

Gerald L. Goodell Receives Justice Award



Gerald L. Goodell '58, received the Justice Award, the Kansas Supreme Court's highest award, on May 25, 2007. Goodell is of counsel with the Topeka firm of Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds and Palmer LLC. He was recognized for his many years of significant contributions to the improvement of justice in Kansas.

Goodell received his BBA from Washburn University in 1954, and his JD from Washburn Law in 1958. Immediately after graduation from law school, he joined the firm, was senior partner and has been of counsel since 2003.

Goodell was elected as a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers in 1984 and is the former Editor of the Kansas Bar Association *Real Estate Handbook*. He is listed as a leader in the field of real estate law in the publication *Best Lawyers in America* and represents real estate brokers, developers and lenders. He served as counsel to the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Topeka; the Menninger Clinic from 1958 to 2001; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas; Heartland Community Bankers Association; and general counsel for all Kansas Savings and Loan Institutions since 1971.

Goodell served as an adjunct professor at Washburn Law teaching Trial Techniques and Real Estate Mortgages while also participating in numerous CLE and professional panels.

Goodell has received numerous awards throughout his career which include: the Distinguished Service Award, from the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association in 1982; the Kansas Bar Association Distinguished Service Award in 1993; and the Topeka Bar Association Warren Shaw Award in 1998. He received an honorary doctor of law degree from Washburn University School of Law in 2002.

Goodell represented the Urban Renewal Agency for Topeka; was a member of the Shawnee County District Judge Nominating Committee from 1977 to 2000; and served as president of the Kansas Bar Association from 1985-1986, and the Topeka Bar

Association from 2000-2001. In June 2006 he completed his term as chairperson of the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. He is a member of the Kansas Judicial Council and is chairperson of the Judicial Council Probate Committee. Goodell serves as a Supreme Court appointee as a commissioner on the State Ethics Board. He is a member and past president of the board of trustees for the Washburn Endowment Association and served as president of the Washburn Law School Alumni Association and the Washburn Law School Foundation. ♦

New Faculty



Rory D. Bahadur

Education

B.Sc., University of the West Indies, 1990

M.A., University of Miami, 1992

J.D., St. Thomas University School of Law, 2003

Professor Rory Bahadur earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. He was a fisheries biologist for Alaskan Observers Inc. before working eight years as a shipboard, maritime environmental consultant for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Alaska and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Bahadur subsequently earned his juris doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2003. After a year of practicing as a plaintiff's lawyer in the field of admiralty and maritime law, Bahadur returned to St. Thomas University as co-director of academic support to establish and implement an active learning academic support program.

In 2005, in addition to his duties as director of academic support, Bahadur transitioned to the classroom and began teaching torts and admiralty and maritime law. After his first year of teaching, he won the First-Year Professor of the Year award.

Bahadur remains interested in and is currently researching the unique federal-state tension (Reverse Erie) which exists in maritime law, and its effect on tort litigation. He will teach Torts during the fall semester and Federal Courts and Civil Procedure II during the spring 2008 semester.



Lori A. McMillan

Education

B.A., University of Toronto, 1992
LL.B, Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, 1995
LL.M., New York University School of Law, 1999
Ph.D Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, 2007

Professor Lori McMillan received a Master of Laws in International Taxation from New York University School of Law and expects to receive a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, in 2007.

McMillan was a visiting professor at Queen's University at Kingston Law School, International Study Centre, where she taught substantive tax law courses. Before that she was an instructor in the Legal Research and Writing Program at Osgoode Hall Law School. She also worked as a legal consultant for five years and was an associate lawyer with the Taxation Group of Fasken Campbell Godfrey/Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Toronto.

McMillan will teach Business Associations during the fall semester and Taxation of Individual Income, and Law and Economics during the spring 2008 semester.



Charlene Smith

Education

B.A., University of Denver, 1959
M.A., University of Denver, 1963
J.D., Hamline University, 1978
LL.M., Temple University, 1982

Professor Charlene Smith rejoins Washburn University School of Law faculty as the James R. Ahrens Chair Visiting Professor of Law. Smith taught at Washburn University School of Law from August 1982 through June 2003 in the areas of torts, legal research and writing, and products liability.

Most recently, she has been a professor of law at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center since August 2003. She previously taught at Temple University Beasley School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law and the T.C. Williams School of Law in Richmond, Virginia. Smith has taught undergraduate courses in legal studies, the American legal process, women's legal rights and constitutional law at several universities. After earning her law degree, she served as special assistant attorney general, Office of Attorney General, for the State of Minnesota.

Smith will teach Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I, and Torts during the fall semester; she will teach LARW II and Law Colloquium during the spring 2008 semester. ♦

Alumni Association Awards

The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors presented their annual awards during the Washburn Law luncheon at the Kansas Bar Association annual meeting, Wichita, Kan.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Richard C. Hite received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Hite received his LL.B. from Washburn Law in 1953, and is partner at the firm of Hite, Fanning & Honeyman, L.L.P., in Wichita, Kan.



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Hite has been an active member of the Wichita, Kansas, and American Bar Associations. He has been active in the International Association of Defense Counsel; the Kansas Association of Defense Counsel (President in 1983-84); the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Executive Committee from 1985-1987); is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers (State Chairman in 1987-88); and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In 1992 he was appointed chair of the ABA House of Delegates Select Committee and served as the Kansas State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates from 1986-1995.

Hite has served as a Washburn Endowment Association Trustee since 1986. He was president of the Washburn Law School Alumni Association's Board of Governors. In 1995, he established and has given annually to the Richard C. Hite Faculty Development Fund in the School of Law.

Hite has received numerous honors including being named as one of the Top 100 Missouri Kansas Super Lawyers in 2006; the KBA Phil Lewis Medal of Distinction in 1995; the Wichita Bar Association's Howard C. Kline Distinguished Service Award; the

KBA Outstanding Service Award in 1973 and 1985; and the Washburn University School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 1994.

Hite is well-respected both in the legal and business community, and has provided guidance and support on many levels and in many different capacities to many organizations.



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Distinguished Service Award

The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was Bernie Bianchino. He received a B.A. in Political Science from Washburn University in 1970, and a J.D. from Washburn University School of Law in 1974.

Bianchino was a senior attorney for the U. S. Department of Energy until 1978, and then became counsel for Exxon Corporation for eight years. He joined U.S. Sprint as vice president-law in 1986. After eight years in that position, he spent one year as executive vice president and general counsel of Qwest Communications in Denver. He was chief business development officer for Sprint PCS from 1995 through June 2000. Before retiring from Sprint, he served as chief executive officer of Pegaso PCS in Mexico City. He is currently president and chief executive officer of Jaguar Telecom, LLC.

Bianchino has been a Washburn Endowment Association Trustee since 1992 and is currently the chairperson-elect for the Board of Trustees. He served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors, and served as president. He currently serves as president of the Washburn Law School Foundation Board and is on the Board of Advisors of the Washburn University School of Law Business and Transactional Law Center. Bianchino served on the Steering Committee of the School of Law Centennial Celebration; the Law School 2000 Major Gifts Committee; and the Dean Search Committee in 2006.

Bianchino and his wife, Marilyn, have generously supported the law school by endowing the Anthony B. Bianchino Law Scholarship Fund at the law school, in memory of Bernie's father. They have also endowed the Theodore E. Dyck Labor

Law Scholarship in memory of Marilyn's father, and made a generous gift for the state-of-the-art Robinson Courtroom and Bianchino Technology Center at the School of Law.

Bianchino received the Washburn University Alumni Fellows Award for the School of Law in 2000.

In addition to financial support, Bianchino gives his time generously speaking on numerous occasions to students and classes at the School of Law. His passion and service to the law school is immeasurable.

Honorary Life Member Award

The recipient of the Honorary Life Member Award was Interim Dean Bill Rich. Rich served as associate dean of academic affairs at Washburn Law



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for three years and was acting dean in the fall of 1985. For several years he worked with Washburn Law Clinic students representing inmates in constitutional challenges to Kansas prison conditions. He co-authored the second edition of *Modern Constitutional Law*, which was published in 1997. His teaching responsibilities include Constitutional Law, Constitutional Litigation, Civil Liberties, and Jurisprudence.

After having served as associate dean for academic affairs for two years, Rich intended to refocus his attention toward the classroom. However, following Dean Honabach's departure, on August 1, 2006, he assumed the duties of interim dean of the Law School.

As Interim Dean, Rich worked to promote the development of joint degree programs with both the School of Business and the Department of Social Work. He also continued 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.

Rich provided leadership to ensure the School of Law continued on course. His stable leadership ensured a smooth transition for the new dean, Thomas Romig. ♦