

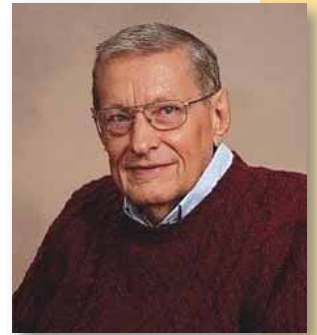
Stan and Shirley Sager Establish Professorship

Stan, '57, and Shirley **Sager** have established the Kurt M. Sager Memorial Professorship at Washburn Law. "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 Ph.D. 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 Schuyler 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, N.M. 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. He served as a State Bar commissioner. He remains active in pro bono efforts for the poor in New Mexico. Sager received the State Bar of New Mexico's highest honor, the Professionalism Award, as well as the LaFollette Pro Bono Award. Sager chaired the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Project, taking it from a small regional service to a statewide operation.



The Sagers' gift income is matched by the Kansas Partnership for Faculty of Distinction. To encourage excellent faculty, the Kansas Legislature has implemented a plan that effectively doubles the income earned on endowed professorships.

For more information, contact Martin Ahrens, advancement and planned giving officer, Washburn University School of Law, at (785) 670-2781 or mahrens@wea.org.

Tom and Ann Adrian Law Scholarship

Tom, bba '66, and jd '69, and Ann, bed '67, **Adrian** have had lifelong connections to Washburn University and the School of Law. Not only did Tom and Ann meet at Washburn, but several members of their families also attended. Ann's mother **Bessie Mae McIntosh, ba '38**, and **jd '40**; their daughter **Lisa McPherson, jd '94**, who is a partner in the Martin Pringle law firm in Wichita; Ann's brothers-in-law Philip A. Shull, ba '68, and James P. Fawcett, ba '73; and nephews Todd Fawcett, bscj '99, and **Andrew Shull, jd '02**, are all Washburn alumni.

Tom is the founding partner in the prominent Newton law firm of Adrian and Pankratz. He specializes in estate planning, probate administration, living trusts, and hospital law. He recently entered the state legislative

race for the 4th district. Ann serves as coordinator for gifted education in the Newton school district and does consulting throughout the state. Ann has given back to Washburn with her time and talent as a member of the Washburn University Alumni Association Board of Governors. Now the Adrians have taken their commitment to a new level with the Tom and Ann Adrian Law Scholarship.



Danton C. and Julie Hejtmanek Scholarship



Dan, **bba '73**, and **Julie**, **ba '85**, **Hejtmanek** are strong partners in the work of Washburn. Now the couple has a special partnership, as Dan is a partner in the firm of Bryan, Lykins, Hejtmanek, and Fincher

P.A., while Julie serves as a legal assistant in the firm.

Dan and Julie recognize the importance of volunteering. Julie has provided mentoring in Big Brothers and Big

Sisters of Topeka, and both Dan and Julie co-chaired the Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race, an annual fundraising event for the agency. Dan served as president of Sertoma International, and currently Julie serves as president-elect of Sertoma. Sertoma, SERVICE TO MANKIND, is one of the oldest service clubs in existence. Its purpose is to assist those with speech and hearing disorders.

Because Dan and Julie wish to give back to the school that means so much to them, they have established the Danton C. and Julie F. Hejtmanek Scholarship.

John V. Dwyer Business and Transactional Law Scholarship



The **John V. Dwyer, '92**, Business and Transactional Law Scholarship was established by his wife, **Suzanne, '92**, and their children, Elizabeth (age 12), and Lauren (age 10) Dwyer, along with **Paul Ailslieger, '92**, to honor John's life. John grew up in St. Louis, Mo., and earned a B.A. degree from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

From his first day at Washburn, John embraced the study of law with a passion for excellence. He loved studying the law, which was reflected in his participation in Moot Court and *Washburn Law Journal*, as well as graduating *cum laude*. Dwyer particularly enjoyed business and transactional law, under the guide of the late Jean B. Reeves. He developed a friendship with Professors Raymond Spring and John F. Kuether during Washburn's summer program at Brunel University at the University of

West London in 1991. Besides his passion for his studies, Dwyer was known for being a great friend and mentor. Some of his fondest memories of law school included the daily note taking and picture drawings of the in-class events, as well as the periodic Men's Legal Forum events. John and his fellow classmates were able to record three years of law school antics and events in the countless wrinkled and torn pieces of notebook paper, which hopefully during a subsequent Class of 1992 reunion, will all come back together for reproduction.

After graduation, Dwyer practiced business and transactional law for five years at several Wichita area law firms. He later left the practice for the pharmaceutical industry, which further suited his extraordinary ability to connect with and assist people. John was tragically killed in a car accident on December 6, 2006, at the age of 42. By the establishment of this scholarship, Dwyer will continue to inspire other students who aspire to attend law school and study business law.

Bever Dye, LC Law Scholarship

The Wichita law firm of Bever Dye, LC has been providing legal counseling and representation to individuals and businesses throughout the region for more than 65 years. The firm specializes in taxation, estate planning, trusts, employee benefits, real estate, business and commercial transactions, and charitable planning and organizations. The Washburn partners of the firm have taken a special step to assure the permanent recognition of the firm and to advance the work of Washburn University School of Law by establishing the Bever Dye, LC Law Scholarship.

"We deeply appreciate the strong support of Bever Dye, LC and our loyal Washburn alumni in the firm," said Dean Tom Romig. "We encourage other law firms and all Washburn Law alumni to make gifts and to follow the example of Bever Dye by establishing an endowed scholarship in the School of Law."

Bever Dye's Ithabod lawyers unanimously indicated that Washburn provided them "with a great education in both the science and the art of practicing law."



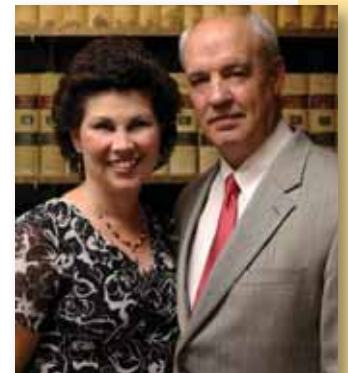
*Front row left to right: Eric V. Calvert, '05, Gregg C. Goodwin, '98, Robert M. Hughes, '82, and Eric J. Larson, '76.
Back row left to right: Jack D. Flesher, '72, William M. Cobb, '65, Don B. Stahr, '53, and Kevin D. Chambers, '06.*

Dana and Tina R. Brewer, Kansas State – Washburn Law Scholarship

Dana, '77, and Tina R. **Brewer** are passionate about providing educational opportunities for others. Dana is in the private practice of law with the firm of Swenson, Brewer, and Long, Chartered, in Concordia, Kan. His practice has an emphasis in estate planning, elder law, and real estate transactions. Tina, a kindergarten teacher in the Concordia schools, previously taught special education. She is national board certified in early elementary education. Tina remains involved with Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional honor society of women educators, as president of the local chapter and on the state level.

Both Tina and Dana grew up in rural Kansas (she in Satanta, he near Norway), as members of hardworking families of modest means, which highly valued and encouraged education. Both were able to complete their undergraduate and advanced degrees through generous assistance from scholarships offered by the schools they attended. "We greatly benefitted from the kindness and foresight of those folks who donated to and invested in our futures. We want to honor that selflessness by giving back part of the resources we never would have had without their generosity."

"We were excited when Joel Lauer told us about the possibility of creating a scholarship fund to help make it possible for Kansas State University graduates to get their law degrees from Washburn University School of Law, knowing we could support two wonderful universities that were such a big part of our personal success and worthy individuals aspiring to earn a law degree, as well."



Dana stated, "I believe Washburn Law is truly unique in the way it takes students from a myriad of backgrounds and a wide range of qualifications and abilities, nurturing, educating, and supporting them to become lawyers who are confident, competent, and intent on serving the legal profession, our system of justice, and the communities where they practice law. It is a privilege to help foster future students in that quest."

Craig and Rita Shultz Law Scholarship



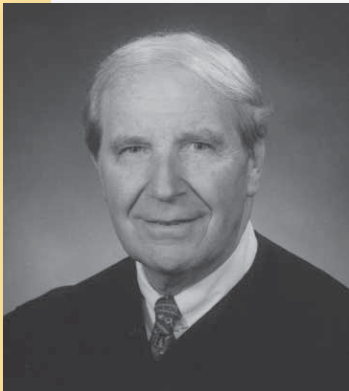
“My interest in the law as a career came from watching my father, **Russell Shultz, '50**, defend countless individuals whose lives often depended on him,” said **Craig Shultz, '78**. “His success came from his strong belief in a defendant’s constitutional rights, a sincere desire to help his clients, and great trial expertise in the area of criminal defense.”

Shultz continued, “Rita and I were on our honeymoon in 1975 when the news of my acceptance to Washburn came in the mail, which actually brought more pleasure to my father than to me. I enjoyed law school and later loved going into practice with my dad. Four years ago,

our oldest son, Michael, decided to pursue law as his career and, with my recommendation, Washburn was his first choice. He graduated in 2007 (along with **Katy Vandegrift, '07**, whom he married two weeks later) and now practices with me in Wichita, bringing the same joy I know my father experienced 31 years ago.

“Practicing law presents opportunities to help other people in ways most other careers simply can’t provide. While my present practice has varied somewhat from that of my father, I, too, am a trial lawyer, representing people hurt by the actions of others. In a very real sense, I see my practice as a ‘calling’ in life by which I have hoped to serve God and others through the law. By contributing to scholarships for future Washburn Law students, Rita and I hope to help and encourage others to receive the same educational opportunities our family has enjoyed.”

The Honorable Harold S. Herd Law Scholarship



After serving four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II, **The Honorable Harold S. Herd, ba '41, and jd '42**, established a law practice in Coldwater, Kan. From 1953 to 1979, Herd concentrated in probate, real estate, oil and gas, municipal, education, personal injury, criminal defense, and tax law. He was Comanche

County Attorney and mayor of Coldwater from 1949 to 1953.

Herd served in the Kansas Senate from 1965 to 1973. Between the years of 1979 and 1993, he was a

Kansas Supreme Court justice. While on the court he participated in over 3,000 cases and wrote the majority published court opinion in 399 cases. Herd’s legal expertise in the areas of the United States and the Kansas Constitutions was widely recognized.

On January 11, 1993, Justice Herd retired from the Supreme Court. In July of the same year, Justice Herd became the first Distinguished Jurist in Residence at Washburn Law. He taught U.S. Constitutional History and Kansas Constitutional Law from 1994 to 2001 and advised the Constitutional Law Moot Court team.

Herd passed away April 23, 2007. The Honorable Harold S. Herd Law Scholarship was established for Washburn graduates as a tribute to Justice Herd’s lifetime of contribution to his law school.