamic, and collaborative learning community focused on preparing tomorrow's best lawyers by recruiting exceptional students. Please contact the law school Advancement office at (785) 670-1100 for more information on how you can continue the tradition of supporting the School of Law.



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The following individuals and law firms have generously created endowments or have contributed additional funding to existing endowments during the three-year Centennial Celebration. Please join Washburn University School of Law in thanking these individuals and firms for financially supporting the future of Washburn Law.

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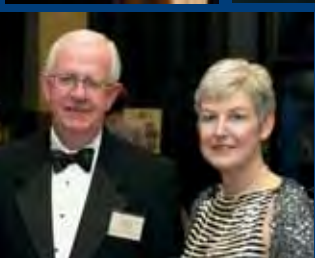
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Keeping the Heart of Washburn Law Beating

Stan Sager '57 has a ready explanation why he and his wife Shirley have named Washburn Law as a substantial beneficiary of their estate, "The school did so much for me. And it's a way to set up a memorial for our son Kurt, a 1976 Washburn Law graduate, who unfortunately passed away at the young age of 44 after he had just successfully defended his thesis for a PhD at Rice University," said Sager.

"My undergraduate degree was from another university in Kansas. I left with a Navy commission and sailed off to Korea. Later, when I wrote its law school dean to ask about applying for admission, explaining that after two years of service I'd been placed on the Navy retired list because of physical disability caused by polio and was in a wheelchair, the dean told me not to apply—they had no facilities for wheelchair students," said Sager.

Washburn University School of Law Dean Jackson, didn't hesitate when Sager wrote him. "Jackson said, come on, we have another student in a wheelchair," recalls Sager. "He didn't tell me that the steps to his law school's front door were twice as high and steep as those at the other law school. But students and faculty carried me in and out, then up to the second floor until I could use crutches a year later. Washburn Law had a heart, and it still does, and we want to help it keep beating. I hope others feel the same way."

Sager practiced tax law in Topeka for two years after law school, then moved to Albuquerque. Two years later he co-founded his own firm, which became Sager, Curran, Sturges and Tepper, where he was managing director and chief trial attorney. It grew to 21 lawyers before Sager retired in 1993.

Sager served as a State Bar commissioner. He is still an active participant in pro bono efforts for the poor in New Mexico. Sager received the highest honor the State Bar of New Mexico awards, the Professionalism Award, as well as the LaFollette Pro Bono Award and others. Sager chaired the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Project, taking it from a small regional service

to a state-wide operation. Currently, he serves on the newly organized New Mexico Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission.

"We wanted a way to memorialize our son and this estate plan does just that," explained Sager. Kurt earned a bachelor's at UNM then left to travel and work in Europe. He returned to earn his J.D. at Washburn Law, then a master's in Germanic literature at Rice. Kurt used his language and law skills to work at a large international law firm in Houston, where he was involved with contracts and documents written in any of the seven languages Kurt wrote and spoke fluently; the Scandinavian languages, German, French and Dutch. He left Houston to study international law at Uppsala University, Sweden, and took an HuK degree (Finnish equivalent to a master's) at the University of Helsinki while working as a translator. His PhD from Rice was awarded posthumously.

"We're happy that our will can set up a professorship or a scholarship in our son's memory," Sager said. "It's time to pay back and help keep that Washburn heart beating."

You, too, can help keep that Washburn Law heart beating through your planned gifts. Call or write:

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The Honorable Lee Johnson '80

Alumni

From the Army to the Kansas Supreme

Court, the Honorable Lee Johnson's professional career has taken many interesting turns.

Johnson attended the University of Kansas and received his B.S. in Business Administration in 1969. He then served in the Army Corp of Engineers from 1969 until 1971. After an honorable discharge from the Army, Johnson became a licensed agent and office manager of a multi-line independent insurance agency for six years until 1977. In addition to the insurance agency he also served as Mayor of Caldwell, Kan. from 1975 to 1976.

Johnson then thought about law school. After inquiring about different law schools, he found Washburn Law to be helpful and friendly and came away with the impression that, "they wanted me to apply at their school," said Johnson. "I always felt that Washburn appreciated its non-traditional students and understood the value of life experience," he said.

In January 1977 Johnson entered law school and graduated *summa cum laude* from Washburn University School of Law in May 1980. Because he graduated in 2 ½ years, Johnson limited his activities outside of classes and studying. He did, however, find time to write for the *Washburn Law Journal*. "Writing for the law journal had the obvious benefit of improving my research and writing skills," admitted Johnson. He is also quick to point out that he married his wife, Donna, during law school, and while he was focused on studying and getting through school, "she provided most of the household income during that time."

After graduation, Johnson began his career in Caldwell, Kan., practicing with Don B. Stallings. In 1987, Stallings retired and Johnson became a sole practitioner until April 2001. In addition to private practice, he also served as the Caldwell city attorney from 1987 to 1997 and city attorney for Argonia, Kan., from 1986 to 1991. In April 2001, Governor Bill Graves appointed Johnson to the Kansas Court of Appeals where he replaced The Honorable J. Patrick Brazil '62, who retired. In January 2007, Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed Johnson to the bench of the Kansas Supreme Court.

"My journey has been a continual process of learning new things, most of which are interesting. As my father used to say, 'You can learn something new every day, if you're not careful,'" states Johnson.

Johnson had numerous mentors guide him along the way. "While in law school, I leaned most heavily on the advice and help of Professor Jim Concannon, and that support continues to the present. Entering the practice of law, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the attorneys and judges in Sumner County were most willing to help the new kid. In addition to my law partner, Don Stallings, I often sought the advice of Harold Pfalzgraf '62, Gerald Rogers and Marsh Doctor '66. When I came to the Court of Appeals, The Honorable David Knudson '66, took on the task of mentoring me, although others were quick to help also."

Johnson continues that cycle of mentoring. He has participated in the Washburn Law Mentor program for the past three years. "I give back to the law school to show appreciation for what I received as a student. Perhaps more importantly, I find that interacting with today's students is a rewarding and fun experience," said Johnson. He also participates in judging mock trial and trial advocacy competitions at the law school.

"I want to encourage students to do their best and realize that what they are doing today may impact the rest of their lives. Twenty-one years after graduating from Washburn Law, the nominating commission was very interested in what I had done in law school," stated Johnson.

When asked what is the most important aspect of being a judge, Johnson replied, "My first hurdle in transitioning from practice to the bench was to acquire a neutral mindset, suppressing the attorney's natural urge to be an advocate. Next, I had to accept that often the law would require me to decide a case in a manner that would yield a result that I personally did not like. Thus, the most important aspect of being a judge is to respect the law." Referring to his appointment to the Kansas Supreme Court, he continues, "I am excited about having the opportunity to participate in the decision making which could impact the bench and bar of Kansas for years to come."

Where does Johnson plan to go from here? He replied, "I want to stay where I am. Seven years ago, I would not have believed that I would be on the Kansas Supreme Court. I have been blessed and very lucky."



Silvia Kim '07

Student

Accepting a position in a major law firm, with a focus on

international law, is a dream and a perfect fit for Silvia Kim, who will graduate this May from Washburn University School of Law.

Kim is originally from South Korea. When she was three, her parents moved to Costa Rica and in 2004 Kim moved to the United States. Adding to her cultural diversity, Kim fluently speaks Korean, Spanish and English.

In Costa Rica, Kim graduated from law school and practiced as an attorney for Corrales & Associates, an intellectual property firm there. She worked for such clients as Microsoft, Sony Music, and a major Costa Rican newspaper, handling mostly anti-piracy campaigns. In 2000 she moved to South Korea and worked as a branch manager for a staffing company and as a regional account manager for a software company. In South Korea, Kim met her husband who was serving in the U.S. Army. After they married, they relocated to Fort Riley, Kan., in 2004.

After moving to Kansas, Kim soon realized if she wanted to practice law in the states, she would need to attend an ABA accredited law school. To practice law in Costa Rica, students take one year of general studies then five years of legal study. Kim's Costa Rican degree is considered an undergraduate degree in the States even though she was a practicing attorney in Costa Rica. "I was overwhelmed, but my husband was always by my side reminding me that I had been a lawyer in Costa Rica and continued to be a lawyer in my heart." Kim asked several attorneys who she worked for in Kansas about law schools (some Washburn Law alums and some not); when they all told her great things about Washburn Law, her choice was made.

Previous experience practicing law in Costa Rica helped prepare Kim for law school in the U.S. "In Costa Rica, I attended classes in the evenings and worked full time at an intellectual property law firm. The experience of having to perform well at work and at the same time

do well at school helped me learn to manage my time and handle pressure. That is, in part, the reason why I have clerked since day one of law school. I don't feel I perform as well if I have too much free time," said Kim.

Kim recently accepted a job offer with Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP in Kansas City, working in international litigation. "I always wanted to work in this area but did not know if I would be able to do it in Kansas. I will be able to put my language skills to use as well," said Kim. When asked where she wants to go from here she quickly responded, "I just want to be the best that I can, contribute to my firm, and become a good lawyer."

When discussing her job at Shook, Kim is quick to note that she learned of the position through the Professional Development office at the law school. "Margann Bennett and Cindy Moyer were always there. They made me feel that the school cared about helping me get the job I wanted and gave me confidence to go through the interviewing process," stated Kim.

One of the things Kim found most beneficial at Washburn Law in addition to the help she received from the Professional Development office, was her pre-trial and trial advocacy classes. "Not only do they teach you a lot, but they give you access to excellent attorneys who share their experience and knowledge with you," said Kim. "I would advise future and current students to work at least a few hours a week during school. Although good grades are great, experience plays a vital role in your job search process. Sure it is nice to take five classes and have plenty of free time to do your homework; however, employers give experience a lot of value these days," remarked Kim.

"My husband told me that I would never be happy doing anything other than practicing law in the U.S. and he was right. Sometimes we go through life thinking there have to be easier ways to make your dreams come true. Going through law school, I have confirmed that the only way to achieve your dreams is hard work," states Kim. Her hard work has paid off and now Kim will be able to enjoy the results of that hard work, practicing in an area of the law that she always dreamed of doing.



Lynette Petty '87

Faculty

Lynette Petty began her career teaching

grade school after receiving her B.S., from Southwestern University (Georgetown, Texas) in 1978. She taught in the barrio of San Antonio for seven years and then, in Lecompton, Kan., after she and her husband moved to Lawrence, Kan. During her time in Lecompton, Petty volunteered to serve on the negotiation team for the teachers association and found the process to be frustrating. Petty said, "I felt demoralized and unappreciated by the administration. I decided to make a change. I loved my work and it was a hard decision to make." Petty then went to law school.

After graduating from Washburn Law in 1987, Petty worked for Kansas Legal Services. Petty and her husband served as foster parents in a group home for six teenage boys in San Antonio, so Kansas Legal Services was a good fit for her. Petty was managing attorney for KLS in Kansas City, Kan., when she received a phone call from Professor Bill Rich asking if she would be interested in applying for a position in the Washburn Law Clinic when they received a grant to provide legal services to persons with disabilities. Petty jumped at the chance for the opportunity and joined the Law Clinic in 1992.

"I have combined my two passions – working with children and practicing law. My clinic work focuses on domestic and child in need of care cases and allows me to use my experience to help families," said Petty of being able to apply her knowledge to the areas she most loves.

One of the things Petty believes is most important about being a professor is, "A law degree is a powerful tool. Sometimes I think students really don't understand the significance of their decision to pursue the law. Clients come to a lawyer looking for relief from a problem. Sometimes they have done something to cause the problem; other times they are just running through life when trouble happens. The lawyer must be skilled as an advisor as well as schooled in the law. The responsibility of shepherding clients through problems is often not fully appreciated by students."

Petty enjoys seeing the transformation of students to practitioners. After students have learned the substantive law in the

classroom, Petty works with them in the Clinic to put that knowledge into action and represent clients. "It amazes me how much students learn and grow in such a short amount of time," said Petty.

In addition to teaching in the clinic, Petty also works with students with disabilities to determine accommodations that enable them to equally participate in law school. Petty meets with the student, investigates the nature of the disability, and determines the reasonable accommodations necessary to assure an equal opportunity. Some of those accommodations may include adaptive equipment, tutors, note-takers, use of a computer, and real-time captioning or interpreters, to name a few. "Each individual's experience with disability is unique. There is no one cookie cutter to fit a disability type," said Petty.

For the past few years, Petty has also worked with third-year students during their last semester to help prepare them to take the bar exam. In the spring of 2005, Washburn Law began a program to help students prepare for and succeed on the bar exam. Students practice taking multiple choice questions to get a feel for the difficulty level of the exam. The school has also contracted with BarBri which provides a program specifically geared to effective writing techniques for answering essay questions. Through Petty's dedication and effort to prepare law students for the bar exam, Washburn Law bar pass rates have seen a significant increase.

Petty notes, "The practice of law is difficult. It will challenge you to stretch to understand where others are coming from. While you have to put yourself in others' shoes, you also have to keep grounded in your own sense of self." She encourages students to look for balance. "Find out and keep your sight on what is important, and make room for family and friends."

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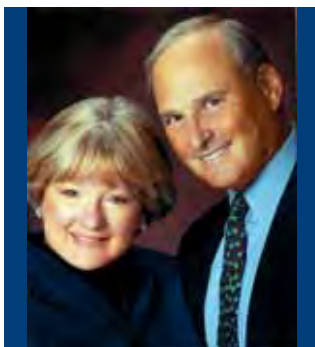
Robert A '47. & P.J. '74 Anderson Scholarship

"The education and degree I received from the law school in 1974 led directly to a successful career in the Colorado Springs area, including planning director and county manager, municipal attorney in several local cities and towns, and a private practice spe-

cializing in local government and land use. For the past ten years I have been involved in a number of land development projects in the region.

My wife, Lynette, and I have agreed that it is time to reciprocate and establish an endowed fund. My uncle, Robert A. Anderson, a 1947 graduate of Washburn Law, practiced law in Ottawa, Kan., was a member of the Kansas Legislature, serving three terms as chairman of the Kansas House Ways and Means Committee, and was Dr. Karl Menninger's personal attorney. Uncle Bob was instrumental in my attending law school and we felt it appropriate to endow the fund in his name.

Creating this fund will help provide financial assistance to any needy qualified students who have been accepted to Washburn Law, seeking financial assistance but who have not qualified for other merit based scholarships based on their undergraduate GPA. We are pleased to create this scholarship so these special case Washburn Law students will have an opportunity to receive financial assistance."



Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship funded by Bernard A. '74 and Marilyn Bianchino

"I was honored to endow a fund in my father's name. As was customary for Italian-Americans in the early-20th Century, when he was of high school age, he attended a trade school. Then there was World War II, marriage and a family. There was no time or money to seek an education.

Yet, he cherished education and was very proud when I was the first in my family to earn a college degree.

During dad's final months, he expressed his pride in being an American; his feelings when he accompanied his grandfa-

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ther, who came here late in life, to the courthouse for his naturalization exam; and, their joy when he finally passed with my dad at his side. Then, there was the ride home with the small American flag waving out the car window!

My father was not familiar with the Federalist Society, but I am sure that his disdain for the criminals who followed uneducated, honest immigrants to America in the 19th and early 20th Centuries then, protected by the silence of fear, manipulated and terrorized them while corrupting our political system, would surely have led him to agree with the Federalist touchstone—that the state exists to preserve freedom, individual liberty, traditional values, and the Rule of Law. There is no liberty when rampant illegality is allowed to fester.

So, I decided to endow a fund to match the travel expenses of law students attending Federalist Society functions. Perhaps, the students who benefit will become even more cognizant of just how lucky we are to be Americans."

Marck R. Cobb '89 Endowed Scholarship Fund

"This scholarship was established to motivate continued excellence in educational achievement and to recognize students who exemplify the character traits of integrity, perseverance, and leadership in the local community. As a former recipient of scholarship funds from Washburn Law, I share the opinion that others can benefit from such scholarships in pursuit of the legal education offered by Washburn. This scholarship is but a small contribution to encourage and motivate other students in the study of law.



I firmly believe that knowledge is power. It follows, that if power is used in a positive and constructive manner, then everyone benefits. I think that Washburn Law continues to succeed in grooming law students to meet the future challenges because of the forward thinking of this institution and because of the emphasis that is placed on knowledge, as well as on integrity, perseverance, and leadership.

It is my hope that recipients of these law scholarships will continue in their life endeavors to improve our society, to lead by example, and to make our community and world a better place in which to live. Sometimes, small contributions can have great impact."

Leading by Example...

RECENT ENDOWMENTS

James M. Concannon Law Scholarship

"When one serves as Dean, one learns clearly how essential private giving is to our success in recruiting outstanding applicants who will be academic leaders for their classes. It also is vital so that students with great potential to become leaders of our profession can choose to attend Washburn Law, even when our tuition is higher than at other schools that are competing to recruit them.

Another thing one learns as Dean is that if you are going to ask alumni and friends of the Law School to make major gifts, you had better do so yourself first.

I derive great satisfaction from the continuing contact I have in all phases of the profession with my former students. I want to do what I can to assure that Washburn Law has the resources to achieve its full potential in training future generations of outstanding lawyers."

Stewart L. Entz '65 Law Fund

"Reflecting back over the years since leaving the law school: to stresses of challenging complex litigation, to legal judgments made that critically affected the very wellbeing of my clients, to simple disputes between good people amicably resolved, to hundreds of meetings in court rooms, board rooms and conference rooms, to 50-page contracts that worked the way the parties intended, to 50-page briefs and spirited appellate arguments; indeed for all the excitement and moments of great personal satisfaction that became a part

of my career as a practicing lawyer, I owe to Washburn Law. The law school allowed me the honor of being a lawyer and prepared me for all that the profession demands.

Having served in recent years on the Board of Governors of the Law School and being apprised of the fantastic advances in legal training, practical experiences, stellar faculty and technology applications to the practice of law today, I also know that the law school is doing a great job in preparing others for their thirty or more years in the practice.

It is with this perspective that I have a great sense of obligation to Washburn Law, to, in a small way, express my gratitude for what it gave me and support its continued contribution in preparing future lawyers to enter the profession."

Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship

"The Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship honors my great aunt Suzanne Henry who read for the law and became a lawyer in 1917, and my father, Lyndus A. Henry '48, who practiced law in Johnson County for almost five decades.

Creating a scholarship for students interested in practicing family law is one way I can give back to Washburn for the excellent preparation I received for both the practice of law and for an academic career. Because tuition was about \$22 a credit hour and I worked, I had no debt when I graduated thirty-five years ago. Today's law students often start law school already burdened with undergraduate school debt. Tuition at all schools has outpaced inflation. Those who wish to practice family law, especially those who represent children, may not earn as much as those in large law firms.

My hope is that the Henry-Elrod Family Law Scholarship will enable a future family lawyer to start a career helping children and families with less debt. A scholarship is a gift that continues to give to others by providing support for the next generation of Washburn lawyers."



Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm Scholarship

"Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C. began operations in 1987 with four or five attorneys. Today the firm has grown to 41 attorneys. During the last 20 years the firm has prospered by achieving an



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ever growing client list. Part of the firm's growth is due to the early realization of the need to recruit top students from the State's two law schools. Although several of the firm's attorneys are graduates from other law schools, Washburn University School of Law and the University of Kansas Law School have provided the firm with many excellent young attorneys during its history, which in turn has contributed to the growth of the firm's business.

In 2005 the firm decided to support both Washburn University School of Law and the University of Kansas Law School by funding a \$50,000 endowment at each of the two law schools. The firm recognizes how important the two law schools are to the firm and its future growth and success."



Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch L.L.C. Law Scholarship

"For more than 120 years, a tradition of excellence and integrity has guided Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch's service to clients. The lawyers of Fleeson, Gooing recognize that qualities of integrity, professionalism, and superior legal competence account for the firm's success and longevity. We recognize also the

important role of our law schools in instilling those qualities in law students, the future of the profession.

Because of our long relationship with the law school, we know that Washburn excels in identifying and teaching qualities of integrity and professionalism to its students. We believe that attention to the attributes of ethical conduct and integrity serves to prepare Washburn Law students for practice in a manner that comports with the hallmarks of the Fleeson firm and in a manner which best serves the profession. It is with great pleasure that we establish a scholarship in the name of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch to help the law school recruit and retain the best students and to allow law students to follow their dreams at Washburn University School of Law.

Although the Fleeson firm is older than Washburn Law, the two have shared a long history together. In addition to the many Washburn lawyers who have practiced successfully at the firm over the years, Fleeson has hired many Washburn Law students who have worked as summer law clerks. Most recently, Fleeson has hired at least one associate out of each of the last three graduating classes. We will continue to look to Washburn Law for bright and motivated young lawyers to join our firm as we look ahead to another 120 years of successful practice. We feel confident that our scholarship will assist many law students to become successful lawyers during that time as well."

C. Michael Lennen '74 Advocacy Fund

"The Washburn Law experience has been a most important influence in my life. As it has for so many others, the experience has shaped in fundamental and positive ways the course of my professional career – and has also been the source of lasting friendships.

Although many years have passed since my time at Washburn Law, I remember the law school as a dynamic, challenging, and supportive institution. Today, because of the visionary leadership from administration and faculty, as well as the extraordinary quality of students who now choose to attend Washburn Law, I believe the law school is stronger than it has ever been – and is continuing to progress. Today's students and alumni all benefit from this strength. Establishing a fund is intended to assist in a small way the school's advancement as well as to acknowledge my respect for, and gratitude to, the institution."



Delano '63 & Gayle Lewis Law Scholarship

"Our law school days at Washburn are memorable and very dear to both of us. We lived in married student housing on the Washburn campus. The friendships from Washburn Terrace, our home, and the friendships from the law school are with us today in our work and our social interactions.

While I, Delano, was studying at Washburn Law, 1960-1963, I was able to work, thanks to the support of the faculty and administration, making it possible for those of us who needed outside employment, to work and attend school full-time. The faculty was of the highest caliber and most impressive were the practicing lawyers who taught upper level courses. This legal education provided the foundation for success in government, business and public service.

We created the scholarship in our names to help deserving students study law in this environment of excellence and caring for students. We continue to enhance our scholarship fund each year to keep the tradition alive of educating deserving students in the law at Washburn University School of Law."



The Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus Diversity Scholarship

"Washburn Law has been and remains at the heart of our legal profession in the State of Kansas. The School's more than 100 year mission to educate attorneys for our state and our country who are of the highest quality with sound judgment and great common sense is a source of great pride. Another source of great pride is the Law School's long-time dedication to making our profession a diverse profession that mirrors our nation's diversity.



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Twenty-five of our almost 300 attorneys are Washburn Law graduates and their leadership has been an integral part of the success and growth of Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus.

Because of Washburn Law's long history of high quality education and its commitment to a diverse legal profession, our law firm and our Washburn Law alumni are very proud to recently establish the Polsinelli Diversity Scholarships at Washburn Law."



Bradley Post '54 Law Scholarship

"It was a privilege to be invited to establish a law scholarship fund at Washburn Law and it has brought my wife Carolyn and I great pleasure. It is always a thrill to receive letters each year from the students who were helped by our scholarship funds. Imagine our surprise when we received one from a young lady from my hometown, Fowler, Kan.

Washburn Law has always been great and is obviously becoming even better. It has grown substantially since the 50s - due largely to a wonderful faculty, excellent administration, and the quality of lawyers it has graduated. Its endowment program should be supported."

Nanette Kemmerly Weber '79 Law Scholarship Fund

"Nanette "Nan" Kemmerly Weber was the embodiment of what it means to be an ethical lawyer. She threw her heart and soul into the practice of law and into upholding of the Rule of Law. Nan passed away in July 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer. Her family and friends quickly joined forces to establish a scholarship at the law school in her name. This scholarship will be known as the Nanette Kemmerly Weber scholarship. Because her friends and family wanted this scholarship to embody Nan, preference for this scholarship

will be a female, someone interested in public service, a student from a county with a population of 30,000 or less, and a child or relative of an individual who is an enlisted member of the armed services. This scholarship will forever keep Nan's memory alive at the law school." *By Rebecca Sanders*

JiYoung Yang Memorial Scholarship funded by Bill and Kathy Rich

"When JiYoung Yang arrived in Topeka in 1999, she faced all of the problems of a stranger in a new land. She had recently finished studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, South Korea, and faced the daunting task of acclimating to a new school, new language, new culture and new country. She came with a positive attitude, an adventurous spirit, and a remarkable determination to succeed regardless of how hard or how long she needed to work to do so.

JiYoung soon became a vital part of the Washburn community. She was an officer in the Asian American Law Students Association, a recipient of the Rotary Club International Peace Scholarship, and she received "top paper" honors in several courses. She had become a gifted linguist and an expert in computer technology. JiYoung's joyful spirit touched the lives of many of us. She had the ability to light up a room with her smile, and to brighten our experiences as teachers and learners.

JiYoung brought a fresh international perspective to Washburn Law. She gave more to us than we could possibly give to her. We have established this memorial scholarship with the goal of giving future international students the same opportunities, knowing that the Washburn community will be enriched by their presence."

Angel '06 & Larry '00 Zimmerman Law Practice Management Travel Fund

"We are pleased to be able to start an endowment to help teach our children the importance of giving back to the school that was so much a part of their and our lives for the last ten years. We very much appreciate that Washburn Law professors allowed our children to come and watch some classes as we attended Washburn Law.



This endowment will allow the staff and students of Washburn Law to discover and explore law practice management issues and technologies. Traditional legal skills must be supplemented in practice with sound management practices and tools. We feel strongly that sound law practice management skills are critical to an ethical and rewarding practice. Mastery of management skills builds competence in an attorney and, as a result, promotes greater job satisfaction while improving an attorney's ability to protect clients' interests. Law practice management skills and technologies will only grow in importance for the preservation of legal professionalism and we are pleased to assist toward that aim."



Center for Excellence in Advocacy

This fall, law students were invited to learn highly persuasive advocacy skills from experienced and talented civil and criminal law litigators, appellate judges, trial judges, professors, and a jury consultant who works on high profile cases. Students also participated as witnesses and networked in the NITA-Washburn Outreach Program for Public Service Lawyers in Hays, Kan. Students competed in mock trials to gain a place on the trial advocacy teams while others joined (and won) Moot Court and negotiation competitions. In February 2007, the Center will coordinate a regional client counseling competition.

The speaker series for the Center remains strong. In September, the first speaker in the "Lunch and Litigation" series was immigration attorney Mira Mdvani who specializes in business immigration issues. Mdvani chairs the Pro Bono Service Committee of the Missouri-Kansas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Working with Mdvani, the Center plans to develop pro bono opportunities for law students in immigration practice.

In October, Mark Schoenhofer '93, spoke on professionalism issues arising in litigation practice. He focused on his successful defense in a recent case involving Fourth Amendment issues. The case is now before the Kansas Supreme Court. Schoenhofer stressed the importance of knowledge, skill, and tenacity in representing clients. Schoenhofer specializes in criminal defense and personal injury litigation.

In November, Randall "Randy" Fisher '76, presented a two day program for lawyers and students on Kansas Automobile Insurance Law. Fisher's practice centers on trial and appellate work, both criminal and civil. He is a solo practitioner, and is a former Sedgwick County district court judge, and a former partner in the law firm of Michaud, Hutton, Fisher and Anderson, as well as a director of the firm of McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn and Herrington, P. A. He authored *Kansas*

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Professor Michael Kaye

Automobile Insurance Law. Fisher's presentation covered the practicalities and law of Kansas insurance



law and litigation. He also focused on ethical issues and how to avoid ethical missteps in practice. The first day program was geared to law students and lawyers in practice less than five years. The second day addressed advanced issues on litigating insurance law cases.

All these speakers met for a private lunch with law students from the Center's Advocacy Society, giving students a chance to gain one-on-one insight and information on the practice of law.

Judges also contributed to students learning experiences in the fall. The Honorable Mark A. Drummond, Circuit Court Judge for the 8th Circuit of Illinois, visited the law school in November as the Jurist in Residence. Drummond is a nationally recognized trial advocacy teacher. He has been selected to serve as a program director at large for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, has served as co-chair of the Trial Practice Committee of the ABA Litigation Section and is an associate editor and columnist for the ABA's *Litigation News*. Drummond taught a trial advocacy section of a trial advocacy course and met with trial advocacy adjunct instructors to discuss teaching techniques. The centerpiece of his visit was a full day trial advocacy program and CLE titled "Persuasive Litigation Skills—8 Keys to the Art of Persuasion." Drummond helped students become familiar with the communica-



Kansas Court of Appeals



Mira Mdvani

tion aspects of trial work and the psychological and emotional components of effective courtroom persuasion, as well as the ethical requirements of trial work.

Drummond spent time teaching trial techniques to students on the trial teams. He turned the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center into a theater to practice effective communication. Students were “on their feet, not on their seats” as they practiced trial skills with Drummond and their trial coaches.

The Honorable Ron Greenberg visited the law school Oct. 12-16, 2006. He lectured on advocacy and meditation techniques, met with faculty and students, led meditation and reflection groups, and spoke to students on how to achieve success in law school. Greenberg, a recently retired California Superior Court Judge, has used meditation practice as a trial judge and has worked extensively with lawyers and law students in examining the role of contemplative mind-quieting activity in a lawyer’s career from law student to senior practitioner. He has co-led meditation groups with Professor Charles Halprin, visiting scholar in residence at Boalt Hall Law School of the University of California at Berkeley. After Greenberg’s presentation, a law student meditation group began meeting weekly at the law school.

On Oct. 17-18, 2006, the Kansas Court of Appeals sat for oral arguments in the Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center. Judges Christel Marquardt ‘74, Tom Malone ‘79 and Nancy Caplinger ‘85, presided. It has become an annual event for the Court of Appeals to sit at the law school.

Students not only were able to observe oral arguments, but were also invited to attend an informal panel discussion with the judges.

The Center would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Advocacy Center Board of Advisors who have joined the Center for special programs in recent years. The Board of Advisors consists of George Barton ‘77, The Honorable Paul Brady ‘56, The Honorable John Conway ‘63, Rich Enochs ‘63, Stewart Entz ‘65, Phil Harley ‘74, Joyce Hellstern ‘85, Andrew Hutton ‘79, Lynn Johnson ‘70, Michael C. Manning ‘77, The Honorable Joseph Morris ‘47, Bill Ossmann ‘77, Brad Post ‘54, Eugene Ralston ‘66, Donald Rupert ‘76, Pat Scalia ‘78, John Shamberg ‘37, Kent Smith ‘66, and Fred



The Honorable Ron Greenberg

Spigarelli ‘70. Members of the board have enthusiastically given generously of their time and talent to enrich our students’ education.

Alumni, members of the Center’s Board of Advisors, faculty, law students, and friends of the law school, make these events happen. Through the collective collaboration of all of these individuals, students learn about the legal profession and gain valuable skills in a collegial supportive environment where the focus is on their success.

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Business & Transactional Law Center

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Professor David Pierce



Board of Advisors Assist in Defining Center's Mission and Law School's Skills Program

Many Washburn Law alumni direct business enterprises and routinely participate in defining and executing the mission of their organizations. Alumni are also involved in representing business enterprises and routinely participate in audits to assess how their clients are complying with various legal, business, and aspirational requirements. The Business and Transactional Law Center is taking full advantage of this alumni expertise to help define not only the Center's future mission and activities, but also to assist with the Law School's self-study process as it prepares for the ABA's accreditation inspection in 2008. The ABA inspects each accredited law school once every seven years.

For these tasks the Board of Advisors has been divided into two working committees. The first committee, designated the "Mission" Committee, is chaired by Norman Pozez '80, and is charged with evaluating the Center's mission and activities to determine whether the Center is fulfilling its specific educational goals while supporting, to the maximum extent possible, the more general educational goals of the Law School and the University. This will include an evaluation of the Center's short-term and long-term plans and programs. Pozez's committee will also evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Law School's current business law offerings to assess how Washburn Law can best use its assets to prepare students to participate effectively in the business and transactional law segment of the legal profession.

The Center's current mission is: "To provide a variety of educational opportunities for students to learn how to function as transactional lawyers who can effectively represent clients engaged in business enterprises." These are educational opportunities provided to our students in addition to their regular course work. For example, David Fenley '79, who received his B.B.A. and J.D. degrees from Washburn University, and is an attorney with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in Kansas City, Mo., presented a student seminar titled: "Anatomy of a Real Estate Development Transaction." In his presentation he discussed H&R Block's \$250 million corporate headquarters development in the new Kansas City Live downtown entertainment district. Fenley provided students with an inside view of the H&R Block project, which included the detailed closing checklist used to coordinate the many private and public entity roles involved in the project. Students also had the opportunity to work through the actual "Development Agreement" entered into

between the City of Kansas City, Missouri and H & R Block Services, Inc. Students came away from this program with an appreciation for the planning, coordination, and structuring that lawyers have to engage in to accomplish a major real estate development project.



Bernie Bianchino '74

Students also had an opportunity to work through the complexities of an international business transaction when Bernie Bianchino '74, who received his B.A. and J.D. degrees from Washburn University, presented a student seminar titled: "Planning and Executing an International Sales Transaction: The CEO's Concept, The Lawyer's Role." Bianchino is CEO of Jaguar Telecom LLC and formerly the CEO of several telecommunications companies, including a subsidiary of Sprint PCS. Bianchino also has considerable experience

rience as in-house corporate counsel beginning with the Atomic Energy Commission, and then with Exxon Corporation, Sprint, and the predecessor to Quest Communications. He provided students with the opportunity to consider the lawyer's role as a planner and coordinator of the myriad of legal disciplines that must be marshalled to timely execute a complex business transaction. In this case the transaction required the creation of a reliable international supplier of a product and the importation of the product into the United States; all within the 18-month time frame required to meet the competitive requirements of the client's market.

Washburn Law faculty also provided students a two-hour program titled "Introduction to Legal Drafting." This is part of a "Professional Skills Development" series of extracurricular programs the Center is offering all students.

The second committee, known as the "Skills" Committee, is chaired by Sue Jean White '80, and is charged with identifying the essential skills of the "transactional" lawyer. Other committee goals include identifying the essential knowledge and skills a law school graduate should possess in order to perform as an effective lawyer in a business and transactional law setting. White's committee will also evaluate how the Center can assist the Law School in maintaining and expanding compliance with various ABA Standards for Approval of Law Schools. Her committee will focus specifically on ABA Standard 302 which requires that each student receive "substantial instruction" in "professional skills generally regarded as necessary for effective and responsible participation in the legal profession



Sue Jean White '80

Both committees will be evaluating ways the Center can assist the Law School in fulfilling its overall educational mission with a special emphasis on the role the Center can play in providing skills training to all Washburn Law students. The



David A. Fenley '79

Business and Transactional Law Center has been identified as one of the Law School organizations that could provide "transactional" skills training in areas such as "alternative methods of dispute resolution, counseling, . . . negotiating, problem solving, . . . organization and management of legal work, and drafting" that are listed by the ABA in its Interpretation 302-2 to Standard 302. Serving this transactional skills role would help to round-out the skills experience at Washburn Law. Currently Washburn Law has an extensive advocacy skills program, a highly effective legal analysis, research, and writing program, and a first-rate clinical program. Placing additional focus on transactional skills such as counseling, negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, structuring transactions, and drafting will provide more opportunities for students to learn how to use their substantive knowledge and analytical skills to accomplish, in a professional manner, specific client tasks.

The Board of Advisors who comprise each of the working committees include: Mission Committee, Norm Pozez '80 (Chair), Bernie Bianchino '74, Bill Buntin '56, Duke Dupre '73, Dave Fenley '79, James Haines, Delano Lewis '63, Frank Ross '78, and Teri Wilford Wood '78. Skills Committee, Sue Jean White '80 (Chair), Gerald Aaron '66, Frank Caro '83, Winton Hinkle '68, Paul Hoferer '75, Michael Miller '91, William Pitsenberger, Jr. '78, and Jim Slattery '75.

If you wish to learn more about the Center or if you would like to volunteer, please contact director, Professor David Pierce, at (785) 670-1676 or david.pierce@washburn.edu

Professor Linda Elrod



Children & Family Law Center

In November the Center sponsored a program on the Revised Juvenile Offender Code and the Revised Child In Need of Care Code. John Fritz '87, Johnson County assistant district attorney and adjunct professor of Juvenile Law at Washburn Law, presented the 2006 legislative changes in the Juvenile Offender Code. Roberta Sue McKenna '75, of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, discussed the many, and somewhat controversial, 2006 changes in the Child in Need of Care Code.

Washburn Law students had the opportunity to attend.

The Center gave students the opportunity to be involved in a public policy debate by researching, drafting and filing an amicus brief in a case involving a Kansas statute on artificial insemination. The students argued that the statute, which provides that a sperm donor has no rights unless there is an agreement in writing, is unconstitutional as applied to a known sperm donor. The case is one of first



Peter Curran

impression in Kansas and the Kansas Supreme Court transferred it from the Court of Appeals. Students attended the oral arguments in December. There have been very few appellate cases involving known sperm donors across the country. The Associated Press picked up the story and articles appeared in several newspapers nationally and internationally. Students who worked on the brief were Dr. Bud Dale

'09, Andrea Rusche '07, Claudia Weaver '07, and Eryn Wright '08. Faculty members Linda Elrod and Lyn Goering helped with editing and formatting.

The Family Law Student Society, under the leadership of Amy

Coppola '07 and Kerrie Lonard '07, coordinated several "Lunch and Learn Programs." In September Peter Curran, Stevens and Brand LLP, Lawrence, Kan.; and Pat Baker '79 of the Kansas Association of School Boards, discussed education law. In October family law students and others

attended a lunch and learn program on how domestic violence affects immigrant women and their children. The speakers included Joyce Grover '94, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; Angela Ferguson-Allard, Austin & Ferguson, Kansas City, Mo.; and Pam Burrough '06, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, who discussed stereotypes of immigrants, visa status, mandatory arrests, and other issues. The Student Society also held a Toy and Art Drive to benefit the University Child Development Center, a day care center which provides care for children of Washburn students and faculty. Students remain interested in Court

Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Shawnee County, volunteering in a number of ways. Over 25 law students served as CASAs last semester.

Amy Coppola '07 and Laura Schoenberger '07, student editors for the *Family Law Quarterly*, assembled a staff of 16 to work on the publication of the American Bar Association Family Law Section. The summer issue covered a multitude of issues involving fathers and children, including incarcerated fathers, unwed fathers, and fathers of young children. The fall issue included topics on immigration and family law, discovering executive compensation,



Pam Burrough '06



Joyce Grover '94

dividing copyrights, changes in the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, and assessing the validity of social science research.

The Washburn Law Clinic offered 20 students "hands on" experience with family law cases and live clients. Professors Aliza Organick, Lynette Petty and Sheila Reynolds each supervised several interns working on family law cases.

In September Righter Distinguished Professor of Law Linda Elrod was one of three law professors invited to join 15 lawyers as faculty for a new National Institute of Trial Advocacy training program titled "Modern Divorce Advocacy." The

three day program involved examination and cross examination of a child custody evaluator and a financial business appraiser and representing the client in mediation. With feedback from participants in the trial run, the program will be revised and available for use.

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Washburn Law Clinic



Professor John Francis



Clinic expands practice in Prairie Band/Potawatomi Tribal Court –

The Law Clinic recently began accepting an increased number of criminal assignment cases in Tribal Court, which results in more students benefiting from the experience of applying complex legal issues to tribal law. As with all criminal defense cases, Clinic students confront complex criminal procedure questions. When handling criminal cases in Tribal Court, interns also must consider accompanying factors such as tribal court jurisdictional thresholds and determination of what law applies to answer legal questions. This experience enhances the students' analytical skills and helps prepare them for a broad range of practice upon graduation.

One of the benefits students realize when enrolling in the Law Clinic is the opportunity to apply substantive law and legal principles to real life facts. Facts from real cases are often more complex and unique than anything that can be created for simulations or exams.

Imagine for a moment a student evaluating suppression issues surrounding alleged contraband found outside a residence. Does a long-term resident/invitee have standing to challenge police seizure of the item? What factors determine whether the item was within the curtilage of the resi-

dence? If law enforcement has a claim of legally entering the property, does that claim expand to an area beyond the purpose (and field of vision) of the initial entry? Are these complex issues evaluated differently if the incident occurred on a Native American reservation? These are examples of matters that Clinic students practicing criminal defense in tribal courts encounter.



Professor Aliza Organick

Clinical Scholarship: Professor Aliza Organick presented her paper *Creating a Tribal Law Clinic in Kansas: Carving the Peg to Fit the Hole*, at the Pedagogy of American Indian Law Conference at the University of North Dakota Northern Plains Indian Law Center in October. Her paper will be published in a forthcoming symposium issue of the North Dakota Law Review.

Dara Montclare '06 receives Raymond Spring Award — The Raymond Spring Award, established by the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (KTLA), is given to "the Law Clinic intern who has demonstrated the highest commitment to providing legal services to clients in need." The KTLA presented Montclare with a plaque during its annual conference.



Dara Montclare '06

Montclare worked in the Small Business and Transactional Clinic where she represented small business owners and nonprofit representatives who could not otherwise afford legal representation. She approached her work in the Clinic with a remarkable level

of enthusiasm and commitment. Montclare developed an incredible rapport with her clients and assisted them in starting businesses and organizations that will be assets to the community.

Since graduating from Washburn Law, Montclare has continued her commitment to serving people in need. She recently accepted the position of chief operating officer of BreakThrough House, Inc, a nonprofit community supported program for people with mental illness, whose mission is to empower people to function more independently and to provide safe, affordable housing for them.

Kana Lydick '07 receives Irvine Ungerman Award

– The Irvine E. Ungerman Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice, is given twice yearly to a student who has distinguished him/herself “by providing highly competent representation to clients in a manner exemplifying the ideals of our profession: pursuit of the learned art in the spirit of public service.” Lydick received the award which includes a cash prize from an anonymous former clinic intern.



Kana Lydick '07

Lydick worked under the supervision of Associate Professor Lynette Petty representing clients in domestic matters and serving as guardian *ad litem* (GAL) in the child in need of care court. Her work has been particularly noteworthy. Lydick is a CASA volunteer and brought experience to her role as GAL. In the Clinic, the children she works with enter the system because of truancy. Many of these children and their families have serious issues affecting the child’s school attendance, including drug and alcohol abuse, mental health problems, teen pregnancy, cultural and language differences, poverty, and running from placement.

Lydick has proven herself to be a strong advocate for children. She made numerous court appearances and effectively worked with social workers, teachers and other providers to promote the best interest of the children. In one particularly noteworthy case, she successfully appealed a school district’s decision to suspend one of her children virtually the entire school year. That young man now has a second chance.

If you wish to learn more about the Law Clinic, please contact director, Professor John Francis, at (785) 670-1191 or john.francis@washburn.edu

1930's

The Honorable Gordon Sloan '35, Wilsonville, Ore., died Aug. 23, 2006, at the age of 95. Sloan was senior judge of the State of Oregon and former associate justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Sloan followed his father, Edward (1906), and brother, Eldon (1933), as graduates of Washburn University School of Law. In 1958, Sloan was appointed to the Oregon Supreme Court where he served two highly esteemed terms. His judicial excellence was recognized in his appointment as the first senior judge of the State of Oregon. He was a member of the Oregon Bar Association.

Earl L. Kirk '36, Sanibel, Fla., died Sept. 29, 2006, at the age of 93. Kirk was a long-time car dealer and businessman. He owned Earl Kirk Chrysler-Plymouth and AMC Jeep, Downtown Dodge, Earl Kirk Leasing and Downtown Mini Storage. Although he was admitted to the Kansas Bar, he never practiced law, instead joining his father in the automobile business after he graduated in 1936.

Clair D. Hyter '39, Hutchinson, Kan., died Nov. 9, 2006, at the age of 94. Hyter was a lifetime Hutchinson resident. He practiced law until 1964, then became president of the former Central Plains Insurance Co., then worked as a consultant for Town and Country Insurance Co., retiring in 1994.

1940's

Evan Corman '49, Minneapolis, Kan., died Feb. 10, 2006, at the age of 85. Corman was a practicing attorney. He was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the Pacific theater. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

1950's



Warner Moore '50, Andover, Kan., died Sept. 17, 2006, at the age of 85. Moore was a respected and accomplished lawyer. He was elected and served as Sedgwick County attorney three times from 1953-1959. He served as democratic county chairman in Sedgwick County from 1966-1971 and 1978-82. His son Dennis Moore '70 is also a graduate of Washburn Law.



James R. James '53, Topeka, Kan., died Nov. 14, 2006, at the age of 80. After graduation from law school James was an assistant reporter to the Kansas Supreme Court. Two years later, he moved to the Supreme Court Clerks office where he served as deputy clerk. In 1959, he left the Court for a brief stint as an attorney for the League of Kansas Municipalities. In 1961, the Supreme Court called on him to be clerk of the Supreme Court of Kansas. From 1965 to 1979, he served Kansas as the first judicial administrator. James resigned his Kansas post to become director of the Southeast Regional Office of the National Center for State Courts, and was named vice president of the Midwestern Regional Office of the national center in 1989, and returned to Kansas in 1992 when he became a senior adviser to the national center. In 1994 he received the Justice Award from the Kansas Supreme Court; he also received the Warren E. Burger Award from the National Center for State Courts.

James E. Johnson '53, Fishers, Ind., died Aug. 8, 2006, at the age of 78. Johnson retired in 1991 as manager of the Commercial Department and assistant vice president of Chicago Title Company. Prior to that he was senior vice president for Bank One formerly American Fletcher Mortgage Company and Puller Mortgage.

Duane W. Bolze '56, Phoenix, Ariz., died Dec. 9, 2006, at the age of 75. Bolze served in the Marine Corp during the Korean War. He moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1958 and began practicing law earning great respect from both the courts and bar, a practice he pursued until his death.

L. H. Rohleder '59, Council Grove, Kan., died Dec. 14, 2006, at the age of 75. During the Korean War, Rohleder served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. After law school, Rohleder became a district court judge in Great Bend in August 1967. From April 1981 until he retired in May 1995, he was administrative judge for the 20th Judicial District. In 1986, he was appointed by then Governor John Carlin to chair the Liquor Law Review Commission. Rohleder declared the report to be a blueprint for bringing Kansas' liquor laws into the 20th century. Rohleder was past president of the Kansas District Judges Association.

1960's

Howard Spies '61, Bradenton, Fla., died Aug. 17, 2006, at the age of 70. Spies served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Florida Bar Association.

William Harris, Jr. '63, Washington, DC, died Aug. 28, 2006, at the age of 81. Harris received his B.S. and J.D. from Washburn University. After receiving his law degree, Harris worked on scores of civil rights cases. He served as the assistant city attorney in Topeka, Kan., and was general counsel of the State of Kansas Tax and Revenue Agency. In 1976, he moved to the Washington, DC area to work at the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as an attorney in the office of Legal Counsel, and later as an attorney with expedited appeals in the office of Federal Operations. Harris retired in 1996.

Larry E. Benson '69, Lenexa, Kan., died Aug. 1, 2006, at the age of 64. Graduating second in his class, he was hired by the law firm of Weeks, Thomas, Lysaught, and Bingham. In 1986, Benson continued to practice law on his own with his long-time college friend Michael Jarvis, until he retired in early 2006.

1970's

Dwayne A. Schulke '73, Dallas, Texas, died Nov. 28, 2006, at the age of 58. Schulke began his career working for title companies in Wichita, Kan., and Dallas, Texas, and worked for Republic Title of Texas, Inc.

David J. Heath '76, Chesterfield, Mo., died Sept. 27, 2006, at the age of 58. Heath was a well-respected attorney and labor negotiator for MDC/Boeing. The family suggests memorials to the Washburn University Law School Foundation.

1980's

Mike Mlinar '85, Greeley, Colo., died Dec. 21, 2006, at the age of 53. Mlinar was a resident of Greeley for the past five years.

1990's



John V. Dwyer '92, Wichita, Kan., died Dec. 6, 2006, at the age of 42. Dwyer moved to Wichita in 1992 after graduating from Washburn Law. He practiced law for several years before transitioning to a career in pharmaceutical sales.

December 2006 Recognition Ceremony



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Romig Selected as New Law School Dean

Thomas J. Romig, Major General, US Army, retired, has been appointed dean of Washburn University School of Law, effective July 1, 2007.

“Tom has demonstrated an exemplary level of leadership and brings to Washburn a new level of expertise,” said President Jerry Farley. “I’m confident with Thomas’ broad intellectual interests, thoughtful academic temperament and his enthusiasm about the new challenge, he will capitalize upon the many strengths of the School of Law.”

Interim Dean Bill Rich of the law school adds, “Faculty, staff, students, and alumni who met with Tom Romig share that enthusiasm, and look forward to working with him in years to come.”

A native of Manhattan, Kan., Romig has served since 2005 as deputy chief counsel for operations for the Federal Aviation Administration. In this key executive position within the FAA legal department, he supervised nine multi-disciplinary

regional counsel offices and the Aeronautical Center Counsel Office and was responsible for airport and environmental matters and personnel and labor law function.

Prior to joining the FAA, Romig served four years as the 36th Judge Advocate General of the Army. He led and supervised an organization of more than 9,000 personnel comprised of 5,000 active and reserve military and civilian attorneys and more than 4,000 paralegal and support personnel spread throughout 328 separate offices in 22 countries. He oversaw a world-wide legal practice including civil and criminal litigation, international law, administrative law, labor and employment law, environmental law, claims and ethics compliance.

Romig’s other military positions included Chief of Army Civil Law and Litigation and Chief of Military Law and Operations both in Washington, D.C. His military legal assignments included Chief of Planning for the JAG Corps; Chief Legal Officer for Army Air Defense forces in Europe; and Chief Legal Officer for US Army V Corps and US Army forces in the Balkans; and prosecuting felony and misdemeanor criminal cases; and teaching international law at the Judge Advocate General’s School, Charlottesville, Va.

He received a bachelor of science degree in social sciences from Kansas State University and was commissioned through the Army ROTC program. While serving as a military intelligence officer, he was selected for the Army Fully Funded Law School program and graduated from the Santa Clara University School of Law in 1980.



Matt Ballard '07



Zach Chaffee-McClure '07

Moot Court Competition Team

The Washburn Law team of Matt Ballard '07 and Zach Chaffee-McClure '07, won the Regional competition of the National Moot Court Competition, Nov. 11, 2006, in Lawrence, Kan. Ballard and Chaffee-McClure defeated UMKC in the Quarterfinals, a second UMKC team in the Semifinals, and Creighton in the Finals to take the Regional Championship. Prior to that they beat KU in the first match and then triumphed over St. Louis in the second match.

Chaffee-McClure was also named best oral advocate of the competition.



Serving as Interim Dean

When Bill Rich carefully hung his 2006 calendar in his office, he did so in anticipation of his return to full-time teaching at the beginning of the fall

semester. As associate dean for academic affairs for the past two years, soon it would be time to refocus his attention toward the classroom and additional scholarly endeavors.

As happens often in life, Rich's plans changed when he was called to consider taking a slight and perhaps bumpier detour before continuing the well-planned journey back into teaching. On Aug. 1, 2006, Rich assumed the duties of interim dean after Dean Dennis R. Honabach accepted the position of dean of Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.

As interim dean, Rich has worked to promote the development of joint degree programs with both the School of Business and the department of social work. He also renewed the emphasis on the Business and Transactional Law Center, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, the Children and Family Law Center, and the Washburn Law Clinic. Above all his accomplishments since accepting the interim dean duties, Rich has provided strong leadership to ensure the School of Law continues on course.

Rich's stable leadership has ensured a smooth transition as July 1 approaches with the arrival of the new dean, Thomas J. Romig. Washburn University President Jerry B. Farley is one of many who are grateful for Rich's commitment to Washburn Law.

"It is such a great pleasure to work with Bill. The transition to a new dean can be traumatic, but when Bill agreed to serve I knew that everything would go smoothly, and more importantly, the School of Law would continue to advance," said Farley.

Ronald L. Wasserstein, vice president for academic affairs, agreed.

"Bill Rich has demonstrated extraordinary leadership as interim dean. Bill's calm and thoughtful manner has earned great respect. He is trusted deeply by everyone. The result is an outstanding environment in the School of Law that contributed mightily to the successful dean search, and to the continued efforts to prepare for the ABA accreditation site visit. Washburn University and its School of Law owe Bill a great debt of gratitude. I feel a deep personal sense of gratitude and appreciation as well. Thank you, Bill," Wasserstein said.

Within the walls of Washburn Law, faculty members appreciate Rich's willingness to postpone his plans—yet again—for the future of the law school. This was not Rich's first experience as interim dean. When former Dean Carl Monk took a sabbatical, Rich served as acting dean from July through December 1985, thus it seemed natural that Rich would take the reins once again.

"He had to put much of his scholarly agenda on hold when he agreed for a second time to be associate dean in 2004 for two years. He literally was counting the days until he could return to full-time teaching and research when we needed him to be interim dean. His commitment to the institution meant he could not say, 'no,'" said Distinguished Professor James M. Concannon.

"Bill enjoys the widespread respect of faculty, students, and staff, which has enabled him to carry the law school community forward during this interim period of filling the dean's position," said Professor Sheila Reynolds. "Bill has said he looks forward to returning to full-time teaching and scholarly writing; he has sacrificed those personal ambitions to continue to serve the administrative needs of the law school in this important transition period. We have been well served by his willingness to do so," Reynolds concluded.

Linda Henry Elrod, Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, has appreciated Rich's leadership style. "I think all of the faculty members appreciate Bill stepping up to lead the law school this year. Bill shows respect for everyone's opinions and leads in a calm, deliberative manner."

"Bill has the confidence of the faculty because of his integrity and his repeated personal sacrifices for the good of the law school," said Professor Nancy G. Maxwell. "For example, Bill continued to teach a full load for this fall semester, in addition to taking on the responsibilities of being the acting dean. Bill also did not take the position of acting dean to be a 'seat warmer.' He set out an ambitious agenda for himself and the faculty for his one-year term as dean, which he shared with the faculty in August. This transparent and open leadership style has resulted in significant cohesion and cooperation among the faculty members. We are deeply indebted to his selflessness and dedication to Washburn University School of Law," she added.

Professor Alex Glashausser became associate dean for academic affairs at the law school prior to Rich becoming interim dean. For Glashausser, the transition to his new duties was made a bit easier knowing his predecessor would be sitting within footsteps of his new office.

"I approached my new job with some trepidation about the unknown, but with the comfort of knowing that Bill, my predecessor, would be in the building," Glashausser explained. "When it turned out that he would be not only in the building but next door, and that I would be working with him on day-to-day matters, I was thrilled. He has been a mentor for me and a leader for the school; his mix of warmth, intelligence, and experience has benefited us all. Happily, he will still be in the building next year!"

The word "mentor" is used often to illustrate Rich's commitment to the law school and to students, staff and faculty.

"I have learned so much from Bill," said Kelly Lynn Anders, associate dean for student affairs. "He has been a great mentor."

From faculty, to staff, to students, to campus administration, all agree Rich's teamwork approach and consensus-building skills are exactly what Washburn Law needed during this time of transition.

"He has such great judgment and the ability to make everyone with whom he works feel included. As we traveled around the country visiting alumni and friends he had instant rapport partially because he had so many alumni in his classes. All had fond memories of Professor Rich. What more could any of us want than to be remembered for the impact we had on students' lives? Bill will leave a lasting legacy for what he has contributed to Washburn Law during his career," Farley concluded.

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Washburn Law Alumni Association 1st Annual Golf Tournament

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association held its 1st Annual golf tournament, Aug. 25, 2006, at the Shawnee Country Club, Topeka, Kan. For its first year, the event was a success. Thirty-three alumni and friends played in the scramble. After the tournament, a BBQ lunch and ethics CLE, presented by L.J. Leatherman '92, was provided for the participants.

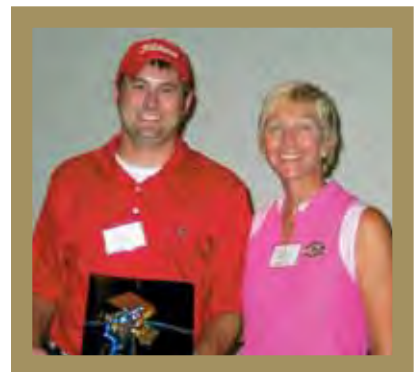
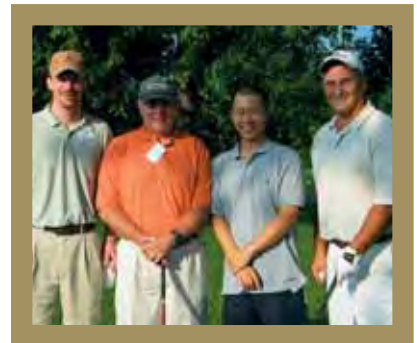
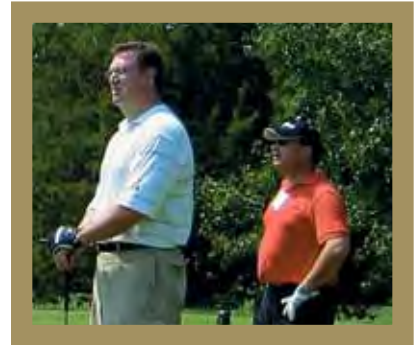
The first place team consisted of Duke Dupre '73, Prof. Rob Rhee, Bernie Bianchino '74, and Mike Harder. Steve Cooper '73, David Breiner '06, Dan Crow '93, and Dana Brewer '77 took second place honors. Longest drive went to Brenda Head '92, longest putt went to Matthew Bergmann '05, and closest to the pin went to Tom Henderson '75.

A special thank you to hole sponsors: Duke '73 & Helen '76 Dupre; Cavanaugh Smith & Lemon PA; Wallace Saunders Austin Brown & Enochs; and Sunflower Marketing.

The golf committee, consisting of Rita Bicknell '95, The Hon. Pat Brazil '62, Rich Enochs '63, Steve Cavanaugh '80, and Kathy Webb '83, are already working on the tournament for next year which is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2007, at Falcon Lakes Golf Course in Basehor, Kansas. Mark your calendars now and plan to play.

Rita Bicknell, chair of the golf committee said, "If everyone who played last year brings another person or enters a 4 person team to play in 2007, this tournament will quickly grow into the type of event we envision. This is a chance to get together with friends and fellow law school grads, have fun on a great golf course, and support the law school alumni association. Please join us and help make our 2nd annual golf tournament a huge success!"

Proceeds from the tournament go into an unrestricted fund for law scholarships.





Steve Cooper '73

Dean's Circle Dinner

The annual Dean's Circle Dinner and cocktail reception was Oct. 28, 2006, at the InterContinental Hotel, Kansas City. Supporters of the law school including alumni and friends, enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation, camaraderie and entertainment. Attendees heard updates on the law school from Interim Dean Bill Rich. Other speakers included Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University; Steve Cooper '73, President, Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association; and Bernie Bianchino '74, President of the Washburn Law School Foundation. Bianchino recognized alumni at the Dean's Circle dinner who created endowed funds during the three-year Law School Centennial Celebration. After dinner and the program, attendees danced and listened to the live music of Bali Root.

Members of the Dean's Circle give \$1,000 or more annually to Washburn University School of Law. The Gold Club of the Dean's Circle is a program specifically for graduates less than 10 years out of law school. Members of the Dean's Circle are invited to the Dean's Circle Dinner and also receive special invitations for premier events and programs throughout the year. For more information about how to become a member of the Dean's Circle, contact Joel Lauer in the Law School Advancement Office at (785) 670-1702.



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The Honorable Joe '47 Morris



Bernie Bianchino '74,
and Laura Ice '84



Deans Circle Dinner



Ann and Tom '69 Adrian



Deborah Huff and Gary Mathews '77



Danny Manh '08, Bill & Kathy Rich, Charlie Manh '88



Linda Parks '83, Sabrina Standifer '99, Kathy Webb '83 and Pam Parks



John '84 and Kristina Dietrick



Professor Myrl Duncan



Susan and President Jerry Farley



Randall E. Fisher '80

Kansas Auto Insurance

Washburn Law sponsored a CLE titled, Kansas Auto Insurance, Nov. 17-18, 2006. The CLE was led by Randall E. Fisher '80. Fisher is a sole practitioner in Newton, Kan., whose practice centers on trial and appellate work and other litigation. He has represented consumers in high-profile cases such as the General Motors side-saddle tank pickup litigation. Fisher was a partner in the law firm of Michaud, Hutton, Fisher & Anderson and also a former Sedgwick County district court judge. Prior to taking the bench, he was a director in the firm of McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A. Fisher is a former law clerk to the Kansas Supreme Court. He is the author of Kansas Automobile Insurance Law.

The Friday session focused on Anatomy of an Automobile Insurance Policy. Fisher's presentation dissected a standard automobile insurance policy, discussing the legal implications of each clause and providing definitions and explanations critical to evaluating and litigating an automobile insurance case. He provided participants with practical suggestions regarding how to evaluate an insurance policy in the context of pending litigation and outlined Kansas statutes, regulations and case law affecting these issues. He concluded with a discussion of the most frequent mistakes made in automobile insurance cases and provided advice to avoid an ethical misstep.

The Saturday session focused on advanced issues in litigating insurance law cases in Kansas. Fisher discussed such complicated issues as the interrelationship between liability insurance and uninsured/underinsured motorist cases, liens and subrogation rights in cases involving liability insurance and workers compensation claims, and liability insurance and PIP benefits cases.

Recent Developments in Tax Legislation

David Lenter, legislation counsel for the Joint Committee on Taxation, United States Congress, made several presentations at Washburn Law, Oct. 25, 2006. Lenter works on legislative matters in the areas of international tax, the taxation of financial instruments, estate and gift taxation, and the taxation of business enterprises. Prior to joining the Joint Committee staff, Lenter was an associate in the tax group of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering; research attorney with the Office of Tax Policy Research at the University of Michigan Business School; and an associate in the tax groups of two large Detroit, Mich., law firms. Lenter graduated from Harvard Law School and holds a tax LL.M. from the New York University School of Law.

Lenter met with a group of students for breakfast who engaged Lenter in conversation and questions regarding sophisticated tax policy issues. During lunch, he presented "Recent Developments in Tax Legislation" to law school faculty, tax practitioners, and students. That afternoon, Lenter spoke to the Taxation of Individual Income class, fielding student questions. He also participated in a tax policy discussion with students in the Tax Policy Seminar.



David Lenter

Visiting Jurist Mark A. Drummond

The Honorable Mark A. Drummond visited Washburn University School of Law as the 2006 Visiting Jurist, Nov. 10, 2006. Drummond is a circuit court judge for the Eighth Circuit of Illinois. Prior to joining the bench, he



maintained a general trial practice and served as a trial advocacy instructor and trial consultant.

Drummond serves as program director at large for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. He was the 2003-2004 co-chair of the Trial Practice Committee of the American Bar

Association Litigation Section and is an associate editor of *Litigation News* for the ABA. Drummond received his J.D. from the University of Illinois. He is admitted to practice in state and federal courts in Illinois and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Drummond presented a CLE titled "Persuasive Litigation Skills – 8 Keys to the Art of Persuasion."

The presentation was a refreshing, fast-paced, and insightful look at the advocate's craft from the perspective of a litigator, judge, and exceptionally effective and renowned seminar leader. Drummond detailed the psychological, social, and emotional aspects of effective courtroom persuasion. Attendees left with the ability to incorporate his recommendations into their trial presentation, to be able to deliver their message simply, with sharp organization, and with a precise effect.

Drummond's stimulating, results-oriented instruction is internationally recognized and sought after. He has lectured in every region of the U.S. for corporate clients, government offices, law firms, and bar associations. He has taught trial skills extensively in the United Kingdom and was with the first team of advocacy instructors to train the prosecutors at the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague and Arusha, Tanzania.



Alumni Fellow David Fenley

October 27, 2006, David A. Fenley '79, was recognized as the Washburn University Alumni Fellow for the School of Law, during a luncheon at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. The Alumni Fellow Award recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Fellows are invited back to campus to interact directly with students and faculty. Prior to the awards luncheon, Fenley gave a presentation to law school students on urban redevelopment, focusing on the H&R Block project his firm handled in Kansas City, Mo. After his presentation with law students, he gave a presentation to a business and finance class in the School of Business.

Fenley received his B.B.A., *cum laude*, in 1976 and his J.D., with honors, in 1979, from Washburn University. In law school he served on the editorial board as assistant notes editor of the *Washburn Law Journal*. In 1980, he became a certified public accountant, in Missouri.

Fenley is chairman and partner in the law firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP, Kansas City, Mo. The firm is one of the leading commercial law firms in the Midwest. In 1980 Fenley joined the firm as an associate, became partner in 1985 and was named chairman in 2000. He has been listed in Best Lawyers in America, Real Estate in 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006.

Fenley has more than 25 years experience in commercial real estate development and financing incentives. He guides developers, lending institutions and governmental agencies in the design, implementation and financing of private/public partnerships for urban core development and redevelopment. He has negotiated financing structures that enabled state and local tax incentive programs to operate with financial products offered by lending institutions.

Fenley is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan, Missouri, and American Bar Associations, as well as a member of the ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Law, and Taxation Sections; American College of Real Estate Lawyers; and the Lawyers Association of Kansas City.

Fenley sits on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and has since 2002. He also serves on the board of advisors of the Washburn University School of Law Business & Transactional Law Center. He established the David and Hannah Fenley professorship in the law school Business & Transactional Law Center.

2006 Revisions to the Kansas Child in Need of Care and Juvenile Offender Code

The 2006 Kansas legislature made extensive changes to both the Child in Need of Care and the Juvenile Offender Codes. Some of the changes were minor; however, others were more substantive. A CLE, Nov. 3, 2006, addressed legislative changes and practical implications for lawyers practicing in juvenile court. More than 75 people attended the program.

Presenters included John C. Fritz '87, assistant district attorney from Johnson County, Kan., who spoke on the Juvenile Offender Code and Roberta Sue McKenna '75, assistant director for legal services, judicial liaison, and legislative support, Children and Family Service Division, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services, who spoke on the Child in Need of Care Code.



John C. Fritz '87



Roberta Sue McKenna '75



Law School Alumni Receptions

The semester was busy with a multitude of alumni and student receptions sponsored by the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association. During the summer a reception was hosted at Ol' Stuga in Lindsborg, Kan., in conjunction with the Kansas Women Attorney's Association annual meeting, July 20. Gary McCallister '75, hosted a Chicago alumni event at his firm, McCallister & Associates, July 27. The fall semester started with a "welcome" BBQ for first-year law students on Aug. 18, followed by a second and third-year "welcome back" reception on Aug. 25. September saw receptions in Wichita, Sept. 7, at the Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm. Law school alum Mike Snider '85 and his wife Joan Kirkpatrick graciously hosted a wine tasting at the Wichita event and provided numerous cases of wine from their own collection. It was a terrific evening and great way to sample different wines. A reception was hosted in Dodge City on Sept. 8, in conjunction with the Southwest Kansas Bar Association annual meeting. Law School alum David Byassee '75 and his partner Anne Myers, hosted a wonderful law school alumni reception at their home in Denver, Sept. 12. On Sept. 13, Sue Jean White '80 and her husband Bob Connor hosted a fantastic law school alumni reception at their home. On Sept. 14, Dallas/Forth Worth area alumni were graciously hosted by Paul '75 and Jeanne Hoferer at their home outside Fort Worth.

A mentor/mentee reception was sponsored by the law school Alumni and Professional Development offices Sept. 20, so first-year students could meet their mentors. The reception and program continues to be a huge success with over 110 first-year students paired with mentors. The semester ended with a reception on Nov. 29, in Kansas City at the InterContinental Hotel on the Plaza for a view of the holiday Plaza lights. Again, this year, icy weather hampered the reception, but many brave alumni turned out for a fantastic evening.

Consider attending the next law school alumni reception by frequently checking the alumni page on the law school website at <http://washburn-law.edu/alumni/> to see when a reception will be in your area. Events are added often. If you are interested in hosting an alumni reception in your area, please contact Julie Olson, director of Alumni Affairs, School of Law (785) 670-2013 or julie.olson@washburn.edu.



Shamberg Symposium 2006 -- Judicial Independence

The Shamberg Symposia at Washburn University School of Law were established with the generous contribution of noted Washburn Law alumnus John Shamberg '37. Through his long and distinguished legal career in civil litigation, Shamberg helped expand the rights of injured persons and shaped the development of tort law in Kansas.

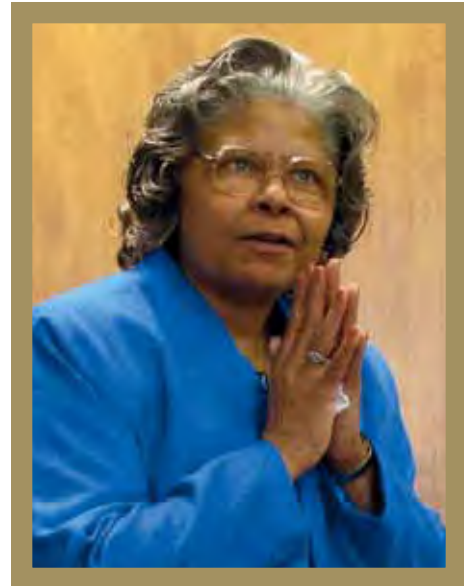
The Shamberg Symposium on Judicial Independence was Nov. 1, 2006, at Washburn University School of Law.

Participants in the Symposium included: Deborah Goldberg, who supervises the Democracy Program's scholarship, public education, and legal advocacy, including litigation, promoting full and fair representation of diverse voices in governmental institutions. Goldberg is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

The Honorable Julie A. Robinson, U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Kansas and a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law.

State Senator John Vratil, who serves the 11th Senate District in Johnson County, Kan. Vratil is the senior litigator in the Kansas office of Lathrop & Gage L.C., and focuses on commercial, business, appellate, real estate, and education law. Vratil received his law degree from the University of Kansas.

Jack Focht '60, special counsel to Foulston Siefkin LLP, Wichita, Kan., in the firm's health care and litigation practice groups. Focht practices in areas of health care law, fraud and abuse, white collar crime, civil rights, employment law, professional responsibility, government investigations, and business litigation. Focht received his law degree from Washburn University School of Law.



Virgie Smith Retires After 30 Years

Virgie Smith retired after 30 years at Washburn Law. Washburn Law staff, faculty and students honored and celebrated with Smith at her retirement reception, Aug. 29, 2006. Smith joined Washburn Law in 1976 as a cataloger and in 1986, became reference and collection maintenance librarian.

Throughout her 30 years at Washburn Law, Smith worked diligently to maintain the law library's archives and general stacks collection, acquiring a wealth of knowledge about and for the law school. As a reference librarian she taught legal information literacy to hundreds of law students and frequently went above and beyond ordinary service by providing a personal touch and creating memorable relationships. Many alumni will fondly remember Smith's helpfulness, compassion and encouragement.

The entire law school community wishes Smith a long and fulfilling retirement.



December Recognition Ceremony

Twenty-seven students who finished classes in December were recognized at the December Recognition Ceremony, Dec. 2, 2006, at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center. The guest speaker was The Honorable Tom Marten '76, U.S. District Judge of the District of Kansas.

Marten spoke on the importance of ethical business practices. "Whether you are in business, at a law firm, a public defender, a prosecutor, a judge, or in any other line of work, there is one rule that I can say in all candor towers above all others. Always be scrupulously honest in your dealings with others. Do not ever misrepresent a fact, the

holding of a case, authority, what you have done or have not done, to a client, co-counsel or opposing counsel, or a court. And don't make promises you can't keep. You never know when you will be called on it."

"If you have been less than candid, your reputation will take a hit, and whatever your efforts to rehabilitate your reputation, it will never be quite the same. Misrepresentation is never a shortcut to your destination; it is a much longer and more difficult road. What is more, you can never completely escape it. When you least expect it, it can reemerge to damage you, sometimes with devastating effect. The greatest credentials in the world will not overcome a charge which has any basis in fact of being less than completely candid in dealings with one's adversaries, friends, and, in the case of lawyers, the courts."





Marten encouraged the graduates to find a firm or business where they feel they fit in and to find satisfaction with their work and friendships. He urged, "Become active in bar activities and other organizations to keep an interest in what is going on in the world. And always continue to learn. Nurture your personal relationships and try to find a piece of every day for yourself. It may not be easy, but it is worth it."

Marten made a few suggestions on working with clients, "First, and most important, deliver quality work in a timely manner. Second, you must spend the time it takes to educate your clients about what you are doing and why you are doing it. Third, even with excellent work and having completely educated your client, a bill that is truly reasonable is much easier for a client to accept than a bill which is unreasonably high, even if (and maybe particularly if) the client can afford to pay it."

In closing Marten said, "Draw as much life as you can out of each day. It will not only enhance you as a person – it will make you a much better lawyer. Continue to seek to grow all through your career and your life, and you will have few regrets about the way you have lived. You might even recognize that your honest mistakes are the most valuable part of the whole experience."

Other graduation speakers included Interim Dean Bill Rich, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Alex Glashausser, Professor David Pierce and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Kelly Anders. A reception for graduates and their families immediately followed the ceremony.



Speakers at Washburn University School of Law

Each semester, Washburn Law is fortunate to have numerous speakers at the law school. Most speak over the lunch hour to groups of students and faculty.

Speakers are invited to the law school by various student groups, faculty members and other law school departments. Washburn Law appreciates all speakers who take time out of their busy schedule to provide a variety of expertise and insight in their respective field of practice or business. If you are interested in speaking at the law school on a certain topic, please contact Julie Olson, director, Alumni Affairs, at (785) 670-2013.

The Professional Development Office sponsored Interview Skills Workshops with attorneys from the Wichita Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Aug. 28, 2006; Shook Hardy & Bacon, Aug. 20, 2006; and, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, Sept. 6, 2006.



The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Robert Turner**, associate director, Center for National Security Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, Sept. 7, 2006. Turner addressed more than 70 Washburn Law students and faculty about "The NSA Warrantless Wiretap Controversy and the Constitution: Was Congress the Real Lawbreaker," and "Did FISA Contribute to 9/11?"

The Tax and Estate Planning Association and Professional Development Office hosted **Scott MacBeth '92**, Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC; **Hellen Haag**, Bever Dye LC, and



Professor Brad Borden, Sept. 12, 2006. The panel discussed the LL.M programs at the schools they attended, the benefits of an LL.M, and the impact it

has had on their careers. MacBeth received his LL.M from New York University, Haag from the University of Denver, and Borden from the University of Florida.



The Federalist Society hosted **Jeffery Clark**, former deputy assistant attorney general in the Environmental & Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Sept. 14, 2006. Clark spoke to approximately 30 Washburn Law



students and faculty on the topic of “Ninth Circuit Overreaching in Environmental Law.” Clark explained that the Ninth Circuit is overturned more than any other circuit by the Supreme Court.



The J. Rueben Clark Society hosted **Kevin Shepherd** ‘00, Sept. 19, 2006. Shepherd discussed the pros and cons of becoming a sole practitioner.

Shepherd has operated his own criminal defense law office and discussed the challenges associated not only with properly representing your clients, but also managing the challenges of the day to day business aspects of solo practice.



The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Jennifer Osborn** ‘96, an associate with Polsinelli, Shalton, Welte, Suelthaus PC in Kansas City, Sept. 21, 2006.

Osborn spoke about insurance regulation and compliance issues titled, “What Does An Insurance Attorney Do?” She discussed how the industry is one of the most heavily regulated, which necessitates a large number of lawyers to make sure insurance companies are compliant and to push back the regulatory authorities when they overstep their legal boundaries.



The Federalist Society hosted **Scott Bloch**, from the White House Office of Special Counsel, Sept. 26, 2006. Bloch spoke to students and faculty about “Is there A Fourth Branch of

Government: Independent Agencies and the U.S. Office of Special Counsel?” He explained that the role of the Office of Special Counsel is to be a watchdog over other administrative agencies and ensure that those agencies obey the law.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Kyle J. Mead** ‘98, chief examining attorney for Lawyers Title of Topeka, Inc., Sept. 27, 2006.

Mead gave students an overview of title searching, the mechanics of title insurance and also addressed title issues that may arise during a real estate closing.



The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **Dusty Moshier** ‘77, partner at Hampton & Royce, L.C., Salina, Kan., Oct. 5, 2006. Moshier discussed the Fair

Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and how it directly relates to business clients. He spent the majority of the time discussing the “White Collar Exemptions” giving specific real world examples to illustrate how the FLSA works.

The Washburn Law Democrats hosted **Senator David Haley**, Oct. 12, 2006. Haley spoke about how he became interested in politics through the private sector, working diligently on urban housing projects in his home district of Wyandotte County. His remarks consisted of ways in which lawyers can become involved in the betterment of their community, through a work focus or on a volunteer basis.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Gerald Maier**, a commercial real estate appraiser with Mainland Valuation Services, Lenexa,

Kan., Oct. 18, 2006. Maier spoke on topics including the usefulness of a law degree in the appraisal industry, some typical approaches to value, and legal issues in the appraisal industry, including bankruptcy, condemnation, and ad valorem tax appeals.



The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Eugene Kontorovich**, visiting professor of law at Northwestern

University, Oct. 19, 2006. Kontorovich spoke to students and faculty about the "Dangers of Universal Jurisdiction." He explained that universal jurisdiction is the theory that any jurisdiction may prosecute any party, at any time, regardless of the jurisdiction's contacts with the incident or parties involved.

The Washburn Business Law Society hosted **George Hersh, Jr.**, owner and businesses manager in industries rang-



ing from construction to moving; **Helen Crow**, long-time Topeka, Kan., realtor; and **Bob Schuster**, manager of the Topeka and Wichita offices of Kennedy and Coe, LLC, Oct. 20, 2006. A panel discussion was held concerning "The Business Client's View of What they Want in a Lawyer."

The Federalist Society hosted **Professor Nicholas Capaldi**, from Loyola University, Oct. 26, 2006. Capaldi addressed over 60 students and faculty about "Why the Rule of Law is not Taught in our Nation's Law Schools."



Capaldi argued that the rule of law must be applied across the board in all circumstances in order for our system to truly be governed by the rule of law.

The Children and Family Law Center hosted **Angela Ferguson**, Austin & Ferguson in Kansas City; **Joyce Grover '94**, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; and **Pam Burrough '06**, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Oct. 31, 2006. They discussed issues and remedies available for immigrant women and their families when domestic violence occurs and also discussed what the perpetrators face as well as what some male victims face.



The Washburn Real Estate Law Society hosted **Patrick Gideon**, president of Silver Lake Bank, Topeka, Nov. 1, 2006. Gideon's presentation was titled, "A Community Bankers Perspective on Commercial Real Estate

Lending." He covered various topics involved in the real estate lending process including the regulatory environment today, what a banker looks for in the application process, and how lawyers can assist their clients through the financing process.

The Washburn Law Democrats hosted **Dr. Kent Runyan**, Nov. 1, 2006. Runyan addressed questions concerning, the federal "no child left behind" program, the problems with state school finance, school vouchers, and the best ways to empower our teaching force on the ground.



The Asian American Law Student Association, Hispanic American Law Student Association, and the Professional Development Office hosted **Dan**

Cranshaw, Nov. 7, 2006. Cranshaw is an associate with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City and discussed issues minorities may face in the practice of law.



The Washburn Law ACLU hosted **Mickey Weinstein**, founder of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, Nov. 9, 2006. Weinstein spoke about fundamental Christian proselytizing

in the military. He told students the type of fundamentalist proselytizing that happens in the military is real and common, and it violates the First Amendment's establishment clause.



The Veterans Legal Association of Washburn hosted **Kenneth Carpenter '73**, president of Carpenter Chartered and founding mem-

ber of the National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Nov. 11, 2006. Carpenter spoke on the appeals process for VA claimants under the Veterans Judicial Review Act highlighting the problems faced by claimants including the complexity of the process and the length of time to complete an appeal.



The Sports and Entertainment Law Society and the Professional Development office hosted **Kevin Regan '81**, Nov. 15, 2006.

Regan and his associate, **Lucy McShane**, spoke to students about working in the sports and entertainment world. He talked about the importance of ethics in the profession. He told students, as an attorney, it is important to keep your ethics in the forefront of what you do, and it is ok to turn down a case, if taking the case would mean you compromise what you believe in.

1950's



Richard Hite '53, Wichita, Kan., of Hite Fanning & Honeyman, Wichita, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

Gerald Goodell '58, Topeka, Kan., has been named as the Kansas Supreme Court's appointee to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission by Chief Justice Kay McFarland.

Wayne Stratton, Sr. '58, Topeka, Kan., of Goodell Stratton Edmonds & Palmer, Topeka, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

1960's

The Hon. Don Allegrucci '63, Topeka, Kan., retired from the Kansas Supreme Court, Jan. 2007, after serving on the court since his appointment by Governor John Carlin in 1987.

The Hon. Karl Friedel '64, Wichita, Kan., was sworn in to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court on Oct. 16, 2006.

R. Austin Nothern '64, Topeka, Kan., was named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers of 2006. Nothern focuses his practice in the area of taxation and estate planning.



Brian Moline '66, Topeka, Kan., received the Distinguished Government Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their annual meeting in June 2006.

Ronald Wilson '69, Phoenix, Ariz., joined Morris, Hall & Kinghorn, Phoenix, practicing in the area of estate planning.

1970's

Frank Johnson '70, Racine, Wis., was named the 2006 recipient of the George Tipler Award. The award is given by the Wisconsin School Attorneys Association to recognize distinguished service in the field of school law.

Lynn Johnson '70, Kansas City, Mo., of Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Kansas City, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.



Bruce W. Kent '70, Manhattan, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07. Kent is legal counsel for gift planning at the Kansas State University Foundation.

Roger McCollister '70, Lawrence, Kan., has started Midland Professional Associates Group, Lawrence.

Paul Boeding '72, Seneca, Kan., was elected chairman of the Community Bankers Association of Kansas at their 28th annual convention.

George Gaitas '75, Athens, Greece, recently joined the Fowler Rodriguez law firm, Athens.

Thomas Henderson '75, Topeka, Kan., received the Pro Bono Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their annual meeting in June 2006.

James Slattery '75, Washington, DC, received the Father Edwin Watson Award at the Maur Hill-Mount Academy in Atchison, Kan., for his support of, and generous service to, the school.

The Hon. Tom Marten '76, Wichita, Kan., recently served in New Mexico, hearing federal immigration cases due to the lack of judges in New Mexico necessary to handle an overload of cases.

Joyce Rubenstein '76, Houston, Texas, retired as assistant chief counsel for procurement matters at the NASA Johnson Space Center in January 2007, after 30 years of federal service. Rubenstein was recognized numerous times in her career, including award of two of NASA's highest honors, the Exceptional Service Medal and the Exceptional Achievement Medal for her leadership in the area of Federal procurement law.



Mert Buckley '77, Wichita, Kan., of Adams & Jones, Chtd., Wichita, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

Professor David Pierce '77,

Topeka, Kan., was honored by Pittsburg State University with its Meritorious Achievement Award during their commencement activities Dec. 2006.

Lucky DeFries '78, Topeka, Kan., Coffman, DeFries & Nothern, was named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

Glenn Kerbs '78, Dodge City, Kan., received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at their annual meeting in June 2006.

Ed Nazar '78, Wichita, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07 and has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

Sally D. Pokorny '78, Lawrence, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07. Pokorny is of counsel in the Law Offices of David J. Brown, Lawrence.

Mark Hutton '79, Wichita, Kan., of Hutton & Hutton, Wichita, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.



The Hon. Steven Montgomery '79, Paola, Kan., has been appointed district court judge of the 6th Judicial District by Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Sarah (Sally) Bootes Shattuck '79, Ashland, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07. Shattuck is a sole practitioner and the city attorney for Ashland and Englewood, Kan.

Edwin Van Petten '79, Wamego, Kan., has been elected chairman of the Powerball Group of the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL).

1980's

The Hon. Lee Johnson '80, Topeka, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to the Kansas Supreme Court effective Jan. 2007. Johnson replaces Justice Allegrucci who retired.



Paul Morrison '80, Lenexa, Kan., was recently elected as attorney general for the state of Kansas.

Glenn Braun '81, Hays, Kan., has been elected to serve a three-year term as district representative on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors.

Class Actions

Carol Green '81, Topeka, Kan., received the Honorable E. Newton Vickers Professionalism Award from the Topeka Bar Association.

The Hon. Michael Ireland '81, Holton, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as district court judge of the 2nd Judicial District. Ireland replaces Tracy Klinginsmith, who retired.

Herman (Woody) Loepp '81, Overland Park, Kan., joined Global Aerospace Inc., Overland Park.

Mark Shaiken '81, Kansas City, Mo., has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.

The Honorable Mark Ward '81, Fort Scott, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as the district court judge for the 6th Judicial District in Bourbon County.

Linda Parks '83, Wichita, Kan., received the Outstanding Service Award from the Kansas Bar Association at its annual meeting in June 2006.



Laura Ice '84, Wichita, Kan., was sworn in to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court in Oct. 2006.

Jeffrey Kennedy '84,

Wichita, Kan., was named to the Kansas Energy Council by Governor Kathleen Sebelius.



Craig McKinney '84, Topeka, Kan., was honored by the Black Liberated Arts Center in Oklahoma City for his contribution to Oklahoma history as author of "A Biography of Charlie Christian, Jazz Guitar's

King of Swing," published in 2005 by Mellen Press.

Kathleen Reeves '84, Wichita, Kan., is on the Board of Directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Kansas.

Marta Linenberger '85, Carbondale, Kan., joined the Kansas Health Policy Authority, Topeka.

The Honorable Mark Braun '86, Topeka, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as Shawnee County's newest district court judge in a newly created position resulting from a high caseload in the Judicial District.

Debra Vermillion '86, Overland Park, Kan., joined Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Shawnee Mission.

Kevin Arnel '87, Wichita, Kan., is now on the board of Goodwill Industries, Easter Seals of Kansas.

The Honorable Kim Cudney '89, Washington, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to become the first female district court judge in the 12th Judicial District, filling the vacancy by Chief Judge Thomas Tuggle, who resigned.

1990's

Alisa Arst '90, Wichita, Kan., is the new editor of *Law Wise*, a KBA publication focusing on law-related education.

Major Ronald Small '90, Nashville, Tenn., is a Major in the Louisiana Air National Guard and is currently a trial attorney with the federal public defender's office, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville.

John M. Collins '91, Shrewsbury, N.J., is insurance counsel for American Express, in lower Manhattan, N.Y.

Marshall Honeyman '91, Overland Park, Kan., has joined the Overland Park office of Lathrop & Gage L.C. as of counsel in the intellectual property and patents practice area.

Paul Ailslieger '92, Wichita, Kan., is a senior manager in the Strategic Tax Consulting group at Grant Thornton LLP, Wichita.

Suzanne Dwyer-Ailslieger '92, Wichita, Kan., has moved her practice to the law firm of Conlee, Schmidt and Emerson, Wichita.

The Hon. Kathleen Lynch '92, Kansas City, Kan., was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius to fill the unexpired term of the late Wyandotte County District Court Judge Cordell Meeks Jr.



Boyd McPherson '92, Wichita, Kan., joined Joseph & Hollander, PA, as an associate, concentrating his practice in the areas of domestic relations, family law, and related state and municipal criminal defense. He is also a member of the board of directors of Three Trees, a non-profit organization.

Thomas Borrego '93, Wichita, Kan., has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Newman University.



Stacy Cook '93, Indianapolis, Ind., joined Barnes & Thornburg LLP's Indianapolis office as an associate in the Healthcare Department. Cook concentrates her practice on regulatory and transactional issues involving physicians and other healthcare providers, including related litigation matters.

Katherine L. Kirk '93, Lawrence, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07. Kirk practices at the Law Offices of Jerry K. Levy, Lawrence.

Roger McClellan '93, Wichita, Kan., has been named general counsel - director of human resources for the Sherwood Companies, Wichita.

Stephen Gorny '94, Leawood, Kan., of Bartimus Frickleton, Robertson & Gorny, has been named in the Top 100 Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers for 2006.



Byron Hammond '94, Denver, Colo., has been hired as a professor of law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law teaching Trusts and Estates, Health Care Law, and a seminar in Elder Law. Hammond remains of counsel with the firm of Sagrillo Hammond Dineen & Kastetter, LLC, Denver.

Kennan Post '94, Overland Park, Kan., along with Brendon P. Barker '00 and Matthew C. Warren, have started Post Warren & Barker LLP, in Overland Park.



Thomas Patterson '96, Alpine, Utah, was named by Governor John Huntsman as executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Robert Johnson II, '97, Iola, Kan., has joined Apt Law Offices, where he'll work with Chuck Apt in a multitude of criminal and civil cases.



Joseph Passanise '97, Springfield, Mo., was recently selected by his peers to be included in the 2007 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*.

James C. Dodge '98, Sublette, Kan., was elected to the Kansas Bar Foundation's board of trustees for 2006-07. Dodge is a lawyer at Sharp McQueen McKinley McQueen & Dodge PA.

Juliann Johnson '98, Fairway, Kan., joined Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin, as a partner in the firm's litigation department. Johnson focuses her practice in the areas of products liability and education.



Class *Actions*

Chris Oakley '99, Wichita, Kan., became Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren's office in Wichita. Oakley will prosecute Project Safe Neighborhood gun crimes and gang cases.

Eric Kraft '99, Overland Park, Kan., has been elected to serve a three-year term as the district one representative on the Kansas Bar Association Board of Governors.

Rebecca Wolfe '99, Pembroke Pines, Fla., is with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals as an attorney advisor.

2000's

Brendon Barker '00, Overland Park, Kan., along with Keenan M. Post '94 and Matthew C. Warren have started Post Warren & Barker LLP, Overland Park, Kan.

Randy Debenham '00, Topeka, Kan., joined Scott, Quinlan, Willard, Barnes LLC, Topeka, as an associate.

April Perry Randle '00, McDonald, Tenn., is an associate attorney with the law firm of Duncan & Hatcher PC in downtown Chattanooga, practicing primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, consumer protection, domestic relations, and commercial litigation.

Charles Rutter '00, Wichita, Kan., has joined the business litigation division of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP, in the Wichita office.

Captain Jared Smith '00, Land O Lakes, Fla., joined the Tampa office of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A. as an associate. His practice areas include product liability, premises liability, casualty defense, and commercial litigation.

Larry Zimmerman '00, Topeka, Kan., has become a partner in the Thomas A. Valentine PA firm, Topeka, now re-named Valentine & Zimmerman, P.A.

Elizabeth Dotson '01, Kansas City, Mo., has been named shareholder at McAnany, VanCleave & Phillips, Kansas City.



Jodi Hoss '02, Parkville, Mo., was a participant in the 4th Annual Greater Kansas City Bar Leadership Academy.

The Rev. Scott Kenefake '02, Topeka, Kan., started his service for the Presbytery of Northern Kansas as the interim general presbyter/stated clerk in August 2006.

Ken Schallenkamp '02, Spearfish, S.D., received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Jayhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Wesley Ashton '03, Olathe, Kan., will provide legislative services during the 2007 session to the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce. Ashton will assist chamber staff in developing position statements on relevant issues and testify on the chamber's behalf.

Jeremy Crist '03, Manhattan, Kan., joined the North Central Regional Public Defender's Office, Junction City.

Amanda Kiefer '03, Topeka, Kan., received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the Topeka Bar Association.

Richard Schoenfeld '03, Lenexa, Kan., has joined Polsinelli Shalton Welte Suelthaus P.C., Kansas City, Mo.

Timothy Barker '04, Pratt, Kan., became the executive vice president of development for Orion in August 2006.

Wendie Bryan '04, Topeka, Kan., has joined Rork Law Office, Topeka, as an associate.

Bart Fisher '04, Austin, Texas, joined Haynes & Boone, LLP, Austin, as an associate working as a patent attorney.

Paul Oman '04, Fairfax, Va., is an attorney with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Chief Counsel, Trade and Finance Section in Washington, D.C.

Joshua Andrews '05, El Dorado, Kan., recently joined Cami R. Baker & Associates, P.A. practicing in the areas of bankruptcy, collections, evictions, domestic and criminal law.

Brian Carman '05, Wichita, Kan., recently joined the firm of Maughan Hitchcock.

Monique Centeno '05, Wichita, Kan., joined Shores, Williamson & Ohaebosim LLC, Wichita, as an associate.

Erin Hoestje '05, Shawnee, Kan., joined the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, Topeka.

Ryan Ringelman '05, Fort Worth, Texas, joined Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, Fort Worth, as in-house counsel.

Linda Small '05, Wichita, Kan., has joined Kansas Legal Services in Wichita.

William Burris '06, Plattsburg, Mo., was elected as prosecuting attorney in Clinton County, Mo. His four-year term began in January 2007.

Nathaniel Foreman '06, Liberal, Kan., joined the law offices of Yoxall, Antrim, Yoxall, Fitzgerald and McCaffrey, LLP, as an associate.

Roarke Gordon '06, Wichita, Kan., has joined Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch, L.L.C., Wichita, as an associate.

Casey Jenkins '06, Topeka, Kan., joined Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer LLP, Topeka, as an associate.

Alex Judd '06, Shawnee, Kan., joined Wallace, Saunders, Austin, Brown & Enochs, Chartered. His primary practice area will be tort litigation defense.

Kendall McVay '06, Topeka, Kan., joined Scott, Quinlan, Willard, Barnes LLC, Topeka, as an associate.



Megan Mercer '06, Wichita, Kan., joined Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm, Wichita, as an associate in corporate and business law and real estate law.

Michelle Moe '06, Wichita, Kan., joined Joseph & Hollander, PA, Wichita, as an associate practicing primarily in the areas of employment law and civil litigation.

Dara Montclare '06, Topeka, Kan., joined Breakthrough House Inc. as chief operating officer.

Adam Pankratz '06, Wichita, Kan., joined Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, L.L.P., Wichita.



Angela Zimmerman '06, Topeka, Kan., joined Valentine & Zimmerman, PA, Topeka, as managing attorney. She was previously the firm's office manager.

Dean's Circle 2006



Ruth Crow, The Honorable Sam Crow '52, and Professor Linda Elrod '72



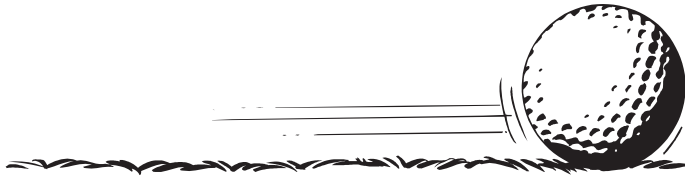
WASHBURN UNIVERSITY
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2nd Annual Washburn Law Alumni Association Golf Tournament



Location:
Falcon Lakes Golf Course
4605 Clubhouse Dr
Basehor, KS

Located 5 miles North of I-70 and ¼ mile West of Highway 7, it is conveniently located to downtown Kansas City and Overland Park.



Date: Friday, Sept. 14, 2007

Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

The tournament also Includes lunch and a CLE



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LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

March 2007

- March 9-10** – The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win Symposium
Washburn University School of Law
Topeka, Kan.
- March 10** – CLE -- The Art of Advocacy: Writing to Win
Washburn University School of Law
Topeka, Kan.
- March 16** – Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child
Washburn University School of Law
Topeka, Kan.
- March 31** – Kuether Golf Tournament – 8 a.m.
Lake Shawnee Golf Course
Topeka, Kan.

May 2007

- May 11** – Graduate Luncheon – Noon to 2 p.m.
Sunflower Ballroom, Maner Conference Center
Topeka, Kan.
- May 12** – Law School Graduation – 7:30 p.m.
Lee Arena, Washburn University
Topeka, Kan.

June 2007

- June 7-9** – KBA Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Wichita, Kan.
- June 8** – Washburn Law KBA Alumni Reception – 5 to 7 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Wichita, Kan.
- June 8** – Washburn Law KBA Alumni Luncheon – Noon
Hyatt Regency
Wichita, Kan.



August 2007

- Aug. 17** – Alumni Association first-year BBQ
5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunrise Optimist Club
Topeka, Kan.
- Aug. 24** – Alumni Association second & third-year Reception – 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
Topeka, Kan.



September 2007

- Sept. 14** – 2nd Annual Washburn Law Alumni Assn. Golf Tournament – 8:30 a.m.
Falcon Lakes Golf Course
Basehor, KS
- Sept. 15** – Dean's Circle Dinner – 6 p.m.
InterContinental Hotel
Kansas City, Mo.



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