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2009 Alumni Fellows

On October 16, Paul Hoferer, '75, and John Wood, '78, were honored as 2009 Alumni Fellows at a luncheon on the Washburn campus.

47 **The Hon. Joseph W. Morris, '47**, was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* (2010). Judge Morris began his career at Shell Oil Company, where he later returned to serve as vice president and general counsel from 1978-83. He worked as the associate general counsel and general counsel of Amerada Petroleum Corporation from 1960-72. In 1972-74, he served as the dean of the University of Tulsa College of Law before his appointment as chief judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. He has been with the Tulsa, Okla., office of Gable Gotwals since 1984.

49 **Alfred O. "Al" Holl, '49**, Oklahoma City, Okla., was honored for his 60 years of membership in the Kansas Bar Association.

66 **William H. "Bill" Kurtis, '66**, Chicago, Ill., received the Spirit of Erikson Institute Award from Erikson Institute, a graduate school in child development located in downtown Chicago.

68 **The Honorable Thomas F. Richardson, '68**, retired after serving 14 years as district court judge for the 25th Judicial District in Kansas. Richardson plans to travel to Boston, New York City, and other areas of the United States. He's also thinking about getting a part-time job, just to keep busy in between playing a few rounds of golf.

72 **Joseph W. Zima, '72**, has retired after 21 years as attorney for the Topeka public schools.

73 **Jan M. Hamilton, '73**, Topeka, was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.



Paul Hoferer

*University of Southern California,
Institute of Business Economics and Management, 1979
Washburn University School of Law, J.D., 1975
University of Central Missouri, B.S.,
Business Administration, 1972*

Paul Hoferer, '75, Topeka, Kan., was honored as the recipient of the 2009 law school's Alumni Fellow. He joined the law firm of Lathrop & Gage, L.C. after retiring last year as vice president and general counsel for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to supervising in-house counsel and the general claims department, he was responsible for nearly 3,000 lawsuits handled by more than 100 law firms throughout the United States and Canada.

Hoferer currently is vice president of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors and chair of the awards committee. He and his wife, Jeanne, established a law scholarship for non-traditional students.

76 **J. Michael Kennalley, '76**, Wichita, is president of the Wichita Bar Association.

77 **Carl W. "Bill" Ossmann, '77**, of Topeka, served on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy



John B. Wood

*Washburn University School of Law, J.D. 1978
University of Kansas, M.B.A.,
Accounting and Finance, 1975
Washburn University, B.B.A.,
Business Administration, 1973*

John B. Wood, '78, Bronxville, N.Y., was honored as the 2009 business school's Alumni Fellow. Wood is an attorney and partner in the law firm of Thompson & Knight, where he leads the New York City commercial real estate group. For more than 30 years, Wood has represented owners in the design and negotiation of commercial leases covering in excess of 50 million square feet of retail, office, and mixed use space projects.

He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an American Association National Neutral arbitrator, and was named to *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in Real Estate*. John met his wife, **Teri, '78**, during law school. She is the associate general counsel at the international headquarters of IBM in Armonk, New York.

Midwestern Regional Building Trial Skills Program earlier this year at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. • **Patricia E. Riley, '77**, Topeka, has been inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America.

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78 **Thomas D. Arnhold, '78**, Hutchinson, Kan., completed the Boston Marathon in April with a time of 3 hours, 41 minutes, which qualifies him to compete in the 2010 Boston Marathon.

• **Kevin Carver, '78**, is a senior attorney for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Dallas, Texas. His primary responsibilities are with closed failed banks. Previously, Carver was with the FDIC/Resolution Trust Corporation in Kansas City, Chicago, and Dallas, along with employment at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fort Worth, Texas.

80 Board of Directors for the Kansas City, Kan., law firm of McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips includes president, **Frederick J. Greenbaum, '80**, of Prairie Village, Kan., and Secretary **Carl A. Gallagher, '81**, of Lawrence, Kan.

• **Bradley E. Haddock, '80**, formerly the executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Koch Chemical Technology Group, LLC, has formed his own firm and teamed with Biggs Law Group, LC of Wichita. While at Koch, Haddock served as lead counsel for several key businesses, including Koch's refining, chemicals, and asphalt businesses.

• **Bradley G. Rigor, '80**, a partner in the law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP's Naples, Fla. office, was named a 2009 Florida Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Media*. His practice specializes in estate planning and estate and trust settlement.

82 **Todd Richard Harmon, '82**, Topeka, was selected as a member of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Kansas program. He has a solo law practice and is on the Topeka City Council.

83 **Bryce D. Benedict, '83**, Topeka, is the author of *Jayhawkers: The Civil War Brigade of James Henry Lane*, published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

• **Nancy Goodall, '83**, published a book, *Demystifying Living Trusts*, and has donated a copy to the Washburn Law Library.

84 **Laura Ice, '84**, Wichita, received the 2009 Jennie Mitchell Kellogg Attorney of Achievement Award from the Kansas Women Attorneys Association. This award is given annually to a lawyer who has achieved professional excellence and advanced opportunities for women in the legal field. Jennie Mitchell Kellogg was the first woman licensed to practice law in Kansas.

85 **Jerry H. Schemmel, '85**, Littleton, Colo., is Colorado State University's play-by-play announcer for football and men's baseball broadcasts. He is probably best known for his work with the NBA's Denver Nuggets.

• **Steve Sanford, '85**, was recently announced as president and chief operating officer for Preferred Physicians Medical. Based in Shawnee Mission, Kan., the company is national in scope and insures anesthesia practices in over 30 states with premiums approaching \$38 million.

• **Trisha A. Thelen, '85**, of the Wichita office of Foulston Siefkin LLP, is this year's chair of the executive committee of Urban League of Kansas.

86 **Randy Brinegar, '86**, of Danville, Ill., was elected state attorney of Vermillion County, Ill. He worked in private practice for eight years and as an assistant prosecutor for 14 years.

• **Shannon S. Crane, '86**, has opened the Hutchinson (Kan.) Legal Clinic.

87 **Lanny D. Welch, '87**, Wichita, has been appointed as the interim United States attorney in the district of Kansas. He was appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice, and will be responsible for the offices in Topeka, Kansas City, and Wichita. Since 1989, he has worked for the U.S. Attorney's office.



WHO ARE THEY?

The first five alumni to correctly name anyone in this photo will win a Washburn Law t-shirt. The first person to identify all four men, including graduation years, will win a Washburn Law sweatshirt.

Submit your answers to Carolyn Barnes, alumni director, at carolyn.barnes@washburn.edu or (785) 670-2013.

89 **Joseph S. Spence, '89**, Shorewood, Wis., won the 2009 Best Christian Poetry Award by Christian Story Tellers for his second book, *Trilogy Moments for the Mind Body and Soul*.

90 **Christopher D. Sanders, '90**, a district magistrate judge in Garden City, Kan., was up for consideration by the Governor for the position vacated due to the retirement of **Thomas F. Richardson, '68**.

91 **Diana G. Edmiston, '91**, is with Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C., in Wichita.

40 Under 40 Honors

The *Wichita Business Journal* recently honored five Washburn Law graduates in their “40 Under 40” publication. Selected by their peers as business leaders in the community were:

Amy J. Liebau, '97
Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm L.L.C.

Scott E. Sanders, '98
McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, & Herington, P.A.

Richard W. James, '00
McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, & Herington, P.A.

Michelle M. Carter-Gouge, '99
Preferred Health Systems

Paula D. Langworthy, '06
Triplett, Woolf, & Garretson, LLC

92 William R. “Bill” Thornton, '92, Atchison, Kan., was named acting secretary of commerce by Gov. Mark Parkinson in late October. Thornton had previously served in leadership roles at MGP Ingredients, Hallmark Cards, and as an attorney with Duncan-Senecal Law Offices in Atchison. He is a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, and a former chairman of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

93 Bertrand C. Harry, '93, was elected as district counselor for the 2nd District of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Harry lives in Sicklerville, N.J.

94 Chambers and Partners 2009 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers of Business*, included the names of **S. Doug Mackay, '94**, and **Alan Rupe, '75**, from the Wichita firm of Kutak Rock LLP. The firm has offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Des Moines, Fayetteville, Irvine, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Richmond, Scottsdale, Washington, D.C., and Wichita.

95 Margaret “Peggy” Meiering Graham, '95, joined the law offices of Bannerman & Williams, PA, in Albuquerque, N.M. She practices health care law, employment law, professional licensing, and general litigation.

96 Patrick Hurley, '96, Overland, Park, Kan., was named chief counsel to Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson. • **Kari L. Milliken-Gilliland, '96**, Saint Francis, Kan., is a Cheyenne County attorney.

97 Joseph Passanise, '97, Springfield, Mo., received the “President’s Award” at the Missouri Bar Association in St. Louis. He was one of six attorneys to be recognized for this honor. Passanise’s name was also included in this year’s *Super Lawyers* by *Law & Politics* magazine. His practice focuses on criminal defense at the federal, state, and municipal levels.

00 Scott W. Hildebrand, '00, of Rochester, Minn., is a professional standards manager for the City of Rochester Police Department. • **Jason M. Stone, '00**, a member of the Greater

Des Moines Leadership Institute class of 2008-09, presented the Institute with a \$2,500 donation for a beautification project benefiting a local medical center’s mental health services. Stone is a shareholder of the Davis Brown Law Firm in the business law division.

01 Heath M. Anderson, '01, Prairie Village, Kan., has been promoted from associate to shareholder at the Kansas City, Mo., firm of Polsinelli Shughart, PC. His trial practice is focused on business and construction litigation. • **Kitra R. Schartz, '01**, is a partner in the law firm of Morrison, Frost, Olsen & Irvine LLP in Manhattan, Kan.

02 Sean Harlow, '02, of Houston, Texas, is the associate director of alumni affairs at Rice University. • **Anthony L. Springfield, '02**, Shawnee, Kan., of Polsinelli Shughart, PC office in Kansas City, Mo., has been promoted to shareholder. Springfield’s specialization is in toxic tort matters. • **Jamie Trueblood, '02**, and her husband, Nate, of Ankeny, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Maggie Jay on Sept. 30. She joins her big sister, Tatum Savannah, who is 2.

03 Eric R. Bidwell, '03, will serve as the 2009-10 president-elect of the Iowa Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division. Bidwell is a partner with the law firm of Boliver & Bidwell in Marshalltown, Iowa. • **Gabriela A. Vega, '03**, Manhattan, Kan., has opened a law practice concentrating on immigration and family law areas.

04 Laura H. Lewis, '04, Dodge City, Kan., is a Meade County attorney. • **Peter C. Robertson, '04**, Leavenworth, Kan., is with the law firm of Crow and Associates.

05 Brian C. Perkins, '05, a Wichita native, joined Congressman Jerry Moran’s Washington, D.C., staff as a legislative assistant. • **Edward L. Robinson, '05**, Wichita, has joined Joseph & Hollander, PA. Robinson’s primary practice areas

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are environmental, consumer protection, real estate, and construction law. •

Anthony E. Valenti, '05, Kansas City, Mo., has been the assistant prosecuting attorney with the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office for the past three years.

06 Travis B. Harrod, '06, Lawrence, Kan., serves as an assistant attorney in the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

07 Molly McMurray, '07, of Tucson, Ariz., accepted a position with the Department of Justice's Honors Program. McMurray will be an assistant United States attorney doing federal criminal prosecutions.

08 Stephen R. Allred, '08, of Lehi, Utah, is an associate at the Zabriskie Law Firm in Provo, Utah. • **Paige J. Eichert-Zolotor, '08**, joined the law firm of Scott, Quinlan, Willard, Barnes & Keeshan in Topeka. She previously had an internship at the office of the *guardian ad litem* at the Jackson County Family Court, Kansas City, Mo. • **Therese M. Hartnett, '08**, Garden City, Kan., is a public defender at the Western Kansas Public Defender's Office.

09 Alexandria S. Dunn Morrissey, '09, Holton, Kan., is a partner in the Dunn & Morrissey Law Office. • **Eric Fournier, '09**, Garden City, Kan., is the assistant county attorney for Finney County. • **Nicholas Means, '09**, Wichita, has been hired by Maughan & Maughan LC as an associate.



Faculty

James R. Ahrens, longtime Washburn Law faculty member, celebrated his 90th birthday this summer at his home in Topeka.

Kansas City's Best of the Bar Honorees

The *Kansas City Business Journal* announced their 8th annual recipients for the "Best of the Bar." This honor is given to Kansas City's best lawyers as chosen by a jury of their peers.

Timothy Aylward, '82
Horn Aylward & Bandy, LLC

Henry Cox, '81
Henry R. Cox Law Office

Elizabeth Reid Dotson, '01
McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips, P.A.

Peter Goss, '05
Wendt Goss, P.C.

Lynn Johnson, '70
Shamberg, Johnson & Bergman, Chtd

Christopher Korth, '85
Law Offices of Christopher S. Korth

Sheryl Nelson, '90
Corporate Counsel Group, L.L.P.

Kevin Regan, '81
The Regan Law Firm, LLC

Patricia Sexton, '94
Polsinelli Shughart, P.C.

Samuel Wendt, '01
Wendt Goss, P.C.

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