



## Foulston Siefkin Lecture

Professor Mildred W. Robinson, University of Virginia School of Law, presented the 26th Annual Foulston Siefkin Lecture on February 20, 2004. Professor Robinson's lecture was entitled "Fulfilling Brown's Legacy: Bearing the Costs of Realizing Equality."



Professor Mildred W. Robinson

Professor Robinson shared personal reflections on the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision. Robinson discussed the ensuing strife that divided the nation after the *Brown* decision. She discussed the separation between races and the progress in integration prompted primarily by enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Pointing out that school re-segregation has again become the norm, Professor Robinson addressed the need to stop this trend and the compromise of quality education for all students the trend presents.

After outlining the barriers to desegregation, Professor Robinson explored the necessary financial considerations in moving from re-segregation to desegregation. She stressed the need to invest in both infrastructure and human capital and the importance of avoiding use of the taxing power in a manner that places the burden most heavily on those who have the least ability to pay. Mildred W. Robinson is the Henry L. and Grace Doherty Charitable Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Virginia. She received her B.A. from Fisk University, her J.D. from Howard University's School of Law and her LL.M. from Harvard Law School. Prior to moving to Virginia in 1984, she served twelve years on the faculty at Florida State, where she received the President's Award for excellence in teaching and served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools and of the American Law Institute. She also serves as a trustee on the board of the Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. Professor Robinson teaches courses in taxation and trusts and estates; she has published extensively in the field of taxation.

Since 1978, the Foulston Siefkin Lecture has been sponsored by the Wichita law firm of Foulston Siefkin LLP to enrich the quality of education at Washburn University School of Law. This lecture series brings a prominent legal scholar to Washburn Law to challenge and enhance the legal thinking of our students, faculty and alumni. Articles from the Foulston Siefkin Lecture will be published in Volume 44 of the *Washburn Law Journal*.



## WashCall breaks all time record with \$170,000

WashCall, the law school phonathon, set a new record this year by raising over \$170,000 in pledges, according to Joel Lauer, Director of Development. The previous record, \$140,000, was set two years ago.

"The Centers for Excellence and the excitement they have created among our students and alumni was a significant factor in our success this year," Lauer said. Lauer also believes two other factors had a significant influence on WashCall's success.

"First, without strong student leadership, WashCall could not be a success. I had leaders who stepped up to the plate and helped the school hit a home run in terms of dollars raised," Lauer said.

"In addition, alumni volunteer support was a strong incentive for students. A number of alums volunteered to take our best student fundraisers out to lunch, golf for four, dinner for four, etc. We even had one alumnus agree to host two students at his residence in the Washington, D.C., area. These incentives helped keep the morale high in the WashCall room and ensured that we would break the prior record," Lauer said.

Money raised from WashCall goes to the scholarship fund and to the various academic programs in the law school, both of which ensure that Washburn Law can continue to recruit and retain the best possible students.

## Mike Kuckelman



Michael J. Kuckelman '90

On March 30, the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and the Center for Business and Transactional Law sponsored a public lecture by Michael J. Kuckelman '90 entitled "Litigating the 9-11 Losses." Kuckelman spoke about the litigation that is being undertaken by individuals who do not qualify to participate in the Victims Compensation Fund (VCF). His clients have paid in excess of a billion dollars for the property destroyed during the September 11 attacks but were unable to participate in the VCF by its terms

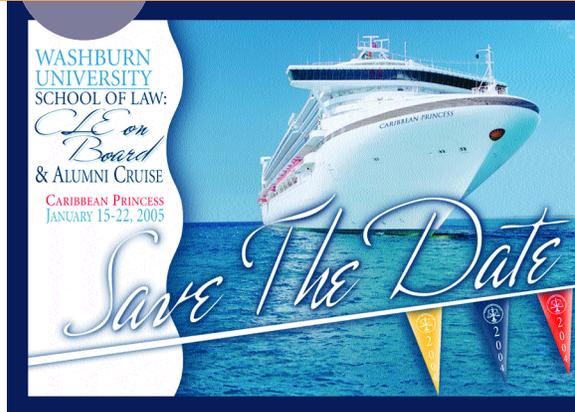
because the statute that created the VCF specifically stated it was for personal injury and death claims only. Following the lecture, Kuckelman had lunch with a group of law students, practicing attorneys and interested Washburn faculty.

Kuckelman is a resident partner with the London office of Warden Triplett Grier. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation—breach of contract, insurance coverage and professional liability defense. Admitted to courts in the U.S. and the bar of England and Wales, Kuckelman is an experienced trial lawyer. He graduated *cum laude* in 1990 from Washburn University School of Law and is also a certified public accountant.

## U.S. Supreme Court Swearing In

Join Washburn Law for a very special occasion. Washburn University School of Law is hosting a United States Supreme Court Swearing In for its alumni. If you are eligible to be sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court, join us for this fantastic opportunity. You may download necessary forms required for the swearing in at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/bar/baradmissions.html>. These forms need to be returned to the Washburn Law School Alumni office no later than September 13, 2004. Sunday evening, November 14th, Washburn Law will host a reception in Washington, DC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for everyone being sworn in and for all alumni in the D.C. area. Monday, November 15th, Washburn Law Alumni will be sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court at 10 a.m. with a luncheon following at noon at the Willard Hotel. If you don't plan on being sworn in but would like to join us for these events, please come to DC for the activities.

You will be receiving your brochure with detailed information in the mail, however, if you have questions or need further information, please contact the law school alumni office at 785-231-1011.



## CLE/Alumni Cruise

Join Washburn Law for its first CLE on Board and Alumni Cruise on the Caribbean Princess, January 15-22, 2005. Celebrate the Centennial with fellow alumni and earn 12 CLE hours while aboard one of the world's most luxurious cruise ships! We will visit St. Thomas, St. Maarten and Princess Cays – a private island -- and you can earn CLE credit in the mornings we are at sea.

CLE tuition is \$450 for 12 hours including two hours of Ethics. Courses will be accredited in Kansas and Missouri. Cabin pricing is based on double occupancy: Interior Stateroom -- \$789 per person; Ocean View Stateroom -- \$989 per person; Balcony Stateroom -- \$1,179 per person. You should have already received your cruise brochure with complete details in the mail.

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# Alumni Award Winners

The Washburn Law School Association presented their annual awards at the Kansas Bar Association annual law school luncheon on June 19, 2004, in Topeka, Kansas.

The Distinguished Service Award, the Association's highest honor, was awarded to Professor David L. Ryan '66.

Professor Ryan received his B.A. from Washburn in 1964, his J.D. from Washburn in 1966 and his LL.M. from George Washington University School of Law in 1968. Professor



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David L. Ryan '66

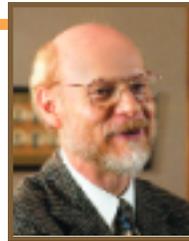
Ryan has practiced at all levels of Kansas state and federal courts and in the United States Supreme Court. He has written six books including *Kansas Administrative Law with Federal References*, *Vernon's Kansas Criminal Code Annotated* and *Code of Criminal Procedure*. He teaches Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and Antitrust.

Professor Ryan has served as the Grand Marshall for law school commencement ceremonies since 1971. He became a Distinguished Professor of Law in 1981.

Professor Ryan is Chair of the Administrative Law Committee of the Kansas Judicial Council and a member of the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) Journal Board of Editors. He has been President of the Administrative Law Section of the KBA and has served on several KBA and American Bar Association committees, including Legal Affairs. Professor Ryan serves as Counsel to the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority and Chair of the Kansas Criminal Ombudsman Board. He was a member of the Community Resources Council Board and also serves as President of the Friends of Topeka Library Board.

The Honorary Life Membership Award was awarded to Professor Myrl L. Duncan. This award is given annually to a non-alumnus who has provided a great service to their profession, community and Washburn Law.

Professor Duncan received his B.A. from the University of Kansas in 1970, his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975, his LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law in 1981 and his J.S.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1988. Prior to joining the Washburn Law faculty in 1977, Professor Duncan clerked for the Kansas Supreme Court. He is admitted to practice law in Kansas and served as a member of the Kansas Board of Law Examiners. He teaches Environmental Law, Water Rights, Property I, Natural Resource Management and Employment Discrimination. He chaired the library building committee and has been faculty advisor for the *Washburn Law Journal* since 1999.



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Myrl L. Duncan

Professor Duncan is an environmentalist, affiliated with the boards of several environmental organizations. In 1995-96 he served as the Natural Resources Law Institute Fellow at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark

College in Portland Oregon, where he explored natural resource issues and wrote about the historic tension between environmental regulation and private property.



Allen K. Easley

# Easley Steps Down

Allen K. Easley stepped down as Professor and Associate

dean at Washburn Law and became President and Dean of William Mitchell College of Law, in St. Paul, Minnesota effective July 1, 2004. Easley began teaching at Washburn in 1979 as an Assistant Professor, was named Professor in 1984, and became an Associate Dean in 1991. Easley taught in the areas of civil procedure, conflict of laws and federal courts.

Replacing Easley as Associate Dean will be Professor Bill Rich. Rich joined Washburn Law in 1977 as an Assistant Professor. He became Associate Professor in 1980, and served as Associate Dean from July 1982 to June 1985. Rich served as Acting Dean in the fall of 1985 and returned to Professor of Law in January 1986. He taught in the areas of constitutional law, constitutional litigation, civil liberties and jurisprudence. For several years he worked with Washburn Law Clinic students representing inmates in constitutional challenges to Kansas prison conditions. Professor Rich received his J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, in 1975.

# Alumni Events

Washburn Law recently held alumni events in Wichita, Dodge City, Garden City, Hays and Salina, KS and Chicago, IL. A reception also was held in Topeka during the KBA annual meeting. Alumni came out to all events and enjoyed meeting other alumni in their area, hearing updates on the school, seeing old friends and enjoying food, refreshments and great conversation. Upcoming alumni events are scheduled for Kansas City and Washington DC. If you are interested in helping with or hosting an alumni event, please contact the alumni office at 785-231-1011.