

Leading by Example...

Mike Snider '85 & Joan Kirkpatrick *Professor Bill Rich Civil Rights Scholarship*



Terry '86 & Jay Mann *Endowed Law Fund*

"I was very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of scholarship donors while I was attending law school. Without the scholarship aid I may have not been able to attend Washburn Law. Because of the education and training I received, I've been able to be part of a terrific firm, and have had the privilege of working with a great group of clients. My husband and I concluded that the best way to reciprocate was to make our own contribution toward the legal education of deserving students at Washburn University School of Law."

"Washburn Law has a long tradition of supporting civil rights for all citizens.

A group of three Washburn Law graduates, Charles Scott, Charles Bledsoe and John Scott filed suit and litigated the famous case of *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education*, bringing an end to the notion that racial segregation of schoolchildren provided separate but equal education."

"I take great pride in the fact that I was able to attend a school with such a long and storied history. Washburn Law faculty, including Professor Bill Rich, continue the legacy of teaching important lessons to law students on our constitutionally protected civil liberties. We are pleased to help establish this endowment for civil rights scholars at Washburn Law."

Washburn University School of Law Endowed Scholarship Fund Anonymous Gift

"Washburn Law is one of the finest institutions in America for preparing lawyers. I believe what sets Washburn apart from many of the other great schools is the sense of community and belonging it engenders in its students. A few years ago I attended an alumni event where many of my former professors were in attendance. I hoped some, who I respected and admired, might have a vague recollection of me after almost twenty years. Imagine my surprise when I was greeted by name and even more when they recalled conversations and events during my law school days. The satisfaction of being part of a community is the realization that for those who are such a significant part of your life, you in turn are a part of theirs."

"Though I worked during law school, my personal debts began to mount. It took me years to pay off the loans. I can only begin to imagine how daunting the costs and anticipated debt must be for those thinking of going to law school today."

"My hope and desire in setting up the Washburn School of Law Endowed Scholarship Fund, is that for some, that burden of debt can be mitigated. I set up this fund so others who may not be able to endow a fund themselves, can contribute to an unnamed scholarship fund. As the fund grows, perhaps some day full scholarships can be granted. If this Endowment helps even one student stay the course and get their degree it will justify its founding. The possibility this fund might do even more over time is heartwarming to me."

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